

GROUPE SCOLAIRE MARIAM TRAORÉ

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CLASSE : 2^{NDE}

DUREE : 2H

ENGLISH TEST

PART ONE : READING FOR COMPREHENSION*Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it*

TEXT: Portable .Music Players Linked to Hearing Loss

Electronic devices are changing the way people listen to music. But studies show the devices may be causing hearing loss in many people. Some experts say people may be playing them too loud and for too long.

Researchers from Zogby International did a study for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. It involved three hundred high school students and one thousand adults. They were asked about their use of portable music devices. Some of the most popular are Apple Computer's iPod, C.D. players and portable laptop computers.

The study found that more than half of the students and less than forty percent of the adults had at least one kind of hearing loss. (Some reported difficulty hearing parts of a discussion between two people. Others said they had to raise volume controls on a television or radio to hear it better. And, some experienced ringing in their ears or other noises.

Hearing experts say part of the problem is the listening equipment people are using. They say large earphones that cover the whole ear are probably safer than the smaller earbuds that come with most music players. Earbuds are thought to be less effective than earphones in blocking out foreign noises.

Hearing loss may not be apparent for years\ But once it happens, it is permanent. About thirty million Americans have some hearing loss. One third of them lost their hearing as a result of loud noises.

Experts at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota say any sound above ninety decibels for long periods may cause some hearing loss. But most portable music players can produce sounds up to one hundred twenty decibels.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is working with manufacturers and government officials on setting rules for use of portable music devices. The group says the best way to protect your hearing is to reduce the volume, limit listening time and using earphones that block out foreign noises.

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A. **VOCABULARY CHECK** : As you read the text, find the words whose synonyms or meanings are listed below. Follow the example. Example: 1- linked to

1-Connected (title) : **linked to**

2-Incapacity to receive noises or sounds (L2)

3-Inventions or equipments or invented materials (L6)'

4- Included (L5)

5 Were obliged to or had the obligation to (L10)

6 As a consequence of (L17-18)

7-demanded(L 6)

8-Adopting (L 23)

9- Specialists (L12)

B. COMPREHENSION CHECK

Read the text again and say if the statements below are TRUE or FALSE. Then justify your answers by indicating the lines.

1. For sure, portable music players create hearing problems
2. All the students questioned have hearing difficulties.
3. The percentage of the adults questioned who have hearing problems is smaller than 40%.
4. Some experts of hearing say that hearing problems are caused by high volume of music. But other experts say that hearing problems are due to the quality of earphones that people use.

PART TWO : LANGUAGE IN USE

TASK A : Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words from the box to talk about lifestyle. Do it like in the example : 1. **affect**

Prevent, affect, adverse, nutrition, habits, consumption

Lifestyle includes the behavior and activities that make up our daily life. This includes the work we do, our leisure activities, our interaction with other people and above all the food we eat. Obviously, the foods we eat 1. ...**affect**... on our health. Many studies show that good 2.....lowers the risk for many diseases. Our food 3.....can bring on heart disease, stroke, some types of cancer, diabetes, etc. or help 4.....them!

TASK B : Rewrite the following sentences into the indicated tense

1. Abi has been eating a low-fat, low-salt diet . (Future simple)
2. Ema practises Yoga to stay healthy. (Present perfect continuous)
3. Kouman has worked with a nutritionist.(Present simple)

PART THREE : WRITING (6 PTs)

On the occasion of the International Technology Day, you are asked to write a paragraph about the way young people use portable music players (iPods, laptops, DVD, mobile phones, earbuds etc.) in your country and their impacts on their daily life. Write your paragraph in 12 lines maximum.