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Part One: Reading Comprehension **(Score: 12/20)**

Read the selection below in which the writer sheds light on the positive effects of technology in the field of education, and then answer the questions that follow.

Technology and the Education System

1 Technology has become an important part in different aspects of our lives but mostly in our education system. This is evident in the increased use of technological devices– from smart phones and boards to computer labs and online classes. Evolving technology in schools helps disabled children attend school with minimal aid, prepares students to use technology in the real world, and expands their abilities to acquire more knowledge about the world.

2 The new advances in technology have made it easier for students with both physical and mental disabilities to attend school. Recent innovations in wheelchairs have allowed students with physical disabilities to participate in sports with their fellow students. Along with wheelchairs, new speaking devices, like the electronic pointing device and sip and puff system, have been introduced to enable students with speaking and physical impairments to communicate. These devices can be used with a computer program that speaks out commands, comments or words, allowing the user to speak and communicate with other students and teachers. Furthermore, ear implants permit students who are profoundly deaf or severely hard of hearing to partake in school discussions and classes.

3 New advances in technology also prepare students for the real world, whether it is for a future job or investing and saving the money they will make from their jobs. In many classes, students use programs like Microsoft Word to write their essays and PowerPoint to do presentations. In the past, business students used Excel sheets to keep track of the stock market and programs to learn how to invest in it. Now, by learning how to use the computer to trade, **they** will be better equipped as adults to invest in stock markets and to keep track of their funds and investments. Later on, these skills will become useful for designing business cards and posters for a job or business. Through all these opportunities provided by technology in classes, students can use their knowledge to endorse themselves in the workplace when they are adults.

4 Advancing technology has given students more opportunities to interact with the world and widen their knowledge. Students can skype with people around the world. This makes **them** more cultivated and open to other countries and cultures. Students have become more aware of events that are happening all around the world. For example, social media have made it possible for people in different countries to watch Soccer Leagues live and celebrate the results. Without technology, this would never have been accessed by millions of people worldwide. In addition, students can publish their work online and write blogs for others to read.

5 Technology will always be evolving and advancing. It will continue to make life easier for disabled students, prepare students for future jobs, and educate them about the world. Technology and education will always go hand in hand as we live in a technology-influenced world.

Questions

A. Answer questions 1-3 in complete sentences, using your own words.

1. Based on Paragraph 2, state two effects of technology on disabled learners. **(Score: 01)**
2. Based on Paragraph 3, what skills should students have to succeed in the workplace? Mention **four** of these skills. **(Score: 01)**
3. Based on Paragraph 4, how has technology influenced communication? Explain. **(Score: 01)**
4. What message does the writer convey? Choose the correct answer. **(Score: 0.5)**

a. Disabled people can't learn without technology.
b. Technology helps all kinds of learners.
c. Technology has been developed only for children with special needs.

5. Based on the selection, what does each of the following bold-typed pronouns refer to? **(Score: 0.5)**

a. **they** (*Paragraph 3*) b. **them** (*Paragraph 4*)

B. Refer to Paragraph 3 to fill in the chart with the correct information (Score: 01)

Program	Function/Role
1.	**1. preparing well-designed presentations**
2. **Excel**	2.

C. Find words in the indicated paragraphs that most nearly have the following meanings (Score : 02)

1. gain (*Paragraph 1*) 2. participate (*Paragraph 2*)
3. well-prepared (*Paragraph 3*) 4. educated (*Paragraph 4*)

D. The reading selection has five paragraphs (1→5). Each of the following extracts (A and B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts A and B carefully, and then choose from paragraphs (1→5) the one that fits each extract. (Score: 01)

Extract (A) The device and the microphone the teacher uses allow students to hear and understand speech better, making it possible for them to be more independent in schools and classes.

Extract (B) By sharing their writings, they are able to partake more actively in class and connect their insights with the insights of their online readers.

E. In each of the following sentences there is ONE grammatical error. Identify the error, and then correct it. (Score: 02)

1. The manager wanted to know why didn't the customer pay the debt.
2. Under no condition the students will leave the class without signing the paper.
3. I will tell him the good news when I will see him tomorrow.
4. Modern education emphasizes values like freedom, respect, and to tolerate.

F. Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated, without changing the meaning. (Score: 02)

1. This information has never been accessed by millions of people.

Millions of people.....

2. They did not attend the ceremony because they were not invited.

If.....

Part Two: Writing **(Score: 08/20)**

Choose ONE of the following prompts:

Prompt (A): Read the following statement about education.

"Education is the passport to the future because tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Provide an outline, an appropriate title, and then write an essay of 150-200 words in which you explain the above statement. As you develop your essay, discuss the significant role of education in building a better future for both individuals and societies. Your essay should have a good thesis statement that states the main idea(s), topic sentence(s) that you elaborate well by giving sufficient details and examples, and a meaningful conclusion. Remember to revise and proofread your essay.

Prompt (B): Read the following statement about the importance of technology.

"Technology plays a significant role in human life and social relations. It has made revolutionary developments in many domains (science, education, communication, etc.)."

Based on the statement above, write a narrative essay about a person you know or have heard about who was able to overcome a problem/ problems (social, educational, physical, etc.) in his/her life with the help of the new advances of technology.

Copy the graphic organizer and then fill it in with appropriate information. Develop your narrative essay by providing sufficient details about the problem(s), people involved, and the solution(s). Your essay should be between 150-200 words. Remember to revise and proofread your essay.

Title	
Setting	
Character(s)	
Problem(s)	
Events	
Solution(s)	

Your essay will be evaluated based on ideas and organization (Score: 2.5), language and style (Score: 2.5), outline/chart and title (Score: 02) tidiness and legible handwriting (Score: 01)

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Answer Key

A.
1. Technology has allowed disabled learners to easily attend school. Physically disabled students can now participate in sport activities just like physically abled students. Technology has also permitted students with speaking impairments to communicate with teachers and other students. Moreover, students with hearing problems are also able to participate actively in class discussions through ear implants. **(01)**
2. To succeed in the workplace, students should make use of different skills: Computer skills, presentation skills, investing and trading skills, designing skills (cards and posters), and writing skills. **(01)**
3. Technology has influenced communication positively/ in a positive, beneficial, favorable, advantageous way. With technology, people and students are given more chances to interact and communicate effectively with other people anywhere. Also, technology has allowed people to be in contact with different people from other cultures. Moreover, through social media, students are able to share their writings online. **(01)**
4. b. Technology helps all kinds of learners. **(0.5)**
5. a. they refers to (business) students. b. them refers to students. **(0.5)**

B. (01)

Program	Function/Role
1. *PowerPoint*	**1. preparing well-designed presentations**
2. Excel	**2.** *keeping track of the stock market and programs*

C. (02)
1. acquire
2. partake
3. equipped
4. cultivated

D. (01)
Extract A best completes Paragraph 2.
Extract B best completes Paragraph 4.

E. (02)
1. The manager wanted to know why **the customer didn't** pay the debt.
2. Under no condition **will** the students leave the class without signing the paper.
3. I will tell him the good news **when I see** him tomorrow.
4. Modern education emphasizes values like freedom, respect, and **tolerance**.

F. (02)
1. Millions of people **have never accessed** this information.
2. If they had been invited, they would have attended the ceremony.