School/ ..... Level/ 2nd year Scientific Stream

The Second Term Exam of English

Part One: Reading (15 pts)

Smartphones are the friendly gadgets **which** have made everything reachable through a touch. They have occupied a huge place in our daily lives. A smartphone is the first thing **we** look at in the morning and the last thing we see before going to bed. As any electronic gadget, smartphones have advantages and disadvantages.

Smartphones keep your loved ones in touch, either through calls, texts or images, which express the feeling in a sweet and amusing way. You may know where you are and find easy ways and routes to go anywhere, especially in an unknown place. You can spend your time wisely reading the news or doing some official work. You can entertain yourself with games, music or movies. Food and groceries can be ordered online. Email and Banking become easy. Endless applications are available to make your dreams come true.

The electromagnetic radiation will be high because of the heavy internet usage and might lead to health problems such as a brain tumor and Skin Cancer. The HEV light emitted from the screen of a smartphone leads to severe eye-strain during long-time use and would slowly damage the retina. Even many psychological issues such as loneliness, being suspicious all the time, feeling self-centered etc. are caused by using a smartphone and being online, for most of the time. Spending too much time on your phone creates neck problems and sleep deprivation. With every emerging new model, there come new features which are really tempting to use and you may get into the crazy whirlpool of going for new models always.

Smartphones are a two edged sword. Wiseness lies where you take the positive and helpful aspects of anything and leave the negative and unnecessary attachment to that. So, being aware of the pros and cons and having self-control could save you from many disasters, which is really necessary.

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/what-are-the-advantages-and-disadvantages-of-smartphones

**A.** Comprehension (8 pts)

**1)** Write the letter corresponding to the right answer.

**I.** "Smart" means ..... a) friendly b) intelligent c) stupid

**II.** People use smartphones ..... a) every day b) once a week c) twice a month

**III.** Smartphones are "a two edged sword" means they have .....

a) positive and negative aspects b) just two positive aspects

c) two negative aspects only

**2)** Fill in the following table with information from the text.

| Advantages of smartphones | Health problems caused by smartphones | Psychological disorders caused by smartphones |
|---|---|---|
| 1. ..... | 1. ..... | 1. ..... |
| 2. ..... | 2. ..... | 2. ..... |

**3)** Answer the following questions according to the text.

a) Are smartphones used wisely by people?

b) Why do some people always like to buy the newest models of smartphones?

c) How could you save yourself from the dangers of smartphones?

**4)**

**B.** Text Exploration (7 pts)

**1)** Find in the text words or phrases closest in meaning to the following:

device (§1) , limitless (§2) , destroy (§3)

**2)** Complete the following table.

| Verb | emit | invent | discover |
|---|---|---|---|
| Noun | ..... | | |

**3)** Ask questions about the underlined words.

**a)** Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876.

**b)** Science and technology improved the quality of life.

**4)** Fill in the gaps with words from the list.

problem - time - watching - dry

All electronic devices emit light rays which are harmful. Continuously .... 1 .... electronic devices for a long .... 2 .... may lead to visually impaired. The liquid present in the eyes may .... 3 .... and cause a vision .... 4 .... .

Part Two: Written Expression (5pts)

Inventions have provided significant and important benefits to mankind. They changed the world and helped people to live healthier, safer and more comfortable. Write a composition of about 80 words in which you talk about how some inventions contributed to our world's development.

Use the following notes:

- The importance of mobile phones in communication.
- Cars and airplanes ( Essential means of transportation)
- The Internet ( Information- education-business)
- Medical advancement ( Artificial heart- stethoscope- robotic surgery)

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