

Name: _____ () Class: _____ Date: _____

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

Technology: for **better** or for **worse** ?

① Technology is changing our lives. I believe that it does more good than harm.

② Firstly, technology helps solve problems and improve our health. For example, medicines have been discovered to cure cancers, babies who are born deaf get to hear their mums' voice, and the disabled can walk with the help of robots.



③ Secondly, technology helps us keep in touch with others. People from different countries stay connected with email and social media. Sometimes, technology can even save us from danger. A Hong Kong female singer travelling in Dubai took a photo of some strangers who got in her car. She then uploaded it onto her social networking site. She told the strangers that people from all over the world were looking at the photo. Finally, the strangers got out of the car and did not hurt her.

④ Technology is also useful in education. It allows students to get information on the Internet for free. Teachers can even share multimedia resources online and encourage students to learn on their own.

⑤ In conclusion, technology is good for society. It improves our lives and communication, and has created new ways of learning.



Simplified reading and comprehension

Unit 4

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Comprehension 2 *Your classmate is asking you some questions about her opinion essay. Answer her questions using information from the opinion essay. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

- 1 Find a word in paragraph 2 that means 'unable to hear' _____
- 2 Which of the following are given as examples of how technology helps us solve our problems in paragraph 2? Tick (✓) TWO statements only.

Statements

- i) The deaf can now hear with a hearing aid.
- ii) 3-D printers help save the environment.
- iii) Robots help the disabled do the household chores.
- iv) Many cancer patients were cured by new medicine.

- 3 According to paragraph 3, the female singer from Hong Kong _____.

- A had an accident in Dubai
- B made some online friends
- C gave some strangers a ride in Dubai
- D was saved by technology

A B C D
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- 4 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

With technology, students can get _____ information and download _____ materials their teachers share.

- 5 Match the main points (A–C) with one of the paragraphs on the left. Write the correct letter (A–C) on the line next to the paragraph number.

Paragraph no.	Main point
i) Paragraph 2 _____	A Technology helps us keep in touch with others.
ii) Paragraph 3 _____	B Technology improves education.
iii) Paragraph 4 _____	C Technology helps improve our health.

- 6 The writer thinks that technology _____.

- A affects our lives in a negative way
- B affects our lives in a positive way
- C does not have any disadvantages
- D does not have any advantages

A B C D
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