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[1] The traditional school exercise book and pen could become items mentioned only in history lessons. Every pupil at Wrightington School is being issued with their own laptop to use in class and for homework. In what is understood to be a first for British state schools, all 1,400 boys and girls will have a Dell Netbook, worth around £400. These will allow pupils at the school, near Radstock in Somerset, to 'hand in' work online and receive instant feedback from teachers when they are not in the classroom.

[2] The machines, which can be used for presentations and research, are being issued as part of a £25 million project to create a purpose-built business and enterprise college. Buildings housing the internet servers and wireless systems will open after the Easter break. Parents are being asked to contribute £2 per week to hire their child's laptop for the duration of their time at the school.

[3] Deputy headmaster Will Roberts said parents think it is a 'bargain' because laptops are expensive to buy outright. 'We are a business and enterprise college and this is how it is in the business world. So why not start as they mean to go on,' he added. 'Any time they want to learn, they can. They can work wherever they are in the school or at home. 'Their work can be marked instantly and teachers can offer feedback and share pupils' work away from the classroom.'

[4] The school bought the Netbooks at a discount, with an estimated outlay of more than £400,000. Pupils, who are aged between 11 and 18, can complete homework by connecting to the school servers from home and view information from the day's lessons. Their laptops are backed-up on the school's main hard drives every time they connect to the network. Mr Roberts insisted, however, that children will continue to use traditional learning materials. 'There will always be a place for traditional writing and textbooks here,' he said. 'But we want to prepare our pupils for the real world.'

[5] Ninety per cent of parents agreed to pay the £2-a-week fee, which contributes towards purchase and insurance costs. Those unable to will receive financial assistance. The project was launched with help from Government-backed charity e-Learning Foundation, which ensures IT access in schools. Spokesman Kevin Pay said using computers boosts pupils' work rates – 'after all, there is no excuse for not having homework on you'.

*\*bargain: a bargain is an agreement in which two people or groups agree what each of them will do, pay, or receive.*

**I – Reading comprehension (15 points):**

① Tick  the right alternative. (1 pt)

\*The text is: -descriptive  -informative  -narrative

② Read and complete this table. (3 pts)

<i>People</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Reason for adopting e-learning in school</i>
<i>Will Roberts</i>		
<i>Kevin Pay</i>		

③ Read and fill in the blanks with words from the text. (2 pts)

Unlike other schools, Wrightington School adopts a new scheme that uses ..... in the class. But, since Dell laptops are expensive, the school staff ask the ..... to contribute to the purchase of these new learning materials.

④ These statements below are false; correct them with details from the text. (4 pts)

a- Thanks to using computers in education, pupils no longer have homework. (pg. 4)

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b- Using this new technology in education seems less flexible. (pg. 3)

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c- Students enrolled in Wrightington School will not use traditional learning material. (pg. 5)

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d- Most of people were against using the new method in education. (pg. 5)

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⑤ How can the poor pupils manage to use computers at school? (1 pt)

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⑥ Find words in the text that have nearly the same as: (2 pts)

-reduction (pg. 4): .....

-improves (pg. 5): .....

⑦ What do the underlined words refer to? (2 pts)

-“they” (pg. 3) refers to .....

-“those” (pg. 5) refers to .....

⑧ If you were a parent, would you accept to pay some money to help the school? Why? (1 pt)

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## II – Language (10 points):

### ① Fill in the blanks with words from the box. (3.5pts)

booking – and – about – largest – began – charted – trip – throughout - hotels

The first organized tours dated back to 1842 when the company 'Thomas Cook' ..... a train to take a group of campaigners from Leicester to South Borough. This company grew to become one of the ..... and most well-known travel agencies. With the gradual decline of visits to British seaside resorts after the Second World War, Thomas Cook ..... promoting foreign holidays in the early 1950's. Leaflets ..... these holidays were shown at town halls ..... Britain. However, they made a decision by not going ..... the new form of cheap holidays combining transport ..... accommodation arrangement into a single package.

### ② Put the words between brackets in the right tense or form. (3 pts)

The X Factor is brilliantly made to create suspense and human drama. It is addictive and compelling. There my wife and two children are laughing, sharing observations and apparently innocently **(enjoy)** ..... a TV program together. "Shows like The X Factor are **(huge)** ..... popular and common and seem like light entertainment on the surface but it is affecting the emotional **(develop)** ..... of our children. Fame is seen as a right. If I want to be a singer, a footballer, a rapper – I can. There is no consideration for the talent **(need)** ..... or the work that has **(be)** ..... put into nurturing that talent. These shows are undermining their education and **(teach)** ..... them to judge each other. Schools are full of children whose aspirations are only to be famous, who see very little value in learning, education and the world beyond their doorstep. There is an ever increasing wave of acceptance among children that it is OK to judge others, harshly and publicly.

### ③ Circle the correct alternative. (3.5 pts)

Christa was riding in a Volkswagen with her fiancé through a rainstorm in Pennsylvania in 1969 **(where – when – since)** the news came over the car radio: a man had set foot **(on – in – off)** the moon. They both cheered, but neither had **(some – no – any)** reason to suspect that the event would someday directly change their lives. Much **(late – later – lately)** she said "when I was young, women did not fly in space". Last July, NASA announced that she **(is – has been – had been)** chosen to join a shuttle crew. Despite other newfound celebrity, Christa never doubted that following her short stay in space she would return to the family and above all to her classroom. She **(tells – tell – told)** an audience last August: "the more I touch the future, the **(better- good – best)** I understand space."

