

Task 2: Answer key

Given below is the completed essay upon which the exercises are based.

Computers have now become an essential tool both at work and in the home. While they have brought countless benefits, their use also has many drawbacks.

The most important advantage, in my opinion, is that, with the speed and accuracy of the computer, it is possible for people to perform complex tasks quicker and more efficiently than they have ever done before. For example, computers can be used to design cars; to link up workers in offices in any part of the world; and to develop all kinds of equipment. The same efficiency applies to the users at home, who as well as employing PCs to process information, can connect their machines to the internet. Instead of sending letters, e-mails with photographs and huge amounts of documents attached can be sent to anyone anywhere in the world in seconds. Moreover, to keep in touch with relatives and friends, computers can be used as video-phones on the net. It can safely be said that unlike any other tool developed by the human race in the past, the computer is the most versatile and has speeded up human development.

However, as with everything in life, there is a downside associated with computers, which should not be overlooked. Evidence shows that using PCs can cause psychological problems. Undoubtedly, such a bad habit can lead to people becoming more isolated from their families, relatives and friends and work colleagues, ending in desocialization. As a result, depression as well as anxiety are not uncommon among people who spend many hours glued to their computer. Take teenagers, for instance. They can spend hours playing games on their own rather than being outside playing games or enjoying the fresh air. Although research shows that computers are developing the motor skills and intelligence of young people, they are becoming desensitized and lazy by using them.

To sum up, as we have seen it is quite clear that using computers is a double-edged sword.

Exercise 1a

Variations of the answers below are possible.

- 1) both at work and in the home
- 2) with the speed and accuracy of the computer,
- 3) complex tasks
- 4) than they have ever done before
- 5) in offices in any part of the world
- 6) The same efficiency applies to
- 7) Who as well as employing PCs to process information,

- 8) Instead of sending letters,
- 9) With photographs and huge amounts of documents attached
- 10) Anywhere in the world
- 11) To keep in touch with relatives and friends
- 12) Unlike any other tool developed by the human race in the past

Exercise 1b

1. c)

2. b)

3. j)

4. i)

5. h)

6. g)

7. k)

8. l)

9. f)

10. h)

11. d)

12. a)

Exercise 2

(i)

1. b)

2. i)

3. j)

4. d)

5. g)

6. c)

7. h)

8. f)

9. e)

10. a)

(ii)

c)

Exercise 3

Computers have now become an *esential* (**essential**) tool both at work and in the home. While they have brought countless *benifits* (**benefits**), their use also has many dawbacks.

The most important advantage, in my opinion, is that, with the speed and *acuracy* (**accuracy**) of the computer, it is possible for people to perform complex tasks quicker and more *eficiently* (**efficiently**) than they have ever done *befor* (**before**). For example, computers can be used to design cars; to link up workers in offices in any part of the world; and to develop all kinds of *equippment* (**equipment**). The same efficiency *applies* (**applies**) to the users at home, who as well as using PCs to process information, can *conect thier* (**connect their**) machines to the internet. Instead of sending letters, e-mails with photographs and huge amounts of documents *atached* (**attached**) can be sent to anyone anywhere in the world in seconds. *Morover* (**Moreover**), to keep in touch with relatives and friends, computers can be used as video-phones on the net. It can safely be said that unlike any other tool *develop* (**developed**) by the human race in the past, the computer is the most *versitile* (**versatile**) and has speeded up human development.

However, as with everything in life, there is a downside associated with computers, which should not be overlooked. Evidence shows that using PCs can cause *psychological* (**psychological**) problems. More and more users spend a lot of time in from of computer screens. Undoubtedly, such a bad habit can *led* (**lead**) to people becoming more isolated from their families, relatives and friends and work *colleages* (**colleagues**) ending in desocialization. As a result, depression as well as anxiety are not uncommon among people who spend many hours glued to their computer. Take teenagers, for instance. They can spend hours playing games on their own rather than being outside playing games or enjoying the fresh air. *Althoug* (**Although**) research shows that computers are developing the motor skills and *intelligense* (**intelligence**) of young people, they are becoming desensitized and lazy by using them.

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Exercise 4

(i)

- (1) 'have' missing
- (2) benefits
- (3) quicker

- (4) more efficiently
- (5) used
- (6) employing
- (7) ~~are~~ attached
- (8) developed
- (9) associated
- (10) overlookeded
- (11) becoming
- (12) uncommon

(ii) Answers the same as previous exercise.

Exercise 5

- 1. essential
- 2. benefits
- 3. accuracy
- 4. efficiently
- 5. equipment
- 6. information
- 7. photographs
- 8. attached
- 9. versatile
- 10. associated
- 11. psychological
- 12. colleagues
- 13. teenagers
- 14. intelligence

Exercise 6

- 1. -s
- 2. -s
- 3. -s
- 4. _
- 5. _
- 6. -s
- 7. -s
- 8. -s
- 9. -s
- 10. _

- 11. _
- 12. -s
- 13. -s
- 14. -s
- 15. _
- 16. -s
- 17. _
- 18. -s
- 19. -s
- 20. -s
- 21. -s
- 22. -s
- 23. -s
- 24. -s
- 25. -s

Exercise 7

Students own answers.

Exercise 8

Computers have now ~~been~~ become an essential tool both at work and in the home. While they have brought countless ~~the~~ benefits, their use also has many drawbacks.

The most important ~~of~~ advantage, in my opinion, is that, with the speed and accuracy of the computer, it is possible for people to perform complex tasks ~~more~~ quicker and more efficiently than they have ever done before. For ~~an~~ example, computers can be used to design cars; to link up workers in offices in any part of the world; and to develop all kinds of equipment. The same efficiency applies to the users at home, who as well as ~~they~~ employing PCs to process information, can connect their machines to the internet. Instead of sending ~~the~~ letters, e-mails with photographs and huge amounts of documents ~~are~~ attached can be sent to anyone anywhere in the world in ~~few~~ seconds. Moreover, to keep in touch with ~~our~~ relatives and friends, computers can be used as video-phones on the net. It can safely be said that unlike any other tool developed by the human race in the past, the computer is the most versatile and has ~~been~~ speeded up human development.

However, as with everything in life, there is a downside ~~are~~ associated with computers, which should not be overlooked. Evidence shows that using PCs can cause psychological problems. Undoubtedly, such a bad habit can lead to people becoming more isolated from their families, relatives and friends and work colleagues, ending in desocialization. As a

result, depression as well as anxiety are not uncommon among ~~the~~ people who spend many hours glued to their computer. Take ~~the~~ teenagers, for instance. They can spend hours playing games on their own rather than being outside playing games or enjoying the fresh air. Although research shows that computers are developing the motor skills and intelligence of young people, they are becoming desensitized and lazy by using them.

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Exercise 9

- (1) have now become
- (2) have brought
- (3) has
- (4) is
- (5) is
- (6) have ever done
- (7) be used
- (8) applies
- (9) attached
- (10) be sent
- (11) developed
- (12) is
- (13) associated
- (14) shows
- (15) spend
- (16) are
- (17) shows
- (18) are developing

Exercise 10

A variety of answers are possible, see the example essay for suggestions.

Exercise 11

Paragraph 3

Everything *in* life *has a* downside *and those* associated *with* computers *should not be* overlooked. Evidence shows that using PCs *can* cause psychological problems. More *and* more users spend *a lot of* time *in front of* computer screens. Undoubtedly, such *a* bad habit *can* lead *to* people becoming more isolated *from* their families, relatives *and* friends *and* work colleagues, ending *in* desocialization. As *a* result, depression *and* anxiety *are* not

uncommon among people *who* spend many hours glued *to their* computer. Take teenagers, for instance. They *often* spend hours playing games on their own rather than *being* outside playing games or enjoying *the* fresh air. *Although* research shows that computers *are* developing *the* motor skills *and* intelligence *of* young people, they *are* becoming desensitized *and* lazy *by* using them.

Paragraph 4

To sum up, as we have seen it *is* quite clear that using computers *is* a double-edged sword.