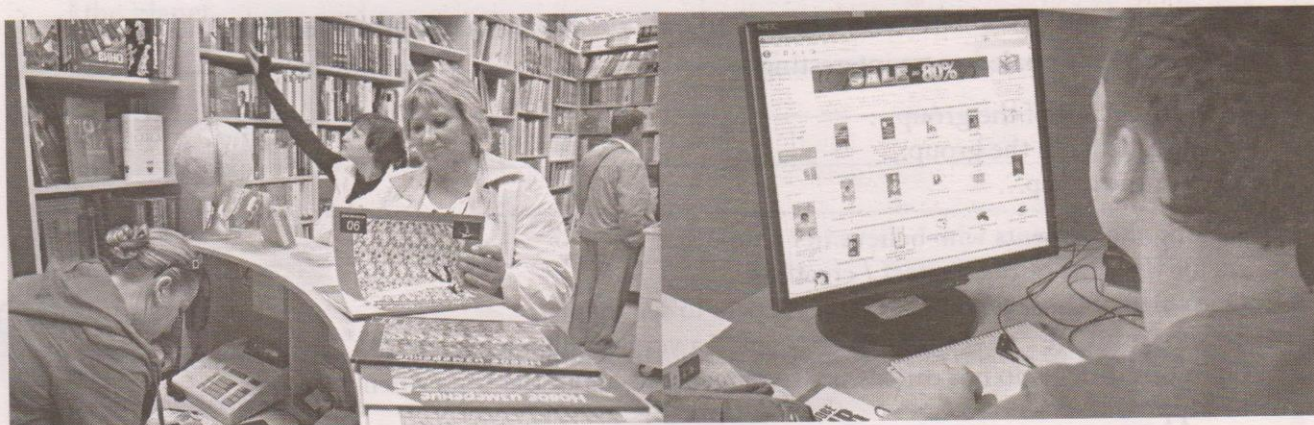


Part I Listening

Listen to six people and match the statements (A - G) with the number of the speaker (1-6). There will be one statement you will not use. You will hear the recording twice. Then transfer your answers to the table.

- A The speaker is sure that science fiction cannot compete with scientific publications.
- B The speaker talks about his / her desire to take part in important scientific researches.
- C The speaker thinks that science fiction may help develop new technologies.
- D The speaker talks about his / her preferences in reading.
- E The speaker explains why he / she does not like science fiction.
- F The speaker insists that mass media often introduces fake scientific breakthroughs.
- G The speaker believes that science fiction books help him / her stay young and active.

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| Letter | | | | | | |



SE Read the text and fill in the gaps (1-7) with phrases (A-H). There is one phrase you do not need. Transfer your answers to the table.

- A including your passwords, pin codes and credit card details
- B the Internet provides additional opportunities for fraud
- C it just applies mechanical approach to search for information
- D as e-trade is very convenient for busy people
- E their buying habits and preferences
- F but click only on the links that seem relevant
- G which means that you need to type in the details of your credit card in a special form
- H the searching system is not able to think logically

E-commerce means selling and buying products online. Nowadays Internet shops can compete with retail shops quite successfully. Is online trade just a fashion or a persistent tendency? Will it ultimately cause traditional shops to die out? Everything depends on customers and **1**. Let us find out how people in the streets feel about e-trade growing opportunities.

"I find buying online very convenient," says Allan Brig, a loyal Internet customer. "I have unlimited access to the Internet and I'm practically always online. If I need to buy something, I try Internet shops first and only if they can't offer me what I need, do I go to a store, a shopping centre or a supermarket."

"Buying via the Internet is a great option," Julia Smith, a busy undergraduate, shares the opinion. "And it's good for ideas too. If I want to buy something, say, a present for my friend, but have no idea what exactly I need, I type the key words "buy" and "original

presents" in the search bar and press *enter*. Instantly the searching system provides me with a long list of sites which, as the machine thinks, meet my requirements. I look through the list **2**. Naturally, the results of the search may contain lots of irrelevant links. It's irritating sometimes, but the machine doesn't want to confuse me deliberately, **3**. According to it, if a site contains all three words "buy", "original" and "presents", it'll be selected automatically. Unfortunately, **4** and analyse the content of the site. But I'm sure it'll learn how to do it very soon."

Another opinion belongs to Maria Chris, a freelance designer. "I often shop online," she says, "though many of my friends don't think that it's safe enough. That's true, **5**, but if you are careful, you can feel quite safe. When I buy via the Internet, I usually visit several sites to compare prices and delivery terms. I want to know if the delivery is free, to put it bluntly, if the delivery costs have been included in the price already, or if they want me to pay extra for it. As for the ways of

payment, there are usually two options. The first one is payment by a credit card, 6. The essential information they need to withdraw the money from your account is the card holder's name, the number written on the card and the expiry date. Alternatively, you can pay cash to the delivery man when you receive the ordered goods. Though paying cash is not very convenient, as the delivery man may not have change, I usually prefer it as a very safe way."

John Flint, a sales manager in tourism, doesn't contradict the previous respondents. Actually, he

sums up their opinions. "Theoretically speaking", he says, "hackers can break any computer and get access to your personal data 7. I'm not a computer geek and I don't know how it can be done, but I'm sure it's possible. In spite of that, I feel that e-trade offers us an amazing opportunity to save our time. Shopping is inevitable and sometimes it's fun, but I'm grateful to the technological progress that now I can devote more time to what I really like — my family, my friends and my rare plants collection."

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Part III Use of English

SE Fill in the gaps with the correct words. Transfer them to the table.

Last Saturday I was at an air show with a friend.

Jeff, my friend, is considering a career in aircraft

_____ (1) and that's why he is interested

in aviation and the prospects for this industry. Among

the planes _____ (2) at the show, a light

jet caught Jeff's attention immediately. To me it was just

a nice elegant blue-and-white jet, but Jeff's description was much more _____ (3).

He said that it was a single-pilot jet with two engines, which has an automated cockpit and can

carry five or six passengers. He also said that the jet is a very noticeable _____ (4)

in aircraft construction for years and it may have a wide application in very different spheres.

Its non-disputable _____ (5) is that it can land on a runway much shorter than a

runway required by the smallest jet now being flown. Jeff even predicted that the new jet would

be used as an air taxi. And he may be right — in the near future business people can be attracted

to these jets because they will get where they need to go much faster and cheaper than on a

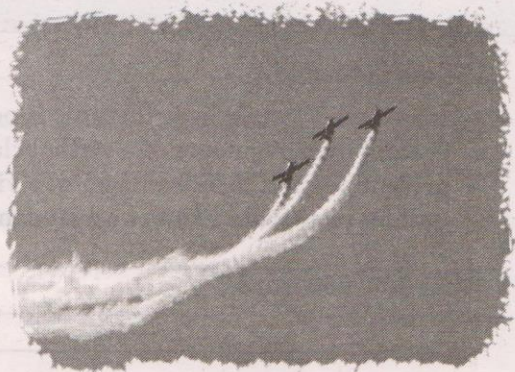
chartered business jet. The official at the show said that unfortunately the jets cannot be delivered

to the customers immediately as some technical _____ (6) still need to be resolved.

After the show I was wondering if that jet could become an attractive _____ (7)

to daily commuting one day!

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| 1 | a) accomplishment | b) pollution | c) engineering | d) science |
| 2 | a) presented | b) offered | c) invented | d) designed |



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|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 3 | a) creative | b) innovative | c) professional | d) advanced |
| 4 | a) innovation | b) solution | c) decision | d) garget |
| 5 | a) question | b) technology | c) discovery | d) advantage |
| 6 | a) knowledge | b) development | c) experts | d) issues |
| 7 | a) alternative | b) breakthrough | c) technology | d) device |

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Part IV Writing

SE Comment on the following.

Some people believe that all children will be taught in a virtual school. They will be able to enter the virtual classroom from any location — from home, the Internet café, the ocean beach. There will be no traditional classroom in 50 years.

Use the guidelines:

- say whether you believe that this is possible
- present the advantages of a virtual classroom
- present possible disadvantages of a virtual classroom
- write if you would like to be a student of a virtual school or not

Write 200–250 words.

Part V Speaking

Give a talk on a science you find interesting and useful.

You should say:

- what branch of science you find very important for people
- what this science studies and how the findings are applied for practical use
- how beneficial this science will be for people in the future

You should talk on the topic for two minutes.

The maximum score for Parts I-III is 20.

Your score is...

| 0-13 | 14-17 | 18-20 |
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| We recommend you to spend a lot of time improving your English. Otherwise you are unlikely to do well in your exam. | It's not bad. However, there is a lot you need to work on. Have more practice. Otherwise you may have difficulty in your exam. | Well done. Keep practising and you'll have a good chance of success in your exam. |

Parts IV-V are assessed by your teacher.