

Level : 2AS/S/EG	2019/2020
English Exam (second term)	Time/ 2 hours

Name: **Surname:**

We live in the age of science. Science has brought about many changes in the life of man. It is thanks to science that man is leading a comfortable and secured life. Technology is very important because it is used in all fields of life. If we take the matter of electricity **itself**, it has become as if it is not possible for the man to survive without it today. This can be realized when we experience any power cuts. Probably, the power cut is not a big problem in most of the western countries. However, in some of the countries like India, power cut and especially during summers has become common even in cities. Whatever may be the reason, the people are facing the problem of power cut. Everyone almost will tend to suffer if there is no electricity. Even at homes, **we** have got accustomed to live with electricity every minute. We have become so dependent, on the electricity.

Let us imagine like this. What if suddenly a natural catastrophe has occurred and most of the sources of electricity have been destroyed. May be few of the places might get it and other places will not. What will happen to our lives? How shall we earn? How can we work at home and office? Nobody might have thought about the way I am talking to you now. Even I do not want all this to happen. However, **I** would like to say that it is time for us (both western as well eastern nations) to realize that we have become addictively dependent on technology. It can be electricity, telephone, mobile, television, computer, many electric machines or cloth and dish washing machine and many more.

Now, coming to technology, I do not mean to say that all should stop using the technology. I would like to say that we should also learn to live and make ourselves capable enough to live in the absence of technology. Always depending on something or someone will reduce our own skills and talents. Hence, I can say that technology is not bad. It is good to us as long as we use it to the extent that is necessary for us. We should also learn to live even if the technology is snatched away from us. Technology should be under our control and we should not be under the control of technology.

Source : <http://www.knowwhy.com/why-is-technology-bad>

A/ Comprehension / Interpretation : (08pts)

1) Choose the best answer : (1pt)

The passage is an extract from

- a) a book b) a magazine article c) a web-page

2) Say whether these statements are true or false. Correct the false ones : (2pts)

- a) Humans can survive without electricity nowadays.
b) Humans have become more dependent on the electricity.
c) Our depending on technology may increase our skills and talents.
d) The use of technology is useful in all circumstances.

3) Answer the following questions according to the text (3 pts)

- a) Why are we leading a comfortable and secured life ?
b) What will happen if most of the sources of electricity are destroyed during a sudden catastrophe?
c) Which pieces of advice does the writer list in his passage for us ?

4) **In which paragraph is mentioned that : (1pt)**

Because of technology and science we live in security.

5) **What or who do the underlined words refer to ? (1pt)**

a) Itself (§1) : b) We (§1) : c) I (§2) :

B/ Text exploration: (7pts)

1) **Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following ones : (1 pt)**

a) abilities (3§) = b) disaster (2§) =

Find in the text words that are opposites to the following ones : (1 pt)

a) enjoy (1§) ≠ b) increase (§3) ≠

2) **Complete the following table : (1,5 pt)**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
.....	unknown
.....	addictive
to reduce

3) **Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets (.....pt)**

- a) When water (to freeze), it evaporates.
- b) If I had power, I (to do) my best to eradicate misery in the world.
- c) If the Arabs (to translate) Greek scientific works, humanity would have lost an important intellectual heritage.

4) **Transform the second sentences so that they mean the same as the first ones (... pt)**

- a) You'd better try to get rid of much dependence on technology.
⇒ You
- b) Modern inventions have given much comfort to humans.
⇒ Much comfort.....
- c) Students are prohibited to use scientific calculator in official exams.
Students.....

5) **Classify the words according the number of syllables : (...pt)**

Technology / might / computer / control

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 or more syllables

Written expression: Choose only one topic (5pts)

Topic 1: Write a paragraph in which you tell how technology has revolutionized our life.

Use these notes to help you.

- The different home appliances.
- Use of robot machines.
- Modern comfortable houses.
- Means of transports.

Topic 2: You are living a dilemma. You have difficult choice to make; you have no one to turn to.

Write a letter to an agony aunt to ask her to help you to solve your problem

English test (correction)

Reading Comprehension

→ a) a web page

a) false / b) true / c) false / d) false

a) We are leading a secure life thanks to technology.

b) If most sources of electricity destroyed it will be difficult to work at home and office.

c) The writer advised us to learn to live in the absence of technology. To stop being addicted to technology.

The idea is in the first paragraph.

Itself ⇒ electricity / We ⇒ readers, humans / I ⇒ writer

Text exploration

1)abilities :skills / DISASTER / CATASTROPHE

2) enjoy: suffer /increase : reduce