

A cell phone? Never for me.

1- Someday soon, I may be the last man in America without cellphone. To those who see cell phones as progress, I say: **they** aggravate noise pollution and threaten our solitude. The central idea of cellphones is that you should be connected to almost everyone and everything at all times. The trouble is that cell phones assault your peace of mind no matter what you do.

2- Cell phones, like other triumphs of the mass market, have reached point when people forget what it was like before they existed. No one remembers life before cars, TVs, air conditioners, jets, credit cards, and microwave ovens. So, too, now with cell phones. Anyone without one will soon be classified as a crank.

3- Look at the numbers. In 1985, there were 340213 cell phone users. By the end of 2003, they were 159 million. for adults among those 60 to 69, cell phone ownership is 60%. **It** is almost as high as among 18 to 24 year-olds which is 66%. According to a recent survey from the Pew Research Center, even among those 80 and older, ownership is 32%.Of course, cell phones have productive uses for those constantly on the road: salesmen, real-estate agents, repair technicians, managers and reporters.

4- Cell phones make driving more than dangerous. The Harvard center for risk analysis blamed them for more than 6% of auto-accidents each year, involving more than 2600 death.

5- Private conversations have gone public; we have all been subjected to someone else's conversations. In 2003, cell phone conversations totaled 830 billion minutes. The average conversation lasts 2,5 to 1 minutes.

6- Cell phones keep company to people, however there are folks who have cell phones but often wish they didn't. A recent poll asked which invention people hated most but couldn't leave without. The answer was cell phones. Cell phones and all wireless devices pretend to increase your freedom while actually stealing **it**. People devoted to staying interconnected are kept in a perpetual state of anxiety because they may have missed some significant bit of news.

I- Comprehension: (15 points)

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A/ choose the right answer from the list given: (1 points)

The topic of the article:

1. deals with the advantages of the new technologies;
2. deals with the future of cell phones;
3. Is a criticism of cell phones?

B/ are these sentences true or false? Justify (4 points)

1. The number of cell phone users is increasing.
.....
2. People of 80 years and older use cell phones the most.
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3. Cell phones give you freedom.
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4. Cellphones make people more anxious
.....

C/ complete the following sentences: (4 points)

1. Private conversations have gone so public that.....
2. People hated cell phones. Nevertheless.....

D/ find in the text words or expressions that mean the same as: (3 points)

1. Make worse (paragraph 1).....
2. Great success (paragraph 2).....
3. Many people (paragraph 6).....

E/ what do the underlined words refer to: (3 points)

1. They (paragraph 1):.....
2. It (paragraph 3):.....
3. It (paragraph 6):.....

II - Language: (15 points)

A/ fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the lists. (2 points)

1. Leila gave..... driving after the accident.
a) In b) at c) up d) for
2. After graduation Kamal set..... an expedition to Antarctica.
a) Off b) on c) about d) at

B/ match the words that go together to make appropriate collocations.(3points)

A	B
Universal	shock
culture	values
Civic	education

C/ choose the correct word to fill in the blank. (3 points)

1. At the beginning of 20th century, students were hardworkingstudying in difficult conditions.
Because - therefore - despite - since
2. Preparing couscous needs vegetables..... turnip, carrots and pumpkin.
Such as - although - if - so
3.in Athens, Morocco had a few athletes participating in the Olympic games in Beijing.
However - although - as well as - unlike

D/ fill in the gaps with the appropriate relative pronoun. (2points)

1. The flatoccupied the basement of the house, was very elegant.
2. The little boymother lives abroad is very sad.

E/ rewrite these sentences with the words given. (3 points)

1. She read his writing and a new idea took life in her mind.
 - As soon as.....
2. It was extremely difficult for him to find his way back
 - He wishes.....
3. I didn't feel humiliated. On the contrary, I was delighted
 - Instead.....

F/ match each sentence with its appropriate function. (2 points)

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III - Writing: (10 points)

Are mobile phones a necessity or a nuisance. Write an article to your school magazine, discuss the utility of mobile phones.

Key answers

I- Comprehension: (15 points)

A -

- ~~1. deals with the advantages of the new technologies;~~
- ~~2. deals with the future of cell phones;~~
3. Is a criticism of cell phones?

B-

1. True. There were 340213 in 1985 and 159 million in 2003.
2. False. 32%.
3. False. They pretend to increase your freedom while actually stealing it.
4. True. People devoted to staying interconnected are kept in a perpetual state of anxiety.

C-

1. Private conversations have gone so public that we have all been subjected to someone else conversation.
2. People hated cell phones. Nevertheless they couldn't do without.

D-

1. Aggravate
2. Triumphs
3. Folks

E-

1. They: cell phones
2. It: cell phone ownership
3. It: freedom

II - Language: (15 points)

A-

1. Up
2. Off

B-

Universal values
Culture shock
Civic education

C-

1. Despite
2. Such as
3. Unlike

D-

1. Which
2. Whose

E-

1. As soon as she had read his writing, a new idea took life in her mind.
2. He wishes it had been easier to find.
He wishes it hadn't been difficult for
- 3 Instead of feeling humiliated I was delighted.

F-

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III- Writing: (10 points)

Dear magazine,

Nowadays we may consider ourselves as lucky. Why? Then think of the time that mobile phones can save you while you are in trouble, if public phones are out of order or if you had an accident. Besides, they help you communicate with your loved ones. However, I wish people switched off their mobile phones while they are in public places.

Furthermore, mobile phones have even been used for cheating at exams.

Ringling mobiles can be heard everywhere; in shops, supermarkets, streets and some people say even at mosques. Why should people disturb other people around them, and impose their private conversation on others?

To conclude, I think mobile phones should be forbidden in religious places, restaurants and schools and some law should be installed. People should show some kind of respect in public places

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