

Level : TCL	2019/2020
English Exam (first term)	Time / 2 hours

Name: **Surname:**

A/ Text Comprehension : Read the text carefully then answer the following questions : (8pts)

Do you want to be a better reader? Turn off the television! A recent study found that kids younger than 10 spend about two hours a day watching TV, playing video games, or using computers. That is about the same amount of time they spend with a book! The study which was released on Tuesday included more than 1,000 parents of kids between the age of 4 and 10 years.

Spending a lot of time on the computer, watching TV or playing video games can make it hard to get better at reading. Kids who live in homes where the TV is on “most of the time” are less likely to be able to read by age 6.

Although the modern means of communication are invading the modern World ,reading is still popular among people. Almost 80 per cent of kids under 6 are exposed to books. In fact researches say kids spend an average of 49 minutes a day with a book. And what is the average amount of time spent in front of the TV or computer? About 2 hours and 22 minutes!

Victoria Rideout, a researcher for the study, says “Kids, who watch TV, use computers, and play video games will have an advantage in their lives.” “Media can help their learning, but there are disadvantages too, they may develop weaknesses in reading,” she adds.

Dr. Henry Shapiro studies kids’ development and behaviour. He says: “reading, playing with toys, and talking with others is much better for kids’ learning than watching TV”. He also says: “There is a good side of TV, computers and video games; kids are at home, safe, they are also learning things.”

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A/ Comprehension: (7pts)

1) Choose the letter that corresponds to the right answer: (0.5pt)

- a) **This text is taken from :** 1) a newspaper article 2) a website article
 b) **It is about :** 1) children, media and reading 2) learning with computer and TV

2) Say whether the sentences are true or false: (2pts)

- a) Spending much time with TV can prevent children from being good at reading.
 b) The study is about the impact of interactive media on children.
 c) Victor Rideout finds that modern media have only negative effects on kids.
 d) Dr Shapiro is totally convinced that TV is bad.

3) Answer the questions according to the text: (3pts)

- a) How many informants questioned in the study ?
.....
- b) Why can computers and TV be harmful to children ?
.....
- c) What are the positive effects of computers and TV ?
.....

4) **In which paragraph it is mentioned that reading is much better for children's learning than watching TV ? (0.5pt)**

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5) **Who or what do the underlined words refer to ? (0.75pt)**

which (1§) ⇒ their (4§) ⇒ she (4§) ⇒

B/ Text exploration: (8pts)

1) **Find in the text synonyms to : (1pt)**

a) revealed (1§) = deficiencies (4§) = ≠.....

2) **Find in the text opposites : (1pt)**

a) teaching (5§) ≠ dangerous (5§) ≠

3) **Transform the second sentences so that they mean the same as the first sentences : (3pts)**

a) The doctor said : "There is a good side of TV and computers, kids are at home and safe."

b) The doctor said that

a) He asked him : "How much time do you spend with your computer ?"

b) He asked him

a) The student says : "I study using my computer, I find it more practical."

b) The student says that

a) He is a serious worker.

b) He works

4) **Complete the following table : (1.5pt)**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
hope		
.....	advice	
.....	education	

5) **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the following list : (1.5pt)**

watching, than, picture, both

We can learn a lot from Books and television. However, I prefer..... television because it is more relaxing. Moreover, we have the sound and the which help us understand better. Therefore, I spend more time watching TV Reading books.

B/ Writing : Choose only one topic (5pts)

Topic one : Write an e-mail to your friend in which you give him pieces of advice about the negative aspects of watching much TV and playing computer games.

- **Negative impact** : become lazy / become overweight / forget home work / fail school / lack of activity / sight problems.

Topic two : Suppose that you are a journalist you did a survey about young people and sports. Write the report

Answers (Test TCL)

A/ Comprehension6) **The text is taken from** : b) a web site7) **True or False**

a) true / b) true / c) false / d) false

8) **Answer the questions** :

a) The number of informants is 100 parents.

b) Computers and TV can be harmful to children because they can prevent them from reading.

c) TV and computers can be positive because they allow children to learn at home in a safe place.

9) The idea is mentioned in the 5th §.10) **what do the underlined words refer to**

which ⇒ study / The others ⇒ phenomenon / their ⇒ kids

She ⇒ Victoria Rideout

B/ Text exploration1) **Synonyms** a) revealed = released / deficiencies = weaknesses2) **Opposites** a) teaching ≠ learning / dangerous ≠ safe3) **Transformation**

1) b) The doctor said that there was a good side of TV and computers kids were at home and safe.

2) b) He asked him how much time he spent with his computer.

3) b) He says that he studies using his computer, he finds it more practical.

4) b) He works seriously.

4) **Complete the table**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
hope	hope	hopeful / hopeless
advise	advice	Advised / advisable
educate	education	Educated / education

5) **Fill in the gaps**

a) both / b) watching / c) picture / d) than