



## ENGLISH MOCK EXAM 2

### TYPES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS

Telecommunication products generally refer to various devices that enable communication between different parties over distance. Some of the most common applications include personal communication, business meetings, political conferences, television programs, and academic conferences. Telephones, computers, satellites, radios, and televisions are a few widely used and familiar devices.

The term telecommunication is a neologism created by the French scientist Edouard Estienne. It is a combination of the Greek *tele*, which means *far off*, and the Latin *communicare*, which means *to share*. Technically, telecommunications products can also refer to more primitive forms of Communications, such as smoke signals or flags. In modern day parlance, however, telecommunications generally only refers to devices that incorporate a transmitter, receiver, and a transmission medium.

Many technology scholars consider the telephone to be the most revolutionary device in the history of modern telecommunication products. Telephones enable voice communication between two parties over distance. These products have changed from standard, stationary, home models to mobile, cellular phones. The ability of communicating without relying on telephone wires has made the cellular phone a popular item, and one of the world's most common telecommunications products.

Many different brands and types of cellular phones are currently on the market. Not only do these allow communication in the style of a traditional phone, but can also perform multiple functions outside the traditional communication realm. Many cell phones contain camera or can be used to record videos.

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## **VOCABULARY :**

Device / **Parlance** : appareil, gadget / **langage**, parler

Scholar / **Brand** : savant, érudit / **marque** (de fabrique)

Currently/**Realm**: actuellement/ **domaine**

## **QUESTIONS**

### **I) COMPREHENSION OF THE TEXT**

*(All the answers to the following questions are to be found in the text)*

- 1) Define telecommunications products.
- 2) How do technology scholars see the telephone?
- 3) What has made the cellular phone a popular item?
- 4) Enumerate two advantages of the cell phone.

### **II- WRITING**

*(Not more than 12 lines; about 144 words)*

**What are the advantages and disadvantages of the cellular phone?**

### **III- TRANSLATE INTO FRENCH**

From « **Many different brands...** » down to « **used to record videos.** »

### **IV- TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH**

1- On trouve toutes sortes de produits de télécommunications sur le marché depuis le téléphone ordinaire jusqu'aux appareils les plus sophistiqués.

2- Inconnu hier, le téléphone cellulaire a révolutionné aujourd'hui la face de la communication à distance. On note aussi la multiplicité des marques dans ce domaine.

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