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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1A Question-Answer Book

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1 hour

1. Write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1.
2. Answer ALL questions.
3. The reading passages are in a separate booklet. Write your answers clearly and neatly in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. Use a pencil to write your answers. **DO NOT WRITE IN THE MARGINS.**
4. For multiple-choice questions, write the appropriate answer in the box provided. Write only **ONE** answer to each question.
5. **DO NOT** take away the reading passages booklet. It will be collected separately at the end of the examination.
6. Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number and fasten them with string **INSIDE** this Question-Answer Book.

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Part 1

Answer the following questions using information from the Xbox Games Reviews.

Write the letter(s) (A-G) for your selection(s) next to each statement.

1. Which Xbox game lets you play winter sports? 1. ____
2. Which Xbox game places women as the main characters? 2. ____
3. Which Xbox game can a player take down evil spirits? 3. ____
4. Which Xbox game can a player engage in air battles? 4. ____
5. Which Xbox game can a player engage in a "drive & shoot" situation? 5. ____
6. Which two Xbox games are continuations of their previous titles? 6. ____ and ____

Decide whether these statements are **True (T)**, **False (F)** or the information is **Not Given (NG)**.

Write the respective letter next to each statement.

7. One of the battle fields in Blazing Angels is in Europe. 7. ____
8. In Full Auto, you can use a M-16 machine gun to blow your opponent away. 8. ____
9. More than 2 participants can play Rumble Roses via Xbox Live. 9. ____
10. The Amazon jungle is one of the battle environments in Battlefield 2. 10. ____
11. Burnout Revenge is just another name for Burnout 3. 11. ____

12. According to *the Review*, which Xbox game can a shooter play for the great nation of ours?

Text 2

Answer the following questions using information from the article on pages 1-2.

14. From what mentioned in paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT true?
- A. Children are the reason behind the success of the gaming industry
 - B. The industry of computer and video games is a big money business.
 - C. It is not that surprising for the success of the gaming industry.
 - D. Computer and video games are well-liked among the young crowds.

15. According to paragraph 2, what is the latest center of attention focusing by the gaming industries to sell their products?
- A. Graphics and sound
 - B. Prices
 - C. Health and learning
 - D. Variety of titles

16. In line 7, what does 'their' refers to? _____.

17. Look at the word '**irresistible**' in line 6 in paragraph 2. Now look at the dictionary entry for '**irresistible**' below. Which meaning corresponds to the meaning in line 6? Write the correct number in the box provided.

IRRESISTIBLE [C] adj. **1:** impossible to reduce to a desired, simpler, or smaller form or amount: *irreducible burdens*. **2:** easily irritated or annoyed; "a hopeless and irritable young man". **3:** Prone to outbursts of temper; easily angered. **4:** impossible to resist; overpowering.

18. According to paragraph 3, what does the government consider of doing with educational games?

- A. to use them as in eye tests.
- B. to build houses and cities.
- C. to utilize them when making decision.
- D. to include them into regular school subjects.



19. In paragraph 3, which word means 'course outline'?

20. In paragraph 4, what does 'obesity' mean?

Phrases are missing from paragraphs 5-7 . From the seven phrases (A-G) below, choose the four which best complete the blanks (21-24) in the text. Write the letters in the spaces provided.

21. _____

22. _____

23. _____

24. _____

- A. the gamers do have a tendency to become more aggressive
- B. but it also causes a disequilibrium in their daily routine
- C. despite its drawbacks, we can still find ways around it
- D. it could be anything from simple relaxation exercises to physiotherapy
- E. while arithmetic games stimulated brain activity in both the left and right hemispheres of the frontal lobe
- F. but it is not going to affect us in our adult ages
- G. when we have played the games for more than 12 hours straight

25. Check the word below with the closest in meaning of the word 'introvert' in paragraph 6.

- A. bashful
- B. successful
- C. excitement
- D. intuitive

26. An alternative title for the article could be.....

- A. Let's Play More Video Games.
- B. The Goods and Bads of Video Games.
- C. Video Games are Violent.
- D. Stay Away from Video Games.

27. According to the last paragraph, what attitude parents should have towards children playing video games? Give reason(s) for your answer.

Part 3

Answer the following questions using information from the article.

28. According to paragraph 2, why are computer users not safe physically?

29. According to paragraph 1 and 2, which of the following statements are TRUE?

1. Using a LCD monitor can avoid all computer related injuries.
2. Security concern is a major issue in the online community.
3. The more time you spend in front of a computer, the more vulnerable you are to physical risks.
4. Muscle pains are some of the symptoms of RSI.
5. The media are wasting time to track hackers, spammers and stalkers.

- A. 1, 2 and 4
- B. 1, 3 and 5
- C. 2, 3 and 4
- D. 3, 4 and 5

30. In line 7, 'susceptible to' can be best replaced by.....

- A. vulnerable to
- B. important of
- C. escape from
- C. vital to

31. According to paragraph 3, why are computer-related health hazards always overlooked?

32. Find a word in Paragraph 3 that has a similar meaning of 'illness'?

33. According to the author, why is a computer monitor a potential hazard to our health?

- A. Computer monitors can definitely cause radiation.
- B. Tendonitis and carpal tunnel syndrome are not curable.
- C. Health problems are overly exaggerated.
- D. Radiation may cause facial dermatitis, epilepsy and miscarriages and birth defects.

34. Look at the word '**substantial**' in line 19. Now look at the dictionary entry for '**substantial**' below. Which meaning corresponds to the meaning in line 19? Write the correct NUMBER in the box provided.

Sub-stan-tial *adj.*

- 1. Of, relating to, or having substance; material.
- 2. True or real; not imaginary.
- 3. Solidly built; strong, powerful.
- 4. Ample; enough; sustaining.
- 5. Possessing wealth or property; well-to-do

35. According to the author, which area should we pay attention to when purchasing a monitor?

- A. Brightness
- B. Radiation
- C. Lighting

36. What kind of keyboard once should buy for an operator who uses keyboard a lot?

37. What can lead to aches and pains in the wrists in related to mouse use?

- A. Forearms are not correctly placed.
- B. Use of a trackball.
- C. Type without a document holder.

38. In line 33, what does 'awkward' mean?



39. From the information given in paragraph 12, why do you need to set up an alarm in MS Outlook?

- A. Just be sure that you won't forget to close your application.
- B. Just be sure that you won't forget to save a file.
- C. Just be sure that you won't forget to take a break.
- D. Just be sure that you won't forget to do some photocopying.



Below is a summary of the last 8 paragraphs. However, there are some missing words. Read the paragraphs of the article and then fill in each blank with one word only which best completes the sentence, keep the meaning of the original text. Note that the most suitable word may or may not appear in the article. You should also make sure that your answers are grammatically correct.

The design of the place you work should be (40) so that you can work comfortably and efficiently. Pay attention to the monitor you use. Excess level of (41) can really damage your eyes. Don't position your monitor too close to your eyes. Correct brightness, contrast and should be something that you keep in (42) in order to avoid possible glares. Sometimes people tend to work too long to meet dead lines. So make sure that you get up and stretch after one hour of working to avoid spinal (43) and tendonitis. The more frequent you rest, the (44) of a chance you will develop computer related injuries such as carpel tunnel syndrome. These are the tiny little things that we can do to save ourselves a lot of troubles and have a healthy (45) .

40. _____

41. _____

42. _____

43. _____

44. _____

45. _____

The sentences below are possible summaries for the three subtitles of the article. From the six sentences below (A-F), choose the most suitable sentence for each subtitle and write the letter in the space provided.

46. Subtitle I _____

47. Subtitle II _____

48. Subtitle III _____

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| <p>A. No Pains, No Gains.</p> <p>B. Are You Secured, I Mean, Physically?</p> <p>C. No More Computers.</p> <p>D. Why Am I Hurting?</p> <p>E. A Painless Working Environment?</p> <p>F. The Bad Effect of Radiation.</p> |
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49. According to the last paragraph, what does the author mostly want software engineers to do?

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