

FIRST ENGLISH EXAM

First year literary stream

Duration: 2 Hours

Read the text and do the activities below.

TEXT:

A lot of people enjoy surfing on the Net. They look for interesting Websites and chat with people all over the world. However, some people spend so many hours on line that they are Internet addicts. Although an average person spends about eight to twelve hours per week, an addict spends eight to twelve hours a day on line. Because addicts spend so much time interacting with the computer, it can affect their lives negatively. They become social recluses, because they stop going out and talking to people. They avoid real life social situations, preferring instead to in a dimly lit room with only the glowing screen to light up their lives.

Internet addiction negatively affects not only the addicts themselves, but also the people around them. For example, John's marriage to Marta broke up when he insisted on spending so many hours on the Net. As soon as he arrived home from work, he was at the computer. While he finished dinner, he would disappear into his computer room again. He paid so little attention to her, that she finally divorced him.

As college students are especially technologically skilled, they can easily become nonstop Net surfers. Many colleges provide computers at several locations round campus since students can use them at any time day or night. As a result, students can spend too much time surfing the Net instead of surfing their textbooks. Last semester, nine freshmen at Berkshire College flunked out because they become Internet addicts.

In short, even though Internet is an excellent source of information and entertainment, we must not let it take over our lives.

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PART ONE: Reading and Interpreting (08pts)

1. Write letter that corresponds to the right answer

The text is: a. a report b. a web article c. a newspaper article

2-Are the following statements "TRUE" or "FALSE".(02pts)

- a- Internet addicts do not use the Internet frequently.
- b- Addiction to Internet makes people very sociable.
- c- Spending so much time in the Net affects our lives negatively.
- d- Many people can be cut from real life because of their addiction to the net.

3-Answer the following questions according to the text.(1.5pt)

- a- How do some people become addicted to Internet?
- b- Why did John's marriage to Marta break up?
- c- What happened to the nine students at Berkshire College and why?

4 - In which paragraph is it mentioned? (01pt)

The number of hours spent on line which makes the person an addict.

5-What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text. (01.5pt)

- a- he (§2)
- b- them (§2)
- c- their (§3)

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TEXT EXPLORATION (07pts)

1- Find in the text words or expressions that are closest in meaning to the following. (01pt)

a- influence (§1) =

b- search (§1) =

2- Find in the text words or expressions that opposite in meaning to the following. (01pt)

a - started (§2) ≠

b-appear(§2) ≠

3 :Put the following adverbs in the right place:(02pts)

a-He wakes up early .(generally).....

b-He is busy .(always).....

c-My friend is late for our appointment .(a little bit).....

d-He drives his car faster than usual .(quiet).....

2: Complete the following table(02pts)

Verb	Nouns
to apologize
to	enquiry
to apply
.....	invitation

3: Mark the intonation at the end of each sentence (RISING or FALLING) (01pts)

a-Could please, borrow me your flash disk?

b- What was the title of the last book you have read?

4 : Fill in the gaps with the provided words.(02pts)

Information—libraries—shopping----advantages

The Internet provides many.....(1)..... It saves time: instead of moving to most libraries to get some.....(2)..... waiting too much time, you can jut sit in front of your computer and search all connected(3).....in a very short moment.

You can also chat with other people to make friends from different countries and nationalities. Moreover, you can do your(4).....via the Internet.

PART TWO: Choose one topic (05pts)

EITHER

TOPIC ONE:

Internet has made world like a small village, by sharing global information. Use the given notes and write a short paragraph about the advantages and disadvantages of the Internet.

- Makes research easier to be achieved
- rapid, efficient, and precise
- lot of uses in many fields
- saves time...etc
- People waste their time
- may lose their works and studies
- be far from real lie
- affects their health badly

OR

TOPIC TWO:

Write an e-mail to your new pen friend introducing yourself and describing your regular activities using adverbs of frequency.