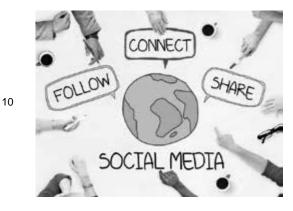
Your classmate wants to show you an opinion essay about modern technology that she has just written. Read the opinion essay.

## Text 2 Opinion essay

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No one can deny that technology is changing our lives, and the speed of change seems to be increasing. Our healthcare, social lives and education have been irreversibly changed by new devices. There is a question of whether technology does more good or more harm, and I believe it is the former.



Firstly, technology has had a major impact on healthcare. Just one hundred years ago, countless people lost their lives to diseases that we no longer have to worry about. Scientists are now getting closer to finding medicines that can treat some of the most devastating diseases, such as cancer and AIDS.

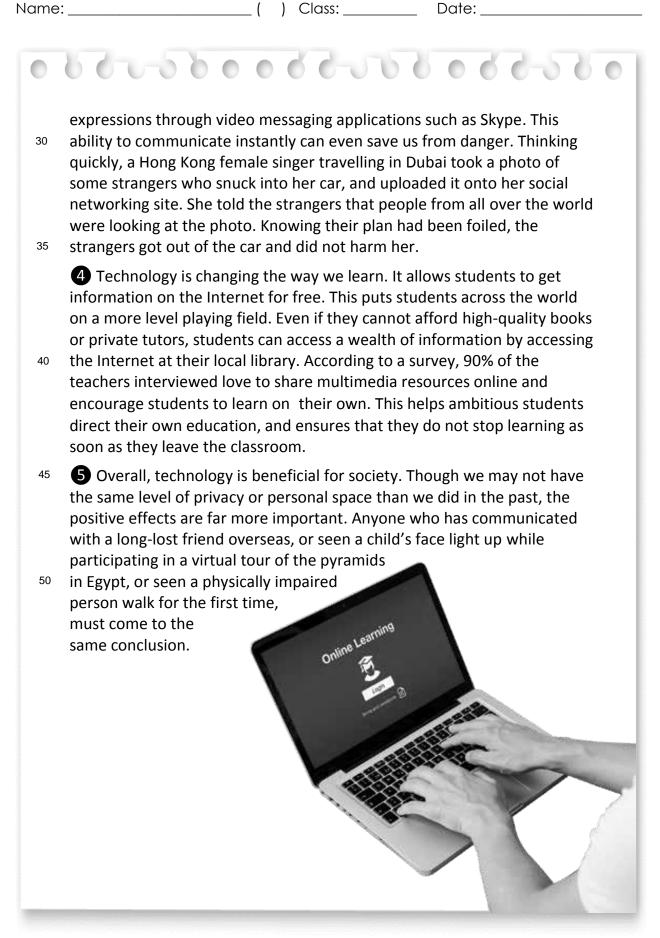
- <sup>15</sup> Another example is the significant breakthroughs in the treatment of deafness. Using stem cells, gene therapy and nerve stimulation, scientists are hoping to make hearing loss a thing of the past. Babies who are born deaf today have an opportunity to hear their mums' voice. Watching their faces light up when they hear this sound for the first time is an
- <sup>20</sup> indescribable experience. Disabled individuals have the chance to walk again with the help of robots. Healthcare practitioners can also print body parts with 3-D printers. Concepts that used to be the stuff of science fiction are becoming a reality, and we are benefitting.

Secondly, technology can bring people closer together. Can you imagine a time that the only way to communicate with people far away was to send a letter? It could take months to get a reply, but now we can communicate in an instant. People from different countries stay connected with email and social media, or even see one another's New Treasure Plus (Second Edition) 3A Challenging reading and comprehension

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op	<b>omprehension 2</b> Your classmate is asking you some questions pinion essay. Answer her questions using information from the opinion eultiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circ	essay. For			
1	According to paragraph 1, what are three areas of our lives that have l by technology?	Ū			
	i)				
	ii)				
	iii)				
2	According to paragraph 1, the rate of technological change is				
-	A steady	·			
	B speeding up				
	C slowing down	ABCD			
	D not noticeable	0000			
3	What are three ways that scientists are treating deafness?				
	i)				
	ii)				
	iii)				
4	According to paragraph 2, what are some of the advantages of techno care? Tick ( $\checkmark$ ) three boxes.	logy in health			

improve people's eyesight

allow people to walk again

create better tests to find diseases

help people to regain their hearing cure deadly diseases

prevent people from going deaf

What does the writer mean when she says that when children hear their mum's 5 voice for the first time, their 'faces light up'?

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6	Find words in paragraph 2 that mean the same as the following: i) advances ii) chance iii) people who practice medicine		
7	Why do you think the writer compares new technology to ideas in science fiction in paragraph 2?		
8	According to the essay, in what ways can we communicate 'in an instant' today?		
9	Who does 'their' refer to in line 34?		
10	Why did the singer from Hong Kong upload the photograph of the strangers in her car?		
11	Find a word in paragraph 3 that means 'ruined'.		
12	2 What does it mean that students are on 'a more level playing field' (line 38)?		
13	Use ONE word to complete each blank. Today, students with a lot of have more control over the		

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- 14 According to the essay, what per cent of teachers like to share multimedia resources online?
- **15** In paragraph 5, the writer gives some examples of ways that technology helps us in different areas of our lives. What example does the writer give for technology improving education?
- **16** Match the headings to paragraphs 2–4 of the text. Write the paragraph number (2– 4) next to each heading. One heading is NOT used and should be left blank.

Heading	Paragraph number
An improved education	
Improving memory and ability	
Making us live longer and better	
Decreasing the distances between people	
<ul> <li>17 Where would you most likely find this text?</li> <li>A in a textbook</li> <li>B in a novel</li> <li>C on a website about technology</li> <li>D in an advertigement</li> </ul>	ABCD
D in an advertisement	

**18** Does the writer believe that technology does more harm or good? Use evidence from the text to justify your response.