

The text

1-Toby Johnson was a video – game fan starting at 3. When he turned 14, his parents bought him a laptop computer with wireless Internet access as his private school required. Every day after school, Toby would head to his room, where he presumably did his homework until bedtime. Even with all that “studying”, Toby’s grades got down. With the help of a therapist, his mother Kelly eventually discovered Toby was playing online video games for up to sixteen hours a day: at school, after school and sometimes all night. Toby hid his video game playing from his parents and teachers by keeping a Word file on his screen. “When we’d walk into the room, he’d just click on that, so it always looked like he was doing his homework,” his mom says. He used the same trick in class.

2-Toby had nearly all the symptoms of addiction, so his parents, on the advice of the therapist, set strong limits. But this was not enough to break his addiction and his parents eventually sent him to a wilderness program, where he spent eleven weeks. The decision to send him there was heart-breaking, Kelly says, but she felt if she didn’t do it, he would only get worse. After the program, Toby was transferred to a residential treatment center to deal with his addiction. There, he was also diagnosed with attention deficit disorder; a factor his mother thinks may have made video games more attractive. When she first visited him at the treatment center, Kelly couldn’t believe the difference. He was engaged, talkative and interested.

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Reading comprehension (12 marks):

1-Read the text and tick (✓) the correct alternative (1 mark):

The text is mainly about:

- a- Video games manufacturing
- b- Video games' popularity
- c- Video games' negative effects

2- Find evidence in the text that the following statements are false (3 marks):

a-Toby's interest in video games helped him improve his school results.

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b- Toby showed no signs of addiction to video games.

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c-Toby's parents didn't succeed in breaking their son's addiction.

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3- Did Toby's mother find out about her son's problem by herself? Justify with reference to the text. (1 mark)

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4- Focus on paragraph 2 and identify the 2 places where Toby stayed to break his addiction (2 marks)

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5-Tick the right meaning of the underlined words / expressions (3 marks):

- a- his parents bought him a laptop computer with wireless internet access (p1)
 - obligation to use something
 - right to use something
 - request to use something

- b- He used the same **trick** in class (p 1)
 - Unsuccessful method
 - Stupid method
 - Clever method
- c- The decision to send him there was **heart-breaking** (p 2)
 - Making you feel sad
 - Making you feel happy
 - Making you feel angry

6- What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

- where (p 2):
- There (p 2):

Language (6 marks) :

1-Write the correct alternative in the spaces (3 marks) :

Do you enjoy learning? Is it a pleasure to discover new things, or do you associate the word "learning" with being sat behind a desk (**in / on / at**).....
 school, being fed information you have (**no / any / none**).....control over..? Happily, as adults we can choose (**which / why /what**)..... we want to learn and the skills we want to develop. learning should be a (**lifelong / lifeless / lifelike**).....venture that should feature in all stages of your life. Even retirement should be an opportunity to try new things rather than letting it all (**gone / going / go**).....because you are no longer doing paid work. Recognizing that learning is not just about books can make the process enjoyable for many. Learning gives you opportunities to (**discover / invent / create**)new skills and acquire knowledge.

2- Fill in the blanks with words from the list. There are 2 extra words (3 marks):

later taught result addition but objective before innovations

Everyone knows about Alexander Graham Bell and his invention of the telephone. What is not as well known, is his ties to the deaf community. The telephone, and other Belllike the microphone, reportedly was developed in part to assist people with hearing loss. Bell deaf students at schools for the deaf. He also opened a school for deaf and hearing students together, the school had to be closed after just two years. Although he married a deaf woman, a former speech pupil,

Mabel Hubbard, Bell strongly opposed intermarriage among deaf people. In, Bell's mother was deaf. In 1880, Bell won the Volta Prize from France for his invention of the telephone, and utilized the winnings to set up the Volta Bureau, a library holding information on deafness. Ten years, in 1890, Bell set up the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, with theof promoting oral communication.

Writing (12 marks):

1-Develop the following notes into a biography of Marie Curie (4 marks):

- November 1867 : birth / Poland
- 1891: go to Paris / continue studies in Sorbonne
- 1903: Marie and her husband Pierre / award / Nobel Prize in Physics
- 1911: she / receive / a second Nobel Prize in chemistry

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2- The internet has become popular among teenagers and even children. Some people think that it is beneficial while others think that it has negative effects. What do you think? Write a 12 – line **article** to be published in your school magazine in which you speak about the negative **or** positive effects of the Internet on teenagers. (8 marks)

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