THE TEXT

1-A report released by the computer company Apple, Inc. states that more than 600 schools nationwide have bought iPads for all of their students. And it is not happening just in rich suburbs. Schools in poor areas round New York City and Chicago are also handing up iPads.

2-Last month, Burlington High School launched a one-to-one iPad programme to provide a tablet for each student. “This cost the school about $ 500 000 for the devices”, said Patrick Larkin, head of the school, “but we saved money by abandoning plans to build a new language laboratory and deciding we would no longer buy new textbooks.”

3-Larkin also said that both students and teachers no longer need to buy textbooks as they can find everything online. He added that the school is not even buying electronic versions of textbooks, since they end up costing the schools more than traditional ones in the long run.

4-Teachers were initially doubtful of the change. Ted Whitten, head of the language department, said he was afraid the students would spend all their time playing video games and texting friends. But he said if teachers stay attentive, they can keep their students focused. He added if kids start getting distracted by the iPads, the teacher just needs to make sure they turn them off.

5-The project is just in its first year, but Larkin said, “so far, kids seem to be doing better with the iPads. But Burlington might not be an all-iPad school forever. You never know what the next technology will be.”

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READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (5 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the correct option. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about:

   a. The Burlington High School iPad project. 
   
   b. The negative effects of using iPads in schools.
   
   c. The benefits of using iPads in schools.

2. These statements are FALSE. Correct each of them with a detail from the text. (2 marks)

   a. Students were required to buy their own iPads. (Paragraph 1)

   b. Students still have to buy textbooks. (Paragraph 3)

3. Complete the sentence with the appropriate word from paragraph 5. (1 mark)

Using iPads in Burlington High School will not continue ......................as technology keeps changing all the time.

4. What does the underlined word in paragraph 2 refer to? (1 mark)

“devices” refers to...........................................
LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1- Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the list below. (3.5 marks)


When Noble Prizes are given out each autumn, the most talented professionals in computing and IT have usually been left out in the cold. That’s because there is no Nobel Prize for these ☐ ................................., and it’s unlikely there will be one any time soon. According to the Nobel Foundation: “The Nobel Prizes are in physics, chemistry, philosophy, medicine, literature and peace. A ☒..................................prize was donated by Sweden’s Central Bank to celebrate Alfred Nobel’s tercentenary in 1968. The Nobel Foundation later decided to keep the ☑..............................five prizes intact and not to permit new ☑..............................” So, if IBM, Google, Apple or some other ☒..................................tech companies wanted to make a big donation ☒..............................the lines of what Sweden’s central bank did, maybe it could ☒..............................the Nobel Foundation to add other prizes.

2- Put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form. (3.5 marks)

Primary school sport must be boosted to prevent a generation of children growing up less fit than their parents, according to Sebastian Coe. Lord Coe, the Chairman of the London (organized/organization/ organizing) committee and a former double Olympic gold (medal/ medallist/medallion) said: “it’s very, very important that we do everything we can (to maintain/maintain/maintaining) high quality physical education in schools, and in primary schools it is (formally/laterly/particularly) important because it is my instinct that if you haven’t got that pattern and love of sport and pattern of exercise by year 10 or 11, it is going to be (quiet/quite/quit) hard to introduce that to 14- and 15-year-olds. “It is really important that we (promote/decline/affect) competitive sport in schools. We have to recognise that we are likely to be the first generation (from/for/of) parents that are fitter than our kids. There are some big challenges out there and they are not easily captured.”
3- Put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form. (3 marks)

The country is hit by urban exodus. There are ① (warn) ....................... over the mass migration to rural areas. Thousands of people ② (abandon) ................................ central Birmingham and heading for the countryside, putting too much pressure on the environment, ③ (campaign) ................................ have warned.

Despite efforts to reverse the ④ (continue).......................... exodus to rural areas, ⑤ (migrate) ....................... into the countryside has reached a record of 12,500 a year, according to new figures.

The ⑥ (find).................................. released by the West Midlands Regional Assembly show that 5,000 people migrate to Staffordshire each year, 3,700 people move to Warwickshire and 3,400 to Worcestershire.

WRITING (5 marks)

Online learning is an option for bullied children who need confidence building as well as an option for sport students who cannot attend classes regularly because of international competitions and long-hour training. Write an article in a sport magazine to speak about the advantages of online learning for sport students.