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Aufgaben	Maximum	Erreicht
Teil 1 Textverständnis	15	
Teil 2 Wortschatz	15	
Teil 3 Grammatik	15	
Teil 4 Textproduktion	15	
Total	60	
Expertinnen/Experten:	Note	

Part 1 Reading comprehension (15 points, 15 minutes recommended)

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You are going to read a magazine article in which people are interviewed about technology. For questions 1-15, choose from the people (A-F) on the opposite page. The people may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order.

Which of the people ...

was surprised by another person's action?

often has problems with machines?

finds it impossible to resist buying the latest technology?

is frightened of some of the new technology?

likes the speed with which things can be done?

feels that technology is important in the modern-day family?

doesn't agree with someone else in the family?

has changed her way of thinking?

doesn't like the fact that people talk to each other less now?

wanted to be the same as other people?

doesn't have much room for domestic appliances?

says that the way we live has changed?

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Technology and you

Like it or not, technology is a fact of life. But what do you think of it all? June Avery asked some of our readers.

A Angela

My mother bought me a microwave oven recently. I couldn't believe it – like me, she was never very keen on modern technology and there she was, buying me a microwave. I live on my own in a one-bedroomed flat and it just about fits into the corner of my tiny kitchen. I have to admit, it's extremely handy, particularly as I don't have a great deal of time to cook when I get home from work. I virtually depend on it now.

D Dorothy

Like most people we have our fair share of appliances. I couldn't imagine living without a freezer or a washing machine; and who hasn't got a cooker or a fridge nowadays? I know people had to cope without these things 40 or 50 years ago, but the world was a different place then, wasn't it? Everything's so much faster now, and in some families men and women work just as many hours as each other away from home. We couldn't do that *and* bring up children without the support of all these labour-saving devices.

B Barbara

First of all, of course, we got a PC, partly because it's so useful for work, but also, I suppose, because everyone else seemed to have one. That was fine for a couple of years, but then the kids took it over with their computer games, so we got ourselves a laptop for our own exclusive use. It doesn't take up much room, and being portable we can use it in any part of the house. After that, we just couldn't help ourselves every time a new piece of technology came out – a palm top or personal organizer, a digital video camera, a video mobile phone – we just had to have it. And the more things we buy, of course, the more we want.

E Elsie

We're a bit too old for all this technology. A friend of ours says we should be on the Internet, but I can't see why, and to be honest I'd be too scared to use it. It's all too fast for me. In the old days everything used to be so much more simple and people seemed to spend a lot more time chatting to each other.

C Carol

Our house is full of all the latest gadgets. In the kitchen alone we've got an electric carving knife, a yoghurt maker, an automatic potato peeler, a bread-making machine and a device for taking the stones out of peaches without cutting them open. As far as I'm concerned, though, they're a waste of time. They're always going wrong and my husband keeps having to mend them. I think they're more trouble than they're worth but he seems to think we couldn't get by without them.

F Florence

The Internet has revolutionized people's lives, and we're no exception. We use it for everything, especially shopping. It's so much more convenient than actually going to the shops. Of course, you don't get the same personal treatment, but now that most people go to supermarkets and these large shopping centres, I really don't think you get much of that anyway nowadays. Of course, there are some things we pop out to buy such as bread or milk, but generally, once a month we make an order from the nearest hypermarket via the Internet and no more than a couple of hours later it's all packed away in the fridge or the freezer.

Part 2 Vocabulary (15 points, 15 minutes recommended)

15 P

For questions 1 – 15, underline the answer (A, B, C or D) which best fits each space.

1. If you can't _____ your promises, you shouldn't make them in the first place.
A. grab B. keep C. carry D. miss
2. I was _____ with the film. I had expected it to be better.
A. disappointing B. disappointed C. disappoint D. disappointment
3. Liam is very pleased _____ his exam results.
A. for B. of C. over D. with
4. Stop worrying _____ your exam – everything will be fine.
A. for B. about C. of D. at
5. The child was _____ for his age.
A. grand B. great C. tall D. high
6. _____ me to pay the bill.
A. remember B. remind C. think D. recall
7. We had to _____ up a story.
A. give B. take C. come D. make
8. The two boys had some common _____; they both loved football.
A. shares B. floor C. ground D. areas
9. She looked _____ the words on the Internet.
A. in B. on C. up D. after
10. Political parties _____ millions on their campaigns.
A. pay B. spend C. give D. sell
11. Could you _____ me your dictionary?
A. borrow B. use C. spend D. lend
12. He _____ a few mistakes in the exam.
A. did B. caused C. made D. wrote
13. I am not very good at _____ decisions.
A. coming B. saying C. doing D. taking
14. He ran into me because he wasn't _____.
A. watching B. seeing C. looking D. observing
15. He tried to avoid _____ my question.
A. answer B. answering C. reply D. replying

Part 3 Grammar (15 points, 15 minutes recommended)

15 P

Task 1: Tenses (9 points)**Read the interview below and put the verbs into the most suitable form.**

Interviewer: Robert, you (1) _____ (travel) in North America for more than one month now and (2) _____ (just / arrive) here in Minneapolis. How was the journey from Kansas City to here?

Robert: I (3) _____ (enjoy) it a lot especially because I (4) _____ (meet) some really interesting people when I (5) _____ (travel) on the Greyhound bus.

Interviewer: How long (6) _____ (you / stay) in Kansas City?

Robert: Although I (7) _____ (plan) to stay only a couple of days, I ended up staying there for more than a week.

Interviewer: How long (8) _____ (you / be) here for?

Robert: Only for a few days. I (9) _____ (visit) a family who will show me around.

Interviewer: That sounds nice – have a perfect time here in Minneapolis!

Task 2: Multiple Choice (6 points)

For questions 13 – 18, underline the answer (A, B, C or D) which best fits each space.

13. I don't know _____ as you do.
A. as many people B. so much people C. a lots of people D. enough people
14. My parents didn't let me _____ late yesterday.
A. to stay out B. staying out C. stay out D. to staying out
15. I have just met someone _____ brother I went to college with.
A. whose B. that C. who D. which
16. I prefer playing tennis _____ playing squash.
A. to B. than C. rather D. better
17. These houses _____ last year.
A. constructed B. were constructing C. were constructed D. had constructed
18. I didn't like the book. It was _____ a stupid story.
A. so B. such C. very D. much

Part 4 Writing (15 points, 15 minutes recommended)

15 P

Read the part of the email, which you have recently received from an English-speaking friend, Patrick, who wants to find a summer job in Switzerland.

[...]

I'd love to spend the summer working in your country. I think I could learn a lot! Do you think it would help improve my knowledge of your language?

I have some experience of summer jobs in supermarkets and last year I worked in a restaurant all summer. What summer jobs might be available in your area?

I would not expect to earn a lot of money, of course, but do you think I'd earn enough to pay for my expenses?

Finally, if I get a job, would it be possible to stay in your house?

Please write soon.

*Regards,
Patrick*

On the following page, reply to Patrick's email in 100 – 120 words. Do not write any addresses.

Contents	/ 6 points
Organisation (paragraphs, logical structure, linking words)	/ 3 points
Grammar	/ 3 points
Vocabulary	/ 3 points

