COMPUTER

VOCABULARY

Internet fraud 网络诈骗

Distance education 远程教育

Tele-education 远程教育

Information age 信息化时代

Information explosion 信息爆炸

Electronic commerce 电子商务

Internet marketing 网络营销

Online shopping 网上购物

Group buying 团购

Telecommuting 远程办公

SYMPTOMS

Eyestrain 眼睛疲劳

Double vision 重影

Blurred vision 视力模糊

Myopia 近视

Dry eye 干眼症

Lumber disc protrusion 腰椎间盘突出症

Sciatic nerve pain 坐骨神经痛

ACCUMULATION

**PORS**

1. Internet shortens the distance between people.

网络缩短了人与人之间的距离。

2. With group buying you go in together and get far better deals.

你可以和大家团购并得到一个好价钱。

3. Wechat business has gradually become one of the dominant business modes and slipped into people’s daily life.

微营销已经逐渐成为主流商业贸易模式之一，悄然进入人们的日常生活。

4. One merit of the internet is easy access to the latest information.

互联网的好处是能够迅速方便地获取最新资讯。

**CONS**

1. Eyestrain and other vision problems can be found in nine out of ten regular computer users.

十有八九的电脑用户都有视觉疲劳和其他视力问题。

2. The most common symptoms are eyestrain, blurred vision, double vision, excessive tears, dry eyes and excessive blinking or squinting.

最常见的症状是视觉疲劳，视力模糊，重影，流泪，干眼症以及频繁挤眼。

5. Computers make it possible for large amounts of sensitive personal information to become available to others.

电脑可能会泄露敏感的个人信息。

6. Many have even lost their entire life savings due to their personal information being leaked on the internet.

很多人丢失了一生的积蓄，就是因为个人信息在网上泄露了。

7. Some information on the Internet is misguiding and cheating.

网上一些信息是误导人和带有欺骗性的。

8. Freedom of speech and involvement of government of the Internet is a controversial issue, but we must protect people from some obscene and harmful material that can be accessed through it.

虽然言论自由和政府对互联网的介入是具有争议性的话题，但是我们必须保护人们在网上接触到一些淫秽和有害的材料。

COMPUTER USE IN THE CLASSROOM



**PROS**

1. Students can use computers to type down information given by their instructors.

学生可以使用电脑记录老师所讲授的内容。

**CONS**

1. Computers are potentially huge time wasters. They are loaded with distractions, especially if you have an internet connection.

电脑是潜在地巨大的浪费时间的东西。电脑有很多的娱乐消遣，尤其有互联网的时候。

2. Games, social networking websites, and news sites can wreak havoc on your productivity.

游戏，社交网站和新闻网站会有损你的工作效率。

COMPUTER GAMES



SimCity 模拟城市



Age of Empires 帝国时代



World of Warcraft 魔兽世界

**PROS**

1. In grade school and secondary school, computers can be used for playing games that are deemed educational for children.

在小学和中学，电脑可以被用来玩被认为是有教育意义的游戏。

2. Teachers usually encourage their students to participate in a variety of PC games that correlate to lessons in school, including areas such as arithmetic, problem solving, history, or language arts.

老师经常鼓励学生玩与课程相关的游戏，比方说算数，解决问题，历史以及语言艺术。

3. Playing PC games could improve children's logical thinking ability and problem solving skills.

玩电脑游戏可以提高孩子们的逻辑思考和问题解决能力。

4. Games such as SimCity and Age of Mythology, which have players building cities and developing war strategies, help develop logical skills and aid in decision-making.

电脑游戏，比方说模拟城市和神话时代，玩家在里面建造城市和发展战争策略，可以帮助开发逻辑能力和决策能力。

**CONS**

1. Overindulgence in computer games lead to obesity and myopia.

过渡沉迷于游戏导致肥胖和近视。

Tele-Education



**PORS**

1. Tele-education opens up vocational options for people who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to attend conventional training centers.

远程教育为那些由于各种原因无法进入传统课堂的人开启更多的职业选择。

2. Tele-education caters to the special needs of people with disability, for there are no physical barriers because there is no need to travel.

远程教育迎合残疾人的特殊需求，因为无需行走，因此没有任何身体方面的限制。

3. Tele-education let the lower socio-economic groups have the same access.

远程教育能够使社会经济底层人员获得相同的教育资源。

4. For teachers, distance education is like telework in that it can provide a flexible work environment and offer reductions in commuting time, as well as with food and transportation costs. This can help overworked teachers to balance their work and personal lives, and can help them become more productive.

对于老师来讲，远程教育就像远程工作，它可以提供更加灵活的工作环境，减少上下班往返时间，也会减少饮食和交通成本。远程教育帮助工作过度的老师们平衡工作和生活，帮助他们提高工作效率。

**CONS**

1. Face-to-face contact can never be replaced. In traditional classroom, students and teachers can communicate directly and freely.

面对面地交流是无法被取代的。在传统课堂里，师生可以更加直接地，自由地交流。

2. Tele-education may lead to some side-effects such as psychological problems like isolation, selfishness, self-centeredness, introversion, egoism, stubbornness.

远程教育可能导致一些副作用，比方说孤独，自私，自我为中心，内向，自我，倔强。

3. The child is deprived of socializing with his/her peers on a daily basis.

孩子被剥夺了每日与同龄人的社交活动。

4. Face-to-face interaction in school is an important aspect of student social development. Whether with telework or distance education, humans are social beings, and reduced levels of social interaction with their peers can lead to feelings of isolation.

学校里面对面地交流是学生社交活动的重要一环。不管是远程工作还是远程教育，人们是社会动物，缺乏与同伴的交流会导致孤独感。

5. Learning at home encourages children to live an indolent life with lax discipline.

在家中学习只能促使孩子过着没有规律的懒散生活。

TOEFL SPEAKING INDEPENDENT TASKS

TASK ONE

***1. What are some important effects of the worldwide availability of Internet on modern people’s life? Use specific details and examples to support your response.-112***

**Sample Answer:**

The worldwide availability of Internet has some important effects on modern people’s life. I want to talk about two of them.

First, in terms of business, Internet has significantly changed the business modes. Along with the rapid development of network technique, lots of high-tech inventions have come into being such as WeChat, FaceBook and Skype. Today, WeChat business has gradually become one of the dominant business modes and slipped into people’s daily life.

And as far as education is concerned, Tele-education let the lower socio-economic groups have the same access and opens up vocational options for people who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to attend conventional training centers. (110)

***2. Some schools prohibit students from bringing laptop computers to the classroom. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of this statement.-158***

**Sample Answer:**

Well, prohibiting students from bringing laptop computers to the classroom has both advantages and disadvantages.

To begin with advantages, laptop computer is a strong study aid. Students can type down information given by their instructors more quickly and efficiently. And in grade school and secondary school, computers in class can be used for playing PC games that are deemed educational for children.

As to disadvantages, it is also obvious. For the students without self-discipline, computers are potentially huge time wasters. They are loaded with distractions, especially if they have an internet connection. Games, social networking websites, and news sites can wreak havoc on students’ productivity. (105)

***3. Do you think computers are useful for students?-164***

***Sample Answer:***

Generally, I think computers are useful for students.

In grade school or secondary school, computers can be used for playing games that are deemed educational for children or correlate to lessons like arithmetic, problem-solving or language arts.

In high school, students can use computers to type down information given by their instructors more quickly and efficiently which can improve their study efficiency.

And plus, computers play a more important role in college. Students use computers to search for information on the Internet, write papers and send e-mails.

But every coin has two sides. For those who lack self-discipline, computers are potentially huge time wasters. (104)

***4. What are the benefits of shopping online?-169***

**Sample Answer:**

Shopping online has a number of benefits. I want to talk about two of them.

First, online shopping is very economical. Since economic commerce is based mainly on B to C business mode with the least amount of additional costs, so the prices of online goods are comparatively lower than the ones in traditional stores. And with group buying, a very common way of online purchase, people can go in together and get far better deals.

Second, online shopping is convenient. You don’t need to drive far to the marketplace on weekends and move amongst the crowed breathing foul air. With online shopping, you only need to move your finger. (110)

***5. In your opinion, what is the most important invention in your life? Computer, television or telephone? Use specific reasons and examples from your experience to explain your answer.-74***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally, I think computer is the most important invention in my life.

First, in terms of business, computer has significantly changed the business modes. Along with the rapid development of network technique, lots of high-tech inventions have come into being such as WeChat, FaceBook and Skype. Today, WeChat business has gradually become one of the dominant business modes and slipped into people’s daily life.

And as far as education is concerned, Tele-education let the lower socio-economic groups have the same access and opens up vocational options for people who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to attend conventional training centers. (101)

***6. There are lots of inventions during a century. Describe one invention that significantly changed your life.-95***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally, I think Internet has significantly changed our life in the last 100 years.

First, in terms of business, Internet has changed the business modes. Along with the rapid development of network technique, lots of high-tech inventions have come into being such as WeChat, FaceBook and Skype. Today, WeChat business has gradually become one of the dominant business modes and slipped into people’s daily life.

And as far as education is concerned, Tele-education let the lower socio-economic groups have the same access and opens up vocational options for people who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to attend conventional training centers. (102)

***7. What is one invention that has made your life easier? Explain why this tool or equipment is important to you.-26***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally, I think Internet has made my life easier.

First, it is more convenient to make purchase on the Internet. I don’t need to drive far to the marketplace on weekends and move amongst the crowed breathing foul air. With online shopping, I only need to click on the keyboard and wait for my package.

Second, Internet has made Tele-education and telecommuting available. I can comfortably lean back in my chair sipping a hot coffee and doing my work. Peak hours, traffic jam or bad weathers are no longer bothers. And I can make more time to take various online courses to arm myself with more practical skills. (108)

TASK TWO

***1. Do you agree or disagree that schools should require all their students to have a laptop computer?-104***

**Sample Answer:**

I partially agree with the statement that schools should require students to have a laptop.

Undoubtedly, computer is a strong study aid. Students can type down information given by their instructors more quickly and efficiently. And in grade school and secondary school, computers can be used for playing PC games that are deemed educational for children. And plus, computers play a more important role in college. Students use computers to search for information on the Internet, write papers and send e-mails.

But every coin has two sides. For those who lack self-discipline, computers are potentially huge time wasters. Games, social networking websites, and news sites can wreak havoc on your productivity. (111)

***2. Nowadays many people find their social network on the Internet. Do you think it is a positive trend?-161***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally, I deem it negative to find one’s social network on the Internet.

It is undeniable that Internet serves a more convenient network platform for us to contact with each other. But, to find social network on the Internet is not a wise choice, since friendship is built on trust and honesty without which the relationship could be dangerous.

Look, have you ever heard about that many lost their entire life savings due to their personal information being leaked on the internet; and young girls who met with their net friends were raped by turns; or many young people got caught in illegal pyramid selling organization? (106)

***3. Do you agree or disagree that it is important to teach primary school students how to use computer properly?-196***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally, I agree with the statement. My reasons are listed below.

On one hand, computer is a strong study aid. It can be used for playing PC games that are deemed educational for children, such as SimCity, which helps develop logical thinking skill and decision making ability.

On the other hand, for their health’s sake, primary students must know how to use computers properly. For example, they have to have a break and do some exercise every 45 minutes or prolonged exposure to computer monitors will lead to a host of visual problems like myopia, blurred vision or double vision. (100)

***4. Do you agree or disagree that on-line courses will replace in-class courses.-213***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally, I disagree with the statement. My reasons are listed below.

First, speaking from regional differences, in poor and backward countries or regions, Internet is not accessible. People living in there are suffering from poverty and hunger. How can we talk about online education when subsistence is still the main problem?

Besides, even in the areas where Internet is available, in-class courses will never be replaced with online courses, because, face-to-face interaction in school is an important aspect of student social development. Humans are social beings, and reduced levels of social interaction with their peers can lead to some side-effects such as psychological problems like isolation, selfishness, self-centeredness, introversion, egoism, stubbornness. (111)

***5. More and more people are buying items on the Internet and from magazines or catalogs. Other people prefer shopping in a store. Which do you prefer and why?-TPO19***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally, I prefer online shopping. My reasons are listed below.

First, online shopping is very economical. Since economic commerce is based mainly on B to C business mode with the least amount of additional costs, so the prices of online goods are comparatively lower than the ones in traditional stores. And with group buying, a very common way of online purchase, people can go in together and get far better deals.

Second, online shopping is convenient. You don’t need to drive far to the marketplace on weekends and move amongst the crowed breathing foul air. With online shopping, you only need to move your finger. (105)

***6. One line education or in-class education, which do you prefer?-220***

**Sample Answer:**