

B) Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

- 1) Do you have your mother's _____ to use her car?
a. allowance b. possession c. permission
- 2) Barbara was not _____ about her new haircut.
a. trilled b. enthralled c. thrilled
- 3) Since I didn't feel good yesterday, I _____ in bed all morning.
a. lay b. laid c. lied
- 4) It's an _____ mistake. Everyone makes it; so don't worry too much about it.
a. unreasonable b. unbelievable c. understandable
- 5) The blood kept flowing from the wound. It refused to _____ .
a. coagulate b. eradicate c. elucidate
- 6) The inspector has _____ been to this office.
a. barely b. never c. mostly
- 7) We heard the news but have not been able to _____ the report.
a. conflict b. conform c. confirm
- 8) She is a very _____ student, always thinking of new stories.
a. imaginable b. imaginative c. imagery
- 9) They _____ to this part of the city with their friends already.
a. were b. are not c. have been
- 10) No one used a calculator during the math test, because _____ not permitted.
a. calculating was b. calculators were c. the calculator was

C) Choose the best response for each question or statement.

1) What have you been doing recently?

- a. Nothing much.
- b. Nothing many.
- c. Nothing more.

2) Does anyone know where the spring concert will be held?

- a. Haven't you read? Unfortunately, there is another one coming soon.
- b. Haven't you seen? Unfortunately, they are going to play Bach at the concert.
- c. Haven't you heard? Unfortunately, it has been cancelled.

3) Would you lend me a few dollars until Friday?

- a. OK, I will borrow my five dollars.
- b. Ok, I will borrow you ten dollars.
- c. OK, I'll let you borrow a couple of dollars.

4) When did you get here?

- a. It is five before ten.
- b. We arrived about ten minutes ago.
- c. I have never got here.

5) She brought back a nice present for me from England.

- a. Wow, that was her only idea.
- b. Wow, that was her first present.
- c. Wow, that was nice of her.

6) Can you give me your contact information?

- a. Sure, I'll write it down for you.
- b. Absolutely, you can give me the information.
- c. No problem, it is my cell phone.

7) Is there a good place around here to get something to eat?

- a. Yes, it is a very good place.
- b. We could eat anywhere.
- c. There's a decent cafe down the street.

8) Why did you decide to wear that very colorful t-shirt to her birthday party?

- a. To stand out.
- b. Because it was a sweater.
- c. For a birthday present.

9) What do you usually like to do when it's raining outside?

- a. I really dislike it on a rainy day.
- b. I have to clean my room on a rainy day.
- c. I just stay inside and relax on a rainy day.

10) Have you ever heard of Carol Utley, the newest child star?

- a. Yes, but I think she is not interested in it.
- b. Yes, but I think she is still not well-known.
- c. Yes, but I think she is playing tennis now.

D) Please read the following passage and answer the questions at the end.

Video games are electronic games played on a video screen (normally a television, or a built-in screen when played on a handheld machine). There are many types of these games: role-playing games; shooters, first-person shooters, side-scrolling games, and platform games to name a few.

Video games are usually loaded on CDs or DVD's, but many games used to come on cartridges. Some games can also be downloaded from the internet. The device used to play a video game at home is called a console. There have been many types of consoles and home computers used to play video games. Some of the first were the Atari 2600, the Sega Master System and Nintendo Entertainment System in the 1980s. Newer video game consoles are the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, and Wii.

The best selling video game console of all time is the PlayStation 2, made by Sony.

People can also use PCs to play games, which are sometimes called computer games or PC games. The older consoles often didn't have new games developed for them, although console games are emulated for PCs. This means that new computers can play many old console games along with games made just for new computers. Older games are often more popular emulated for PC use than when they were first sold for the original console.

People can play portable video games anywhere. One of the most popular portable video game consoles is the Nintendo Game Boy. Today, there are other popular portable game consoles available, such as the Nintendo DS and the PlayStation Portable, which also allows users to watch movies. There are even competitions held on video game players. They are called electronic sports and are held in countries around the world.

New generation video games are not only limited to portable game devices. More and more people are using their cell phones as their favorite way to enjoy games. One advantage of using cell phones instead of portable game devices is that downloading games is as easy as pressing a couple of buttons. In the past, users had to go to a store in person and buy game cartridges for Nintendo and PlayStation portable and console games. But with cell phones, all shopping can be done anytime, online. Since the operating system is built into the cell phones, and most phones are internet capable, acquiring new games is relatively quick and easy. All one needs to do to find a new game is to access an online store, choose an interesting game, and then download it. It is that simple. Moreover, companies such as Apple, who makes the very popular iPhone, have literally thousands of games to choose from, although the number and variety of games is still much larger for home consoles, PC's and portable game consoles.

Many different games are available for cell phones. Some of the most popular cell phone games are Block Breaker Deluxe, Sonic the Hedgehog and Brain Challenge. Block Breaker Deluxe is a type of block breakout game, where the object is to break as many blocks as the player can. Sonic is a popular platform game in which the player tries to prevent the villain, Dr. Robotnik, from collecting 6 objects, called chaos emeralds, and winning the game. Brain Challenge is a mental exercise video game where players try to reach higher levels by solving puzzles. These games are also available for some consoles and in most PC formats. In the future, as cell phones expand their capabilities, more diverse and exciting video games are sure to follow.

The following questions are TRUE or FALSE. Choose the correct T or F answer.

1. A first-person shooter is a type of video game.
2. The Xbox 360 was one of the first game consoles created to play video games.
3. Many of the new computers can play games that were originally intended for use on a TV game console.
4. Today, many games come on cartridges that are used on home game consoles.
5. Dr. Robotnik is a popular cell phone video game.

The following questions are multiple choice. Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

6. Video games are electronic games that are...
 - a. only played on the internet by children.
 - b. played on television after being built in a machine.
 - c. played on a TV screen, portable game machine or cell phone.
 - d. played by shooters and role-players.
7. Today, home console based video games are usually sold on...
 - a. CD's and DVD's.
 - b. game cartridges.
 - c. consoles.
 - d. home computers.
8. One of the first video game consoles was...
 - a. Sony Playstation 1.
 - b. Nintendo DS.
 - c. Nintendo Game Boy.
 - d. Nintendo Entertainment System.
9. One reason mentioned in the reading passage why people use cell phones to play video games is...
 - a. there are more cell phone games available than console games.
 - b. video games on cell phones are easier to play.
 - c. it is easier to download and play games.
 - d. Sonic the Hedgehog is not available for game consoles.

10. Block Breaker Deluxe is a game...

- a. where the player tries to smash cube shapes to score points.
- b. where the player tries to collect objects on a platform.
- c. that is available only on cell phones and not on other devices.
- d. where players increase their level by solving difficult puzzles.

E) Please choose 2 of the 3 listed questions and write 2 essays with a minimum of 100 words. Write the number of the chosen essay in the () on the answer sheet.

1. Think about your best friend. What are some things that make that friend your best friend?
2. Think about a movie you have watched recently. Describe the story and write down what you liked or disliked about the movie.
3. If you could do anything for your next holiday, what would you like to do the most?