

Corrigé

Anglais, BAC 2012 série A₁ – A₂

PART ONE : READING 40%

COMPREHENSION check

A. VOCABULARY (02 pts each)

1. Threaten = b manace
2. Assault = c. disturb
3. Milestone = a. Level, stage
4. Crank = d strange person
5. Survey = a. study
6. Godsend = b. real blessing
7. Murky = b. Quite limited
8. Sheer = c absolute
9. Feud = a. on going quarrel
10. Gab = c. talk a lot
11. Poll = c. investigation

B. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (02 pts each)

1. The narrator is against cell phones because of
 - The title “A cell phone? Never for me “

and of what the author says :

- I may be the last man in America without a cell phone. (L1)
 - They aggravate noise pollution and threaten our solitude. (L3)
 - Cell phones assault your peace of mind no matter what you do. (L5).
 - A recent poll asked which invention people hated most but couldn't live without it. Cell phones won (L31 – 32).
 - They steal your freedom (L39 -40).
2. - The drawbacks are :
 - Cell phones aggravate noise pollution and threaten our solitude (L3)
 - They make driving more dangerous (L 22)

- They cause auto accidents and deaths (L22- 24)
 - They steal our freedom (L39 – 40).
3. - The author considers himself a dropout because he refuses to have a cell phone when everybody has one.
- or
- He refuses to follow the fashion which is to have a cell phone.
4. - because he will be behaving differently and also because people will not understand why he doesn't have a cell phone.
- Or
- because nowadays it is strange not to have a cell phone.
- 5 – The age group is : 30 to 49 – year olds. They own 76 per cent of the phones (L16).
- 6 – The two groups are:
- People on the roads (salesmen- real state agents, repair technicians managers and reporters (L18 -19).
 - Critical workers (doctors, oil rig, firefighters (L20).
- 7 – No, they can't. The text mentions that private conversations have gone public (L25 -26-27).
- 8 - No, they aren't an efficient way because the children can just switch off their phones.
- Or: - No.
- No, not really
 - No, they aren't.
- 9 – because
- “cell phones assault your peace of mind (L4 – 5)...
- And also because The Harvard centre for Risk Analysis blamed cell phones for 6 per cent of auto accidents each year, involving 2,600 deaths (L22 -24).
- 10 – by threatening our solitude (L3)
- by making private conversations public (L25).

Part two: WRITING 40%