

**FIRST TERM ENGLISH TEST-( Tle S)**

I have believed for a while that mobiles, mobile phone masts and another technology are harmful to our health, due to the exposure to radiation. Scientists at the very least think mobile phones should be used as little as possible. They think it is better to be cautious about using mobiles and a lot of scientists believe they are harmful to your health. Mobile phones are particularly bad for children. The phone companies will tell you that they are safe. But remember they are selling a product so they are hardly going to put you off buying their product by telling you it is unsafe. Where there is a lot of money involved there tends to be corruption. So don't think that **they** or the government, who get a tax of the money from the use of masts and mobile phones that are put up, have **your** best interests in mind.

After all, people said that smoking, asbestos, a medication called Thalidomide, pesticides and so on were either safe or wouldn't cause you serious harm. However, they were wrong as they caused cancer, disability and terrible illnesses.

I think technology will be to the next generation what drink, smoking and drugs have been to previous generations. In fact research claims mobile phones could kill more people than smoking. Wireless (wi-fi) can cause headaches, nausea, tiredness and memory loss in some people. Technology can be particularly hazardous if you are sensitive to it. We have so much technology now. There is 24 hour television, computers, Nintendo games, phones and so on. It is not just mobiles but Dect phones (cordless) too and on top of all this there is wireless as well.

Electrical gadgets in the bedroom can also cause sleep problems. It is best to have no electronic items in your bedroom. But if you can't do without them at least make sure you don't have a computer, cordless phone or mobile in your bedroom or at least make sure that they are turned off. Cordless phones emit a high amount of radiation, this is because they have to be on all the time so that the phone can be charged up. If you didn't do this the phone wouldn't work. So keep your technology use to a limited amount of time each day. Particularly keep your use of mobile phones to a minimum and use a landline instead, because mobile phones can cause cancerous brain tumors if they are used for a long period of time over the years.

Always remember that your health is very important as you might find you are unable to return to good health once you have lost **it**.

<http://www.childrenswebmagazine.com/Technology%20and%20your%20Health.html> (slightly adapted)

**I- Reading Comprehension (8pts)****A- Choose the best option (1pt)**

- 1- The text mainly deals with:
  - a- The effect of technology on children

- b- Technology used for people's health
- c- Health problems caused by technology
- d- The proliferation of mobile phones

**B- Vocabulary in context: find in the indicated paragraph words similar in meaning to:(1.5pt)**

- 2- Not dangerous (P1): .....
- 3- Fatigue (P3): .....
- 4- Send out (P4): .....

**C- Information Transfer: fill in the chart with information from the text.(1.5pt)**

Situation	Illustration in the text	Consequence in the text	Solutions proposed
The use of technological devices is widely spread	5. ..... ..... ..... .....	6. ..... ..... ..... .....	7. Mobile phones should be used as little as possible. 8. ..... .....

**D- Decide whether these statements are TRUE or FALSE. Justify your answer with specific information from the text.(3pts)**

- 9. Scientists and phone companies' opinion on mobile security diverge. ....  
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- 10- Electrical appliances in a bedroom are advisable. ....  
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- 11. Research claims that cell phones actually kill more than tobacco. ....  
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**E- What or who do these words refer to in the text? (1pt)**

- 12. They (paragraph 1): .....
- 13. It( paragraph 5): .....

**II- Linguistic and Communicative Competence (7pts)**

**F- Fill in the gaps with the correct tense of the verbs between brackets. (3pts)**

Two decades ago, people 14.....(not depend) strongly on technology in their daily activities. Today things are different. Technological gadgets 15.....(cause) a social upheaval for the last fifteen years. Now people can't do

without the use of things such as computers and mobile phones. Almost everybody 16. ....(own) a mobile, and we 17. ....(become) more and more addicted to those devices. Consequently, they have a negative impact on our health as they are known to be the cause of some serious illnesses. It's high time people 18. ....(know) how to use them effectively. And I wish people 19 (be) ..... conscious about the dangers of technology.

**G- Abdu and Ali, two friends, are talking about mobile phones and their effect on people's health. Fill in their conversation meaningfully. (2pts)**

*Abdu:* I heard that the use of mobile phones can be damaging. 20. .... their impacts on our health?

*Ali:* they can cause 21. .... We shouldn't spend a long time using them.

*Abdu:* 22. ....?

*Ali:* Yes. I've got one. I bought it two years ago.

*Abdu:* Ah, I see. 23. ....?

*Ali:* Rarely. I just use it to make and receive calls. I don't use it for internet connection. I do know how harmful they can be to our health.

**H- Fill in the gaps with the derived form of the word in brackets. (2pts)**

My 24. ....(believed) is that mobiles can be harmful to our health because with their use, we are 25 .....(exposure) to radiation. If we want to stay 26 .....(health), we should avoid our 27. ....(addictive) to them.

**III- Writing: Choose one topic (5pts)**

**Topic 1:** Mobile phones are widely used today, especially by young people. What advantages and disadvantages can derive from their use?

**Topic 2:** Malick is worried because his daughter spends very long hours using her computer. He is discussing the issue with his wife. Write down their conversation.

