

ENGLISH COMMON TEST

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LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

SERIES : A1-A2

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PART ONE : READING : 40%

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it

Artificial intelligence opportunities and threats

Artificial intelligence affects more and more our daily lives in a wide range of domains. It has become an integral part of everyday life, influencing everything from our morning commutes to our online shopping habits, and other burdensome works. Indeed AI seems to have the potential to bring about numerous positive changes in the contemporary society by streamlining routine tasks, personalizing experiences, revolutionizing healthcare system, enhancing communication and fuels creativity.

One of its obvious and breathtaking feats is in the field of transport. For instance, self-driving cars commonly called robot taxi are being popularized in China. In the field of education and training, AI seems to be a tool that cannot fail to be noticed. It provides educational content based on students' skills, interest and identifies difficulties or gaps in their understanding. By the same token, foreign students can benefit from abroad education staying home throughout e-learning, so that they cope with travelling and housing fares. AI is also being used in factories in order to make workplaces safer, as robots would be dealing with unsafe parts of the job. Furthermore, it could increase industrial productions and save time. For business, AI can empower the development of new services and products. It's worth stating that AI can help determine preferences, behaviours, needs, making it easier to tailor products and services for customers. On political grounds, Democracy could be made stronger by using data scrutiny. For security matters, AI could be used to defend against attacks in hacking key systems in cyberspace. However, what are the threats and challenges of AI?

An important challenge is to determine who is going to account for damages caused by AI in an accident involving a self-driving car. Should the damage be covered by the owner, the car manufacturer or the programmer? With the breakthrough of technology, defrauders are spreading, manipulated videos and images that tend to be extremely realistic. Henceforth, election results could be altered if AI comes to be used in politics for its liability. Worse, people are getting more and more scared of job loss since AI could take their positions.

Adapted from Topics European parliament published 23-09-2020, Google and ChatGPT

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A –Vocabulary

Find in the text words or expressions corresponding to the following meaning or definition .The indicated lines may help you . write your answer like in the example .

Example 1 : wide range of

- 1- Great variety of (line 1)
- 2- Shuttles (line 2)
- 3- Arduous , extremely difficult (line 3)
- 4- Lead to, provoke (lines 3-4)
- 5- Modern(line 4)
- 6- Improving ,ameliorating (line 5)
- 7- Very surprising (line 7)
- 8- Ignored ,to be neglected (line 9)
- 9- Allow ,permit (line 14)
- 10- Menaces (line 18)
- 11- Fraudsters ,decivers (line22)

B-Comprehension

Choose the best option for each statement or questions related to the text .

1-which of the following best summarises the main idea of the text

- a- The drawbacks of AI on our lives
- b- The advantages of AI on our lives
- c- AI and our lives
- d- The impacts of AI on our lives

2- AI can help to :

- a- Easier not difficult job
- b- Easier less difficult job
- c- Easier more difficult job
- d- Easier not all difficult job

3- Robots can be used to do

- a- Harmful job
- b- Harmless job
- c- Job with harm
- d- Job with harmmer

4-on political ground AI can be used to :

- a- Unchange results
- b- change results
- c- challenge results
- d- exchange result results

5- people are scared of

- a-Being unemployed
- b-Being employed
- c-being employers
- d-being employes

PART TWO LANGUAGE IN USE

A- Read the passage below about the impact of technology on today's youth and fill in the gaps with the suitable word from the box to make it meaningful . One word is not concerned .write your answers like in the example

Example 1 : shaping

Video -teens –need –easier –someone –reply-more-lack of –are –shaping –short cuts-viewed

Technology is(1).....tomorrow's society by conquering today's teenagers . Indeed, ... (2).....seem incapable of having a quality face to face conversation that may last(3).....than 2 minutes .Experts attributes this to the.....(4).....meaningful interaction and social habits which are a direct consequence of modern technology.Basically people have the(5)..... to be connected to each other 24 hours a day ,7days a week but never in person .This means that technology can(6).....as a social obstacle.I myself have been caught up in the technological web . When I feel the urge to see.....(7)..... , I just(8).....Chat them on skype . It 's.....(9)..... to see them that way than going through all the effort to be with them in person .In a sense we.....(10)..... Using it to take a(11)..... and simplify life for ourselves .

B- Here are some sentences about present and past lifestyles. For each senetence choose the suitable word into bracket "used to or use to" in order to make it correct.

Example 1 : used to

- 1- In the past time, people (**used to /use to**) listen to music on vinyl disc .
- 2- Did books (**used to /use to**) be the only source of information before internet?
- 3- There did not (**used to /use to**) to be automated vehicles in the fifties.
- 4- Families (**used to /use to**) often gather around the diner table without distraction.
- 5- Did students (**used to /use to**) frequently spend hours researching in librairies ?.
- 6- Before modern medecine , what (**used to /use to**) happen when there was a pandemic ?
- 7- Our ancestors (**used to /use to**) live from hunting and gathering .
- 8- I wonder how Egyptians (**used to /use to**) built pyramids
- 9- centuries ago, automated machine tellers did not (**used to /use to**) exist at banks
- 10- Formely surgeon (**used to /use to**) perform operations with manual instruments only .
- 11- What did people (**used to /use to**) communicate before cell phones ?

PART THREE WRITING

Do only one of the two task below

Task A

At a meeting of your school English club the chairman said " it is awful that with the advent of AI applications such as Chatgpt,nova ,google assistant . The new generation no longer goes to libraries for research .Worse AI is reducing our personal effort and get us lazy" .

In not more 15 lines , write a paragraph that will be published on washington post website .

In your production :

- explain how the use of AI could benefit student and enhance their academic performances
- point out the possible drawbacks of students use of AI
- state your point of view and justify it

Task B

Recent reports claim that , the Telsa Boss Elon Musk is working on creating a robot that could carry a baby for nine whole months . In an article that will be published in your school magazine point out the adavantages and drawbacks of this outlook invention . Give also your opinion.

The following ideas may hep you :

Advantages : -reduce mortality during childbirth

- avoid pregnancy complications
- helpful for couple who cannot have children

Disadvantages : - go against moral and religious ethicals

- would children brought up by robots be healthy
- possible absence of parental affection or love

Break the leg !!!

