Reading Comprehension: (22 pts)

Read the attached text and answer the following questions.

1. Find words in the text that mean the same as: (3 pts)
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Grade 7 / 60 minutes
June 19th, 2017
3. Choose the best title for paragraphs A / B / C. There is ONE title you don’t need. (2 pts)
   - Smart Drones
   - Driverless vehicle
   - Courageous Robot
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Now answer in your OWN words!

4. Why are people amazed by technology? Give two arguments. (3 pts)

5. Will new technological brainwaves make people more or less active? Justify your answer giving 2 examples from the text. (3 pts)

6. According to the text, how can technology be harmful to teens? (2 pts)

7. “Well, is technology such a bad thing?” (L31)
   Answer the question giving two arguments to support your point of view. (5 pts)
Grammar and Vocabulary: (24.5 pts)

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Kristen: Who?

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Kristen: Yes, but it’s .................................. (difficult) deciding what to wear.

That’s impossible! Which dress do you think looks best on me?

2- Complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in brackets using the present perfect or the past simple, (5.5 pts)

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Love!

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3- **Choose the correct answer. (5 pts)**

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4- **Complete the sentences with the words below. There are more words than you need. (6 pts)**

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People now have touch-screen phones, cool appliances, and smart homes. According to recent research, on average, every person possesses three to four electronic devices, all of which are meant to make our life easier and give us access to information and entertainment. Geniuses have come up with fantastic and effective inventions that science fiction movies showed and predicted in the past. The future looks even more promising!

As unbelievable as it may sound, very soon people might be able to fly! Last month the first Flyboard Air came out. Turns out, it’s more real than any hoverboard we’ve seen before, as the cool thing just set the Guinness World Record for the furthest distance traveled on a hovering transporter. According to Guinness, inventor Franky Zapata rode the device a total of 7,388. It seemed like a very easy job for him, making flying look really fun and practical. The Flyboard Air is still a work in progress, though, it doesn’t appear to have much in the way of safety systems for now, which is why Zapata sticks to flying it over water, allowing him to crash safely in the event of a malfunction.

You get in a POD – a small car. You can’t drive, but that’s no problem because the pod doesn’t require a driver. You just relax in the car, play computer games if you want or surf the web. Is this an unusual dream? No. A hundred driverless PODs will soon be on the road in the British town of Milton. With special computer programs and applications, they will drive people around. Each POD can carry two people and travel at a maximum speed of about 19Kph. They will be fashionable, will save time (better than walking) and energy. Designers also claim they’ll be environmentally friendly.

Everybody knows robots will eventually take all our jobs. They’ve already taken over a lot of work in factories; they are replacing drivers, and soon, even lifeguards might be replaced by ones. The EMILY is a robot that actually saves people’s lives in the water. Made by maritime robotics company Hydroniclix, it’s a remote-controlled robot that can swim through strong currents and high waves at speeds of up to 22 mph. That allows it to go a lot faster than any human lifeguard ever could. Each one comes equipped with two-way radios, a video camera that streams to a special application, and onboard lighting for night rescues. It is true that it costs a fortune, yet there are no doubts it’s worth every dollar.

Finally, who knows, in the future, we may have the opportunity to download any app onto our smartphones or purchase a device to do whatever we dream of. Some experts call Teenagers “SCREENagers” because of their addiction to technology – Well, is technology such a bad thing? Aren’t our dreams becoming reality?
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11. Why are people amazed by technology? Give two arguments. (3 pts)

People are amazed by technology because it offers us trendy, practical and fun new devices. Today’s inventions are also like a dream come true. People also have a lot of information about nearly everything because of the development of Technology.
12. Will new technological brainwaves make people more or less active? Justify your answer giving 2 examples from the text. (3 pts)

People will most probably be less active. We’ll be flying using Flyboards or riding/driving PODs instead of walking. People will also use a lot of electronic devices, which means they’ll be stuck to screens instead of pursuing outdoor activities. Robots will also take over many jobs leaving people unemployed or less active.

13. According to the text, how can technology be harmful to teens? (2 pts)

- It can become an addiction.
- It’s a waste of time.
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