

4th ARTS / 2011	MOCK BAC EXAM IN ENGLISH	NAME : CLASS :
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(1) The boom in electronic and electrical equipments in the 1980's has created a new form of waste. Every year, hundreds of thousands of old TV sets, computers, mobile phones, refrigerators etc. become unusable, making what is now known as electronic waste or e-waste, one of the fastest growing waste streams even in a developing country.

(2) But unlike normal day-to-day household garbage which can sometimes be sold as trash to rag-pickers, such e-waste should be disposed of with utmost care, since they can contain an alarming range of toxic materials. These electronic gadgets contain thousands of components made of deadly chemicals and metals like lead, mercury, polyvinyl chlorides and many other substances which can cause environmental and health hazards. Long-term exposure to these substances can cause damage to the nervous system, kidney and bones, as well as to the reproductive and endocrine systems. Primitive recycling or disposal of e-waste to landfills can also cause irreversible environmental damage by polluting water and soil, and contaminating air. E-waste related health issues are on the rise and there is a need for careful disposal, Mr. Herath points out. In a way, keeping them is better than carelessly dumping such goods. Sometimes parents tend to give old cellular phones to their children to play with, oblivious of the hazards.

(3) Even though, we still tend not to throw away our old electronic items even after they become unusable. Most of these items were purchased at a high price and hence people are reluctant to dispose of them, even after their lifetime is over an electronic item like any other product becomes garbage which requires it to be disposed, no matter how much you've paid for it,"

(4) Acting before e-waste becomes another garbage time bomb, is really urgent, though, Public awareness is only the first step of this initiative. The solution to the impending e-waste crisis lies in prevention rather than its management. where sellers of electronic items bear responsibility for financing the treatment of their own-branded e-waste, discarded by their customers. it consists in setting up a collecting centers under a "take back" programme. However, the good news is that all mobile phone companies have agreed to setup collecting centres for unusable phones, some having already set up collecting facilities. The most hazardous component of the cell phone is the battery it causes lung and liver damage. Developing world market is also flooded with new funky Chinese phones which have a short lifespan and could be manufactured under questionable standard. A computer also has a short lifespan and can become obsolete with the invention of new faster models becoming e-waste quickly.

(5) "After this e-waste is collected, then comes the next step of managing it," sending it out would be the best available option, it has however, become a practice for developed countries to send their e-waste to developing countries. Sri Lanka is one of the signatory of the Basel Treaty and hence it is illegal to send any e-waste to Sri Lanka without declaring it. But there are other means by which developed nations transfer their e-waste to countries like Sri Lanka, for example under the guise of humanitarian reasons that even old technology can still help. Public awareness is undoubtedly the first step.

I-READING COMPREHENSION(15pts)

1/read the text and tick the right answer

The purpose of the text is : -explain the effects of e-waste

-sensitize people to act and reduce electronic waste

-describe the areas where pollution is a certainty

2/focus on paragraph 2 and complete the table with the right information(3pts)

Cause	effects
Electronic devices contain harmful ingredients.
.....	Harms the environment whether in the sea air or earth
.....	Solving the e-waste urgently

3/-pick out details from the text showing that the following statements are false(3pts)

a-There is no danger in letting children play with old mobile phones.(parag2)

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B-the developing world market is keen on purchasing goods of best quality.(parag4)

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c-developing nations are obliged to accept e-waste into their lands.(parag5)

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4-/complete the following sentences with words from paragraph 2and 4(2pts)

a-Due to the dramatic.....in health issues having to do with electronic waste, it would be better to carefully dispose of these electronic garbages than to carelessly.....

.....into the environment

b-trying to find ato this impending problem of e- waste, cell phone companies accepted to start collecting centers for thephones to avoid lung and liver damage.

5-/find in paragraph 4 words meaning the same as(3pts)

a-the most dangerous:.....

b-very old to be used:.....

c-doubtful:.....

6/-what does the words underlined in the text refer to?(1pt)

It(paragraph5):refers to.....

7-/the writer says that "public awareness is only the first step"to solve the problem1.Do you agree? Why or why not?(2pts)

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II/-LANGUAGE (10pts)

1-/choose the right alternative(3pts)

One of the leading causes for widespread unemployment among the disabled, is the unwillingness of employers to 1-(fire /hire /care)them. This is so 2-(although /in spite of /while)the fact that many disabled persons are talented, educated have the 3-(acquired /required/inquired)skills, and in several instances have performed better than their able -bodied counterparts when given the chance. Today, owing to awareness raising by concerned organizations working on behalf of the disabled, employers are beginning to see 4-(that/these /this)differently able persons in a new light.Lately,a growing 5-(believe /belief /relief)in their ability to be productive employees in their own right6-(begins /began / has begun,)to open new doors for thousands of disabled job seekers.

3/-SUPPLY THE RIGHT TENSE OR FORM(4pts)

A mixture of talent and hard work rounded off by a pleasing personality are the(ingredient)for success. This is what Dentella 2-(to be).....teaching children for the past thirty years in London. Last year, however, was very special for her, with over 100children whom she was teaching,3- (to win).....awards at competitions held by the4-(prestige).....university of the whole country where she was in deed lecturing. 24 students among these 5-(to award).....prizes for Drama.Dentella developed her love for drama when a child"I feel that by6- (to act).....in plays,one can overcome inhibitions".It is essential that a student7-(to develop).....communication skills as well as his own personality and certainly timid children improve8-(gradual).....and acquire more confidence by the end of the training."

2-/fill in the blanks(3pts)

facilitating /envisions /designed /launched /revival /on

Expatriate Indians are being invited to contribute to the country's reconstruction and 1-under a programme, 2-by an international Organization of Migration .This foundation3-to provide participants with travel expenses, basic equipments that are necessary to help absorb the qualified. It is 4-to contribute to reconstruction in war -affected areas.It aims at 5-the transfer of knowledge and skill, enabling the national economy to rely 6-its own human resources.

III/-WRITING(15pts)

1/-use the information below to write a 4-line paragraph

Name of the festival:the Cannes film festival

Place and time:the resort town of Cannes.south of France/in May, annual.

Duration:10days

President of the jury: American actor Robert De Niro

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2-shocking researches done on the issue of the environment together with startling figures on stressing, unhealthy lifestyles...etc urged people to seek a greener, calmer and healthier refuge in nature.write an article in your school magazine about the merits of rural life.

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