

TEST 6

Read the following passage about technology in education and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 1 to 10.

[I] Some people strongly support integrating technology in classrooms, while others **highlight** the potential negative effects on students. [II] Parents and teachers often express concerns about increased screen time, reduced face-to-face interaction, [III] and various distractions associated with technology use. [IV]

Supporters of technology believe **it** brings enthusiasm, motivation, personalized educational experiences, and collaborative opportunities. Technology offers a plethora of resources for students, parents, and teachers. For instance, if a student struggles with math homework, platforms like Khan Academy provide useful sample problems and tutorials. Additionally, YouTube hosts many educational channels that make learning engaging. Google offers virtual reality field trips through its Expeditions program, while websites like Quizlet help students review material. Personalized learning experiences can also be found on sites like Classcraft, ensuring students have resources to support their coursework, both at home and school.

Technology enhances learning efficiency. Nowadays, attendance records, grades, and behavior referrals are often managed online, allowing for immediate sharing between students, teachers, and parents. Parent-teacher communication has become more streamlined through email. If a student misses class, assignments are typically available on class websites or Google Classroom. By automating routine tasks, teachers can dedicate more time to developing course materials and providing individualized instruction.

In today's world, where technology is integral to nearly every aspect of life, students need digital literacy and technological fluency to succeed beyond school. **Learning technology skills goes beyond just creating digital presentations or drafting emails; it fosters valuable soft skills such as communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and adaptability.** These competencies are not only **essential** for college but are also highly sought after by employers, ensuring that students reap significant benefits as they enter the workforce.

(Adapted from <https://www.classcraft.com>)

Question 1: Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

Technology is a hot topic these days in education

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 2: The phrase **highlight** in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. emphasize B. ignore C. discuss D. simplify

Question 3: What does the word it in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. technology B. education C. a resource D. a website

Question 4: According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT mentioned as a resource provided by technology?

- A. virtual reality field trips B. personalized learning experiences
C. in-person tutoring D. educational videos

Question 5: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 3?

- A. Technology simplifies teachers' workloads and enhances communication.
B. Online tools are essential for efficient teaching and learning processes.
C. Technology eliminates the need for traditional classroom attendance.
D. Teachers must adapt to using technology for lesson planning.

Question 6: The word essential in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. insignificant B. vital C. important D. crucial

Question 7: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. All students benefit equally from technology in education.
B. Technology will eventually replace traditional teaching methods.
C. Digital literacy is essential for future career success.
D. Parents and teachers universally support technology in classrooms.

Question 8: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Learning technology skills prepares students for the future.
B. Students should focus on mastering basic technology tools.
C. Advanced technology is necessary for effective education today.
D. Technology use in schools is essential for success in the workplace.

Question 9: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Technology will continue to dominate educational practices.
B. Students' reliance on technology may hinder their interpersonal skills.
C. Education systems must evolve to incorporate more technology.
D. All teachers are trained to use technology effectively in the classroom.

Question 10: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. Technology offers valuable resources and skills that enhance the educational experience and prepare students for future success.
B. The integration of technology in classrooms is controversial but ultimately beneficial for student learning.
C. As technology evolves, students must adapt to new tools to remain competitive in their careers.
D. While technology provides benefits in education, concerns about its effects on students persist.

Read the following passage about Australian cultural values and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 1 to 8.

Australians place a high value on independence and personal choice. This means that a teacher or course tutor will not tell students what to do, but will give them a number of options and suggest they work out which one is the best in their circumstances. It also means that they are expected to take action if something goes wrong and **seek out resources** and support for themselves.

Australians are also prepared to accept a range of opinions rather than believing there is one truth. This means that in an educational setting, students will be expected to form their own opinions and defend the reasons for that point of view and the evidence for it.

Australians are uncomfortable with differences in status and hence **idealise** the idea of treating everyone equally. An **illustration** of this is that most adult Australians call each other by their first names. This concern with equality means that Australians are uncomfortable taking anything too seriously and are even ready to joke about themselves.

Australians believe that life should have a balance between work and leisure time. As a consequence, some students may be critical of others who they perceive as doing nothing but study. Australian notions of privacy mean that areas such as financial matters, appearance and relationships are only discussed with close friends. While people may volunteer such information, they may resent someone actually asking them unless the friendship is firmly established. Even then, it is considered very impolite to ask someone what they earn.

Question 1: What is the primary value emphasized in Australian culture according to the passage?

- A. Equality B. Independence C. Wealth D. Education

Question 2: The phrase “**seek out resources**” in the passage most closely means _____.

- A. find help B. gather materials C. borrow items D. ignore issues

Question 3: According to the passage, Australians expect students to _____.

- A. accept all opinions as true
B. develop their own viewpoints
C. follow instructions without question
D. avoid discussions

Question 4: The word “**idealise**” in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by _____.

- A. Criticize B. romanticize C. ignore D. undervalue

Question 5: Which of the following best summarizes the view on privacy in Australian culture?

- A. Australians freely share personal information with strangers.
B. Privacy is important, and personal matters are kept private.

- C. It is common for Australians to discuss finances openly.
- D. Australians prefer to keep their thoughts to themselves.

Question 6: Which statement is TRUE based on the passage?

- A. Australians believe that only one opinion is correct.
- B. Most Australians use formal titles when addressing others.
- C. Australians value a balance between work and leisure.
- D. Discussing finances is encouraged among all Australians.

Question 7: In which paragraph does the writer discuss the expectation of forming personal opinions?

- A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

Question 8: In which paragraph does the writer mention the idea of treating everyone equally?

- A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4