



INGLÉS
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OPCIÓN A

Ejercicio 1. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Nowadays adults let children use the internet without paying attention to its risk.
- b) According with the writer, the use of smartphones should only be permitted to children over 14.

Solución:

- a) TRUE. Here is the evidence: "adults turn a blind eye while children are exposed to their smartphones and left to roam unsupervised in the darkest places online".
- b) FALSE. Here is the evidence: "Perhaps parents should ban under 16s from having smartphones altogether".

Ejercicio 2. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) Why do parents let their children have a smartphone?
- b) How does the writer feel about the use of smartphones in the schools?

Solución:

- a) Parents permit their children to have smartphones because they claim that living without one is a "social suicide"--in other words, they are not able to make friends without this kind of technology.
- b) The author of the text shows a very ironic view in the topic. The writer repeats a student reaction when he was asked about his feelings on not having his phone during classes hours. The author uses his answer to show how children prefer keeping in touch on their phones, although they have the opportunity to have a face to face relationship.

Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima: 1 punto)

Find the words in the text that mean:

- a) because of (paragraph 1)
- b) limits (paragraph 2)
- c) consent (paragraph 3)
- d) improbable (paragraph 4)

Solución:

- a) Because of — thanks to
- b) Limits — boundaries
- c) Consent — give in
- d) Improbable — unlikely



Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima: 1 punto)

Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in the brackets when given.

- a) He _____ (give) a new tablet for his birthday, although he was not old _____ to know how to use it.
- b) Smart watches will become _____ fashionable in a near future that nobody will be able to live _____ one.
- c) Remember _____ (switch) off your phone before the concert _____ (start).
- d) I have met lots of young people _____ suffer _____ anxiety if they don't have the latest device.

Solución:

- a) He was given a new tablet for this birthday, although he was not old enough to know how to use it.
- b) Smart watches will become so fashionable in a near future that nobody will be able to live without one.
- c) Remember to switch off your phone before the concert starts.
- d) I have met lots of young people who suffer from anxiety if they don't have the latest device.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)

Explain how smartphones have changed our lives.

Solución:

Nowadays, it is commonly said that technology and specially smartphones have changed our life style. We do not communicate in the same way, we do not use the gadgets that our grandparents or even our parents had used in their adolescence. But it would be interesting to wonder how much these advantages have change our reality. On the one hand, I consider that smartphones have provide us with a wonderful and useful tool. Not only we can check the Internet at home, while we are surfing the Net in our laptops, but also we can check our social networks everytime and everywhere! On the other hand, due to an excessive use, technology has created a new generations of Internet addicts, whose only concern is being online and chatting to their virtual friends. In fact, because of this necessity of being connected could carry several mental dissases, such as depression or anxiety. In conclusion, smartphones and technology have brought so many positive modifications on our lives, but since this change is so deep, our minds are more vulnerable to suffer from illnesses. Smartphones are useful, but we need to use them carefully.