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CHỦ ĐIỂM 1: BUSINESS

Vocabulary:

1. **bombard** (v): oanh tạc, dồn dập tấn công (dung cả nghĩa đen & nghĩa bóng)
2. **conglomerate** (n): tập đoàn
3. **consume** (v) – **consumption** (n): tiêu dùng, tiêu thụ
4. **dominate** (v): chi phối, khống chế
5. **endorse** (v): ủng hộ, tán thành
6. **exaggerate** (v): phóng đại
7. **fallacy** (n): ngụy biện, sai lầm
8. **gain popularity** (collocation): trở nên phổ biến, thu hút sự chú ý
9. **merchandise** (n): hàng hóa, thương phẩm
10. **obsolete** (adj): lỗi thời
11. **predecessor** (n): tiền nhiệm
12. **processor** (n): bộ vi xử lý
13. **revolutionary** (adj): mang tính cách mạng, đột phá
14. **saturate** (v): bão hòa
15. **tuberculosis** (n): bệnh lao

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Exercises:

Task 1: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

1. The troops _____ the city, killing and injuring hundreds.
2. It is a common _____ that women are worse drivers than men.
3. Gas lamps became _____ when electric lighting was invented.
4. Since the US market has now been _____, drug dealers are looking to Europe.
5. He has _____ the whole event to make it sound rather more dramatic than it actually was.

Task 2: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Nhiều người đã bị bắt giữ vì tham gia vào các hoạt động cách mạng.

2. Các tập đoàn tài chính chi phối nền kinh tế quốc gia, làm ảnh hưởng đến kế hoạch chi tiêu của chính phủ.

3. Lao phổi là căn bệnh có thể gây chết người nếu không được chữa trị đúng cách.

4. Với sự giúp đỡ của một loạt các mạng xã hội, rất dễ dàng để các bạn trẻ thu hút được sự chú ý từ cộng đồng mạng.

5. Mỗi nhà lãnh đạo mới đều đổ lỗi cho người tiền nhiệm vì những lỗi lầm trong quá khứ.

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Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

bombard (v)	gain popularity (collocation)
conglomerate (n)	merchandise (n)
consume (v) – consumption (n)	obsolete (adj)
dominate (v)	predecessor (n)
endorse (v)	processor (n)
exaggerate (v)	revolutionary (adj)
fallacy (n)	saturate (v)
	tuberculosis (n)

Some people say that advertising encourages us to buy things that we really do not need. Others say that advertisements tell us about new products that may improve our lives.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Recently, commercial advertisements have 1_____ a variety of television channels, newspapers, magazines and websites. While some claim that this trend helps popularise new goods that enhance people's living standards, the main result is the unnecessary 2_____ of goods by the public.

There is a common 3_____ that advertising is an important means to introduce new and invaluable products to the public. People may argue that in the past, a number of world-changing products 4_____ thanks to advertising, such as the success story of electronic cigarette advertisements in the early 2000s, which were believed to have saved millions from 5_____ and lung cancer. However, in more recent years, the market has become 6_____, leaving very little chance that one can invent a 7_____ product that changes people's life. Even when there are such life-changing inventions, it is still very unlikely that they can reach their potential customers through advertising channels, because these channels tend to be owned, controlled or 8_____ by 9_____, who have no top 10_____ other than promoting their own 11_____.

I believe the main purpose of most advertisements is to persuade customers to make a purchase regardless of their true needs. To meet sales targets, large companies often 12_____ the usefulness of a small feature of their products when advertising. For example, the latest Samsung mobile phone seems no different from its 13_____, except for a slightly faster 14_____, but Samsung marketers are skilful enough to convince customers that their older phones are 15_____, and that these devices

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must be upgraded to the latest version. Some other companies, including Unilever, have hired celebrities to 16_____ their products, so as to appeal to customers who are fans of these famous people. All these advertising techniques may promote sales, but are far less likely to encouraging customers to purchase the goods they truly need.

In conclusion, advertising has been used as an important selling tool for many businesses, whose primary goal is profit, rather than meeting customers' needs.

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Key:

Task 1:

1. bombarded
2. fallacy
3. obsolete
4. saturated
5. exaggerated

Task 2: Answers may vary

1. Many people were arrested for taking part in revolutionary activities.
2. Financial conglomerates have dominated the national economy, influencing the governmental spending plans.
3. Tuberculosis can be fatal if not properly treated.
4. With the aid of a variety of social networks, it is easy for young people to gain popularity from netizens.
5. Each new leader would blame their predecessor for all the evils of the past.

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CHỦ ĐỀ 2: CRIME

Vocabulary:

1. **carry out** (phr.v): thực hiện
2. **deter** (v): cản trở, làm nhụt chí, ngăn chặn
3. **empathy** (n): đồng cảm, thấu cảm
4. **equip sb with** (collocation): trang bị cho ai điều gì
5. **have the intention of** (collocation): có ý định làm gì
6. **instil** (v): vun đắp
7. **offender** (n): người phạm lỗi, phạm nhân
8. **preventive** (adj): phòng chống, ngăn ngừa
9. **prospect** (n): triển vọng
10. **ripple** (adj): hiệu ứng dây chuyền, lan tràn
11. **ripple** (n): lan tràn của một tiếng động hoặc cảm giác
12. **self-worth** (n): giá trị bản thân
13. **to earn a living** (collocation): kiếm sống
14. **undeniably** (adv): chắc chắn, hiển nhiên, không thể chối cãi

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Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. high price / deter / young people / buy / house.

2. offender / need / more / empathy / surround / people / after / leave / prison

3. when / she / hear / news / her best friend's wedding / ripple / excitement / flow up / her spine.

4. it / part / a teacher / job / instil / confidence / their students.

5. There / not / many / prospect / that / the war / will / over / soon.

6. police / carry out / thorough search / premises / but / fail / find / any drugs.

7. sometimes / when / it / hard / earn a living / we / seem / doubt / self-worth.

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8. past / ten years / preventive / measure / radically / reduce / level / tooth decay / children.

9. All / police / equip / shields / defend / themselves / rioters.

10. I / have / no intention / change / my plans / just / fit in / his.

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Task 2: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

carry out (phr.v)	offender (n)
deter (v)	preventive (adj)
empathy (n)	prospect (n)
equip sb with (collocation)	ripple (adj)
have the intention of (collocation)	ripple (n)
instil (v)	self-worth (n)
undeniably (adv):	to earn a living (collocation)

Studies show that criminals get a low level of education. Some people believe that the best way to reduce crime is educating people in prison so they can get a job after leaving prison. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Educating 1_____ during imprisonment as a method of reducing the future crime rates is major topic of concern in today's society. While I agree that such a solution is effective in reducing crime, I am convinced that it is far from being the best method and there are many better ways of reducing crime.

I accept that education for prisoners may contribute to the reduction of crime. The primary reason is that such a form of education could provide offenders with the working skills that are essential when they return to the community. With improved job 2_____, prisoners may therefore 3 _____ after leaving prison and are less likely to commit a crime again. Another significant reason is that education could 4 _____ a sense of value and 5 _____ in offenders. As a consequence, they may demonstrate more 6 _____ towards others in the wider community, and become better citizens after their prison years. This may even have 7 _____ effect on others around them to live without crime.

However, I am firmly of the opinion that education for offenders is not the best solution to reduce crime. This form of education is offered only to those who have committed a crime, and therefore has far less 8 _____ value, compared to other stronger solutions. For example, severe punishments such as longer imprisonment for criminals could 9 _____ criminal acts by other members of the public who 10 _____ a

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crime. There are also other educational methods that may have a stronger and more long-lasting impact on the reduction of crime. An excellent example of this is crime education at school, which helps _____ the necessary knowledge about crime and crime prevention. This measure is _____ a more sustainable crime-fighting solution than education for criminals.

To conclude, I firmly believe that although educating prisoners is an effective way to reduce crime, it is not the best solution, as there are more preventive and sustainable measures such as crime education at school and stricter punishments for criminals.

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Key:

Task 1:

1. High prices are deterring many young people from buying houses.
2. Offenders need more empathy from surrounding people after leaving prison.
3. When she heard the news of her best friend's wedding, a ripple of excitement flowed up her spine.
4. It is part of a teacher's job to instil confidence into their students.
5. There's not much prospect that the war will be over soon.
6. The police carried out a thorough search of the premises, but failed to find any drugs.
7. Sometimes when it is hard to earn a living, we seem to doubt our self-worth.
8. In the past ten years, preventive measures have radically reduced levels of tooth decay in children.
9. All the police officers were equipped with shields to defend themselves against the rioters.
10. I have no intention of changing my plans just to fit in with his.

Task 2:

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CHỦ ĐIỂM 3: CULTURE AND TOURISM

Vocabulary:

1. **antagonise** (v) – **antagonistic** (adj): phản kháng, chống đối
2. **benefit from** (collocation): hưởng lợi từ việc gì
3. **dishonour** (v) – **dishonoured** (PP): hổ thẹn, tổn thương đến danh dự
4. **disparate** (v): khác nhau, khác loại
5. **emerge** (v): xuất hiện
6. **fortify** (v): củng cố, làm cho vững chắc
7. **hostile** (adj) – **hostility** (n): chống đối, không thân thiện
8. **perceive** (v) – **perception** (n): nhìn nhận, nhận thức
9. **prevail** (v): trở nên phổ biến, giành được quyền kiểm soát
10. **prosperous** (adj): giàu có, thành công, thịnh vượng
11. **social cohesion** (np): gắn kết xã hội

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Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. two / culture / so / utterly disparate / she / found / hard / adapt / one / to / other.

2. he / take / deep breath / fortify / himself / before / step / the stage.

3. Japanese samurai / commit suicide / self-disembowel / when / they / felt / dishonour.

4. story / be / perceive / different / different angles.

5. it / believe / that / little / drizzle / grand opening day / will / bring / company / lot / luck / and / prosperous future.

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Task 2: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Sự tôn trọng lẫn nhau là điều phổ biến giữa học sinh và giáo viên tại ngôi trường này.
2. Nhân chứng khai với cảnh sát rằng, có hai người đàn ông xuất hiện từ con hẻm cạnh tòa nhà sau khi tiếng súng đầu tiên phát nổ.
3. Sẽ là vô ích khi chống đối một kẻ say.
4. Điều làm nên sự khác biệt giữa các quốc gia là sự gắn kết xã hội trong mỗi quốc gia đó.
5. Đã có phản ứng chống đối từ người dân đối với đề xuất tăng giá thuế của chính phủ.

Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

antagonise (v) – antagonistic (adj)	hostile (adj) – hostility (n)
benefit from (collocation)	perceive (v) – perception (n)
dishonour (v) – dishonoured (PP)	prevail (v)
disparate (v)	prosperous (adj)
emerge (v)	social cohesion (np)
fortify (v)	

Many people believe that international tourism is a bad thing for their country. What are the reasons? Solutions to change negative attitudes?

In recent years, international tourism has become a growing trend in many 1_____ parts of the world. However, a 2_____ attitude towards this trend has 3_____ amongst local people. Some explanations for this social problem will be put forward, before some possible solutions are proposed.

There are two significant reasons as to why 4_____ is felt by local residents against international tourism. One significant factor could be the threat that this industry poses to 5_____ in the local community. In other words, a group of people may 6_____ providing services for foreign tourists, and become more 7_____ than the rest, who are mostly fishermen and farmers. As such an income gap is created, people of lower levels of earnings may feel disadvantaged, and a negative attitude towards foreign travellers may 8_____. In addition, foreign visitors may unintentionally 9_____ the locals because of the cultural differences between these two groups of people. An example of this is that a Japanese waiter in a local restaurant may feel 10_____ if an American tourist leaves him a tip, a very common and well-appreciated practice in the US and other countries.

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Some measures can be implemented to change the 11_____attitude of locals towards international tourism. The first important solution is that the authorities may introduce new taxation schemes on tourism-related services, and use this tax money to invest in other industries. In this way, all residents can equally benefit from the rise of international tourism, and social balance in the area is maintained. Besides, there should be free-of-charge cultural-exchange programmes for all people. If such programmes were held, mutual cultural understandings between the locals and the visitors would be 12_____, and the problem of cultural differences could be mitigated.

To conclude, the fact that local citizens may 13_____international travel as an adverse trend could be ascribed to cultural misunderstandings and the loss of social cohesion in the area. This negative perception can be properly addressed by a new tax on services for tourists and cultural-exchange activities.

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Key:

Task 1:

1. The two cultures were so utterly disparate that she found it hard to adapt from one to the other.
2. He took a deep breath to fortify himself before stepping onto the stage.
3. Japanese samurai would commit suicide by self-disembowelling when they felt dishonoured.
4. A story could be perceived differently from different angles.
5. It is believed that a little drizzle on the grand opening day will bring the company a lot of luck and a prosperous future.

Task 2: Answers may vary

1. Mutual respect prevails among students and teachers at this school.
2. The witness reported to the police that, there were two men who emerged from the alley beside the building after the first shot was fired.
3. It is no point antagonising a drunk.
4. What makes the difference among countries is the social cohesion within each country.
5. There has been a hostile reaction from the citizens to the government's proposed tax increases.

Task 3:

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CHỦ ĐIỂM 4: CHILDREN

Vocabulary:

1. **activate** (v): khởi động, kích hoạt
2. **addictive** (adj): gây nghiện / addict (v/n): gây nghiện, nghiện nghiện
3. **appeal** (v) – appeal to (collocation): có sức hấp dẫn với ai
4. **ascribe** (v) – ascribe sth to sth/sb: quy cái gì cho ai đó, đổ tại cho ai đó
5. **excessive** (adj): quá mức, thái quá
6. **feasible** (adj): khả thi
7. **remedy** (n): phương thuốc, cách điều trị, cách giải quyết
8. **sedentary** (adj): (lối sống) ít hoạt động
9. **stimulate** (v) – stimulating (adj): kích thích, khuyến khích
10. **tackle** (v): giải quyết (vấn đề nào đó)
11. **vivid** (adj): sinh động

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Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. there / great deal / indecision / over / how / tackle / problem.

2. win / grand award / the group / ascribe / success / company's training / hard work / and / fans' support.

3. it / believe / human brain / capability / limitless / but / question / is / how / fully / activate / it.

4. it / difficult / design / programme / appeal / 16 to 25-year-olds / since / age range / too broad.

5. build / more roads / not / always / best / remedy / traffic congestion.

Task 2: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Để phòng tránh các vấn đề sức khỏe gây ra bởi lối sống trì trệ ít vận động, mọi người được khuyên chơi ít nhất một môn thể thao thường xuyên.

2. Một số dấu hiệu của bệnh là sốt cao, buồn nôn và ra nhiều mồ hôi.

3. Một điều đáng chú ý khi dạy ở bậc đại học là, sinh viên có thể yêu thích các hoạt động mang tính kích thích trí tuệ hơn học sinh cấp dưới.

4. Cô ấy có một tài năng là ghi nhớ sống động từng chi tiết các giấc mơ của mình.

5. Sau khi được giáo viên hướng dẫn phản hồi, luận văn của tôi có vẻ khả thi hơn.

Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

activate (v)	feasible (adj)
addictive (adj)	remedy (n)
addict (v/n)	sedentary (adj)
appeal (v) – appeal to (collocation)	stimulate (v) – stimulating (adj)
ascribe (v) – ascribe sth to sth/sb	tackle (v)
excessive (adj)	vivid (adj)

Studies have suggested that children watch much more television than they did in the past and spend less time on active or creative things. What are the reasons and what measures should be taken to encourage children to spend more time on active or creative things?

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It is now a norm that children watch an 1 _____ amount of television and not engaging much in active or creative activities. This trend can be 2 _____ to a number of factors and it must be addressed by definite actions.

Reasons for the trend vary. The primary reason is that children's television programmes are being broadcast all day with 3 _____ content, such as 4 _____ and colourful animation. Cartoon Network and Disney Channel with their day-long series of animation shows are an evident example of this. Another clear reason is that parents nowadays are busy with their work, so they want children to focus on an activity that does not require much of their attention, such as watching television. These two reasons tend to make children spend more time in front of the television screen; this 5 _____ lifestyle prevents them from participating in active or creative activities.

A number of strong measures should be implemented to 6 _____ the issue. The first solution is limiting the amount of time that a child can watch television. This could be done by 7 _____ the parental control mode and setting a fixed operating time limit on their television set. Another 8 _____ solution is that parents could spend more time with their children and together they could engage in outdoor or creative activities. For example, parents could form a family sport team that practices on a regular basis, which may 9 _____ to children more than television.

To conclude, there are obvious reasons why children watch too much television and spend little time on more 10 _____ activities. This negative trend could be tackled by a number of 11 _____, such as activating the parental control mode on television sets.

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Key:

Task 1:

1. There is a great deal of indecision over how to tackle the problem.
2. Winning the grand award, the group ascribed their success to the company's training, their hard work, and their fans' support.
3. It is believed that human brain's capability is limitless, but the question is how to fully activate it.
4. It is difficult to design a programme that appeal to 16 to 25-year-olds since the age range is too broad.
5. Building more roads isn't always the best remedy for traffic congestion.

Task 2: Answers may vary

1. To prevent health problems caused by sedentary lifestyles, it is advised to play a least one sport on a regular basis.
2. Some symptoms of the disease are high fever, nausea, and excessive sweating.
3. One note when teaching at university is, the students may favour more intellectually stimulating activities than high schoolers do.
4. She has a talent for remembering her dreams in vivid details.
5. After receiving feedbacks from the supervisor, my graduation thesis looks more feasible to conduct.

Task 3:

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CHỦ ĐIỂM 5: EDUCATION

Vocabulary:

1. **(an) open discussion(s)** (np): cuộc thảo luận mở
2. **better** (v): cải thiện
3. **detrimentally** (adv): bất lợi
4. **discipline – indiscipline** (n): kỉ luật – vô kỉ luật
5. **educational quality** (np): chất lượng giáo dục
6. **exacerbate** (v): làm trầm trọng thêm
7. **imitate** (v): bắt chước
8. **initial instability** (np): những bất ổn ban đầu
9. **lose one's temper** (collocation): mất bình tĩnh, nổi nóng
10. **pedagogical skills** (np): kĩ năng sư phạm
11. **proactive** (adj): chủ động
12. **sense of n/Ving** (collocation): cảm giác, ý thức
13. **student – centred teaching**: cách giảng dạy lấy người học làm trung tâm
14. **two-way communication**: giao tiếp hai chiều (giáo viên <--> học sinh)
15. **undermine** (v): làm tổn hại, gây ảnh hưởng
16. **undoubtedly** (adv): rõ ràng, chắc chắn

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Exercises:

Task 1: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Điều quyết định một nơi làm việc lý tưởng là “cảm giác thuộc về”.

2. Mặc dù có những bất ổn ban đầu, sự thay đổi về chương trình giảng dạy đã làm nâng cao chất lượng giáo dục và cải thiện kỹ năng sư phạm của giáo viên.

3. Cách giảng dạy lấy người học làm trung tâm, sử dụng giao tiếp hai chiều và các cuộc thảo luận mở giúp học sinh chủ động hơn trong việc học và thúc đẩy giáo viên tạo ra nhiều bài giảng thú vị hơn.

4. Kỷ luật chắc chắn là điều không thể thiếu trong giáo dục chính thống.

5. Việc nhập cư vào nước Mỹ bị ảnh hưởng bất lợi kể từ khi ông Donald Trump đắc cử tổng thống.

Task 2: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

1. The exorbitant cost of land in urban areas only the problem. (exorbitant: đắt cắt cổ)

2. characters in movies can be an effective way of practicing speaking.

3. A hurried decision can years of hard work.

4. After a long day at work, I and yelled at my customers.

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5. Recent student violence statistics worry public about in schools.

Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

(an) open discussion(s) (np)	lose one's temper (collocation)
better (v)	pedagogical skills (np)
detrimentally (adv)	proactive (adj)
discipline – indiscipline (n)	sense of n/Ving (collocation)
educational quality (np)	student – centred teaching
exacerbate (v)	two-way communication
imitate (v)	undermine (v)
initial instability (np)	undoubtedly (adv)

Many people argue that in order to improve educational quality, high school students are encouraged to make comments or even criticism on their teachers. Others think it will lead to loss of respect and discipline in the classroom. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

In recent decades, whether high school students should be free to evaluate and criticise their educators has evolved into a major topic of concern. While some people think that disrespect and 1 _____ are an unavoidable outcome of this approach, there are stronger reasons why it would result in increased 2 _____.

On the one hand, there is a common belief that enabling students to judge teachers may 3 _____ students' 4 _____ respect and 5 _____. This is primarily because some high school students are generally immature and inexperienced. Therefore, some of them tend to 6 _____ and overreact each time they are disciplined by teachers. The problem can be further 7 _____ when all the students see their peers criticising the teachers. They may think of such action as the right way to behave and start to 8 _____ it. As a result, respect for the teacher may be lost and the classroom learning environment may be 9 _____ affected.

On the other hand, I side with those who believe that giving students the total freedom in expressing their thoughts and feelings towards teachers may enhance educational quality. To explain, many countries are promoting 10 _____ with 11 _____, where 12 _____ between teachers and students on any topic, including teaching

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methodology and the effectiveness of the teaching programmes, are encouraged. This approach has a clear advantage of making students become 13_____ in studying. It also provides teachers with a chance to 14_____ their 15_____ by receiving feedback from students. In this way, both the learners and the educators can achieve higher academically.

In conclusion, the educational method of encouraging high school students to judge their teachers will 16_____ lead to enhanced academic achievements, despite the possibility that some classes may experience some 17_____ in the form of disrespect or lack of discipline.

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Key:

Task 1: Answers may vary

1. The key that decides an ideal workplace is the sense of belonging.
2. Despite initial instability, the changes in curriculum have enhanced educational quality and bettered teachers' pedagogical skills.
3. Student – centred teaching using two-way communication and open discussions have helped students to be more proactive in learning and motivated teachers to create more exciting lessons.
4. Discipline is undoubtedly unavoidable in formal schooling.
5. Immigrating to America has been detrimentally affected since Donald Trump was elected President.

Task 2: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

1. exacerbated
2. Imitating
3. undermine
4. lost my temper
5. Indiscipline

Task 3:

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CHỦ ĐIỂM 6: ENVIRONMENT

Vocabulary:

1. **catalyst** (n): chất xúc tác
2. **collaboration – cooperation** (n): hợp tác
3. **deforestation** (n): nạn phá rừng
4. **degradation** (n): suy thoái
5. **fumes** (n): khói, khí độc hại
6. **global scale/global level** (np): quy mô toàn cầu
7. **insignificant** (adj): không đáng kể
8. **interconnect** (v): nối liền với nhau
9. **legislation** (n): lập pháp
10. **petition** (n): kiến nghị
11. **play a/an (adj) role in (collocation)**: có vai trò trong việc gì
12. **precursor** (n): tiền đề
13. **reforest** (v): phục hồi rừng, phủ xanh
14. **underestimate** (v): đánh giá thấp
15. **upper-course** (adj): thượng nguồn
16. **with regard to** (collocation): về việc

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Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. problem / poverty / unemployment / all / interconnect.

2. upper course / river / often / in / steep / mountain area / which / make / section / river / flow / fast.

3. Cooperation / nations / precursor / effective / environment / solution.

4. High / suicide rate / act / catalyst / change / prison system.

5. There / need / careful plan / reforest / spoiled / areas.

6. Several / government / adopt / tough / new / anti-terrorist / legislation / the wake of / attacks.

7. problem / environment / degradation / go / beyond / nation / scale. Interconnect / collaboration / countries / play a significant role / find / solution.

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8. He / miscalculate / bad / when / he / underestimate / response / international community / invasion.

9. petition / sign / against / propose / closure / local hospital.

10.

Some / people / not / stand / petrol / fumes.

Task 2: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

catalyst	–	legislation
collaboration		petition
cooperation		play a/an (adj) role in
deforestation		precursor
degradation		reforest
fumes		underestimate
global scale/global level		upper-course
insignificant		with regard to
interconnect		

Some people think that environmental problems are too big for individuals to solve. Others believe individuals can also do some things to solve these problems.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Some vast environmental problems, such as global warming and 1 **deforestation**, occur on a 2 **global scale**. Consequently, some people believe the job of addressing these problems is 3

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beyond the capability of individuals. However, I contend that the effort of each individual is 4 **indispensable**.

There is a common belief that an individual's actions are 5 **insignificant with regard to** large-scale environmental issues. Because environmental problems in different geographical regions are 6 **interconnected**, 7 **collaboration** at national and international level, not merely an individual's effort, is essential for a comprehensive solution. For example, deforestation in the 8 **upper-course** area of the Red River in Tibet, China, is the 9 **precursor** to the 10 **degradation** of soil and water quality in the Red River Delta, Vietnam. In this case, the Vietnamese and Chinese governments must cooperate to 11 **reforest** the aforementioned area in Tibet. There are also 12 **global-level** problems such as climate change, which require every single country to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. Intergovernmental 13 **cooperation** must always 14 **play a central role** in the resolution of such vast problems.

However, I believe one should not 15 **underestimate** the importance of the efforts of individuals in preserving the environment. The first reason is that being voters, individuals can be a 16 **catalyst** for the 17 **legislation** of environmental protection. For instance, a 18 **petition** signed by 10,000 Vietnamese in 2005 has fostered the legislation process of a new law that makes cutting down trees lining city streets illegal. Furthermore, one's action can be small, but it can be seen by hundreds, whose actions can be recognised by thousands. As a result of this domino effect, a great number of people can be inspired to help protect the environment. Finally, individuals can also purchase environmentally-friendly products, such as electric vehicles, because these means of transport may considerably mitigate the negative impact of traffic 19 **fumes** on the atmosphere.

In brief, besides intergovernmental cooperation, individuals' efforts to preserve the environment are indispensable.

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Key:

Task 1

1. The problems of poverty and unemployment are all interconnected.
2. The upper course of a river is often in steep mountain areas, which makes this section of the river flow fast.
3. Cooperation among nations is the precursor to effective environmental solutions.
4. The high suicide rate acted as a catalyst for changes in the prison system.
5. There needs to be a careful plan to reforest those spoiled areas.
6. Several governments have adopted tough new anti-terrorist legislation in the wake of the attacks.
7. The problems of environmental degradation have gone beyond national scale. Interconnected collaboration among countries play a significant role in finding the solutions.
8. He miscalculated badly when he underestimated the response of the international community to the invasion.
9. A petition was signed against the proposed closure of the local hospital.
10. Some people can't stand petrol fumes.

Task 2

Some vast environmental problems, such as global warming and 1 **deforestation**, occur on a 2 **global scale**. Consequently, some people believe the job of addressing these problems is 3 **beyond** the capability of individuals. However, I contend that the effort of each individual is 3 **indispensable**.

There is a common belief that an individual's actions are 4 **insignificant with regard to** large-scale environmental issues. Because environmental problems in different geographical regions are 5 **interconnected**, 6 **collaboration** at national and international level, not merely an individual's effort, is essential for a comprehensive solution. For example, deforestation in the 7 **upper-course** area of the Red River in Tibet, China, is the 8 **precursor** to the 9 **degradation** of soil and water quality in the Red River Delta, Vietnam. In this case, the Vietnamese and Chinese governments must cooperate to 10 **reforest** the aforementioned area in Tibet. There are also 11

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CHỦ ĐIỂM 7: GOVERNMENTS

Vocabulary:

1. **Aid** (n): sự trợ giúp
2. **Compelling** (adj): thuyết phục
3. **Cost – effective** (adj): hiệu quả kinh tế, hiệu quả chi phí
4. **Deprived** (adj): thiếu thốn
5. **Digital technology** (np): công nghệ kỹ thuật số
6. **Financial assistance** (np): hỗ trợ tài chính
7. **Financial resources** (np): nguồn lực tài chính
8. **Governmental budget/ allowance/ spending** (np): ngân sách chính phủ / trợ cấp chính phủ / chi tiêu chính phủ
9. **Inadequate** (adj): không thỏa đáng
10. **Money – wasting** (adj): lãng phí tiền bạc
11. **Precursor** (n): tiền thân
12. **Promote** (v): khuyến khích, thúc đẩy, ủng hộ
13. **Recompense** (n): phần thưởng, đền bù
14. **Stimulate** (v): kích thích
15. **Sustainable** (adj): bền vững
16. **Take a (giant) leap** (collocation): thực hiện bước nhảy vọt, tiến một bước dài
17. **Treasure** (v): quý trọng, coi trọng
18. **Willingly** (adv): sẵn lòng, vui lòng

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Exercises:

Task 1: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Trong bản dự thảo mới về ngân sách chính phủ, ngành công nghiệp du lịch nhận được nhiều hỗ trợ tài chính hơn.

2. Với sự ra đời của Iphone, Apple đã tiến một bước dài để trở thành công ty dẫn đầu về công nghệ điện thoại thông minh.

3. Với sự trợ giúp của công nghệ kĩ thuật số, các nghệ sĩ có nhiều cách hơn để tạo ra tác phẩm nghệ thuật và tiếp cận công chúng.

4. Chiếc nhẫn này đã được truyền qua nhiều thế hệ trong gia đình tôi, bởi vậy tôi luôn trân trọng nó.

5. Bác sỹ và giáo viên tại Việt Nam thường được trả lương thấp, điều này là một sự đền bù không thỏa đáng đối với những gì họ đóng góp cho xã hội.

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Task 2: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. Long / public holiday / be / way / stimulate / economic growth.

2. It / not / be / cost – effective / buy / expensive / new / computer / when / all / you / want / do
/ be / store / photos.

3. Financial resources / be / money / available / business / spend.

4. Biological research/ often / be / precursor / medical breakthrough.

5. Deprived / life / be / double-edged sword: / It / motivate / or / discourage / people / try.

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Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

Aid	Money – wasting
Compelling	Precursor
Cost – effective	Promote
Deprived	Recompense
Digital technology	Stimulate
Financial assistance	Sustainable
Financial resources	Take a (giant) leap
Governmental budget/ allowance/ spending	Treasure
Inadequate	Willingly

Some people think that governments should give financial support to artists, musicians and poets. Others think that it is a waste of money.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Governmental finance as a form of support for artists has evolved into a major topic of concern in modern society. While some believe there are real benefits to this policy, there are stronger reasons why this is a waste of 1_____.

There is a common belief that artists should be provided with financial support by the state. People may argue that some artists receive 2_____.compared with what they contribute to society. For example, Binh Binh, the composer of many nationally-famous songs in Vietnam, lived a 3_____life and died in poverty. Another significant reason for this belief is that once the 4_____on supporting artists is allowed, thousands of young artists would be 5_____to contribute more to the development of art. A clear example of this is that the 2005 6_____.7_____for young photographers in Singapore acted as a 8_____to an era in which Singaporean photography 9_____to become a leading industry in the whole country's art sector.

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However, I am convinced that this type of 10_____is wasteful. The primary reason is that in today's economy, artists can take care of themselves financially without the help of the government. With the 11_____of the Internet and 12_____, artists can now reach millions of people by publishing their artwork online. With this larger target audience, artists may easily find buyers for their paintings, songs or writing and therefore do not need 13_____. Another significant reason why this is a waste of money is that there are better ways for the government to spend their budget for development of the arts. Investment in education in the arts, for example, not only raises the public awareness of the arts, but also makes people 14_____.them more. The result of this practice is that the public would 15_____pay more for paintings, music or poetry, which is a more 16_____way to 17_____the arts. This makes providing artists with financial assistance a less 18_____and thus a 19_____policy.

To conclude, although the idea of giving artists financial assistance is worthwhile in the view of some people, I firmly believe that there are far more 20_____reasons why this policy is a waste of money in today's society.

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Key

Task 1: Answers may vary

1. In the new proposal regarding governmental budget, more financial assistance is provided to the tourism industry.
2. With the invention of Iphone, Apple took a (giant) leap to become the leading company in smart phone technology.
3. With the aid of digital technology, artists have more ways to create artworks and approach general public.
4. This ring has been passed on through generations in my family; hence, I always treasure it.
5. Doctors and teachers in Vietnam are often underpaid, which is an inadequate recompense compared with what they contribute to the society.

Task 2:

1. Long public holidays can be a way to stimulate economic growth.
2. It wouldn't be cost – effective to buy an expensive new computer when all you want to do is to store your photos.
3. Financial resources are the money available to a business for spending.
4. Biological research has often been a precursor to medical breakthroughs.
5. A deprived life is a double-edged sword: It can motivate or discourage people from trying.

Task 3

Governmental finance as a form of support for artists has evolved into a major topic of concern in modern society. While some believe there are real benefits to this policy, there are stronger reasons why this is a waste of 1 **financial resources**.

There is a common belief that artists should be provided with financial support by the state. People may argue that some artists receive 2 **inadequate recompense** compared with what they contribute to society. For example, Binh Binh, the composer of many nationally-famous songs in Vietnam, lived a 3 **deprived** life and died in poverty. Another significant reason for this belief is

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To conclude, although the idea of giving artists financial assistance is worthwhile in the view of some people, I firmly believe that there are far more 19 **compelling** reasons why this policy is a waste of money in today's society.

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CHỦ ĐỀ 8: INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY

Vocabulary:

1. **Albeit** (conjunction): mặc dù
2. **Attitude towards someone/something**: thái độ đối với một người/một việc
3. **Catalyst** (n): chất xúc tác
4. **Deter** (v): ngăn cản, cản trở
5. **Deter** + n + from + V-ing
6. **Discriminate** (v)
7. **Discrimination** (n)
8. **Discriminatory** (adj): phân biệt đối xử
9. **Insolent (a) = ill-mannered (a) = disrespectful (a) = disrespectful (a)**: thiếu tôn trọng người khác
10. **Parental guidance**: sự giáo dục từ cha mẹ
11. **Reaffirm** (v): khẳng định lại
12. **Reprimand** (v): khiển trách, mắng mỏ
13. **To be indifferent to something**: thờ ơ với một việc
14. **To disrespect someone**: không tôn trọng người khác
15. **Viable** (adj): khả thi, có thể tồn tại
16. **Widespread** (adj): lan rộng, phổ biến

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Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. some / developing countries / Vietnam / there / concern / whether / government / be able / provide / viable / social service / poorer families.

2. order to / increase / number / female representatives / selection committee / decide / discriminate / favour / women / three years.

3. social charity / help / reaffirm / belief / humanity / love.

4. one / classroom rules / insolent behaviour / not / tolerate.

5. Malnutrition / the region / widespread / affect / up to 78 percent / children / under / five / year old.

Task 2: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Buổi tối hôm đó rất dễ chịu, có điều hơi yên tĩnh.

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2. Dạy học ở trường cấp 3 có thể trở nên khó khăn, đặc biệt khi trong lớp toàn là những cô cậu thiếu niên thờ ơ với học hành.

3. Trẻ con ở trường mẫu giáo hay bị cô giáo nhắc nhở vì đánh bạn.

4. Mặc dù trải qua nhiều thăng trầm trong cuộc sống, không khó khăn nào có thể cản trở anh ấy trở thành một trong những cầu thủ thành công nhất.

5. Sau buổi họp, có vẻ anh ấy đã thể hiện sự thay đổi trong thái độ làm việc, và gần đây đã trở nên hợp tác hơn.

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Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

Albeit	Ill-mannered
Attitude towards someone/ something	Disrespectful
Catalyst	Parental guidance
Deter	Reaffirm
Discriminate	Reprimand
discrimination	To be indifferent to something
discriminatory	To disrespect someone
Insolent	Viable
	Widespread

There is a general increase in anti-social behaviours and lack of respect for others. What are the causes and solutions?

The 1_____ presence of anti-social behaviour and 2_____ towards others has long been a prevalent issue in society today. Some of the major roots of this problem will be discussed before the most 3 _____ solutions are proposed.

Reasons for this alarming situation vary. In some cases, people may hold an anti-social attitude or disrespect others because they live in an environment where violence and 4 _____ are the norm. For example, children of sexist parents in rural families in Vietnam show a worrying tendency of disrespecting women. In some other cases, it is the lack of 5 _____ that is to blame. As modern parents are becoming increasingly busy with their jobs, they may have the proclivity 6 _____ children's moral education. When there is no one to help young children distinguish between right and wrong, 7 _____ attitudes may emerge and develop among them without being controlled.

A number of strong measures could be adopted to mitigate the problem. On the national level, the government should take definite actions against violence and discrimination. This could be done by ensuring strict enforcement of the laws on violent and discriminatory acts to 8 _____ them from happening. In addition, on the nuclear-family level, parents need to

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9_____ their role in morally guiding their children. If they notice any signs of anti-social or 10_____ behaviour in children, the children should be 11_____ accordingly. At the same time, parents could also educate their children about social manners by instilling a moral code in them. These actions, 12_____ small, could have a strong influence on children when they grow up.

To conclude, it is clear that violence, discrimination and the indifference of parents to children's education are the major 13_____ for the increase in anti-social behaviour and disrespect towards others. Strong measures, such as stringent law enforcement on violent and discriminatory acts, should be taken to alleviate this distressing situation.

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Key:

Task 1:

1. In some developing countries like Vietnam, there are concerns about whether the government will be able to provide viable social services for poorer families.
2. In order to increase the number of female representatives, the selection committee decided to discriminate in favour of women for three years.
3. Social charity helps reaffirm my belief in humanity and love.
4. One of the classroom rules is that insolent behaviours will not be tolerated.
5. Malnutrition in the region is widespread, affecting up to 78 percent of children under five years old.

Task 2: Answers may vary.

1. The evening was very pleasant, albeit a little quiet.
2. Teaching at high schools can be tough, especially when a class is full of teenage boys and girls who are indifferent to learning.
3. Kids at kindergarten are often reprimanded by their teachers for hitting classmates.
4. Despite a lot of ups and downs in life, no obstacles could deter him from becoming one of the most successful football players.
5. After the meeting, he seemed to show changes in working attitude, and recently has become more cooperative.

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Task 3

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A number of strong measures could be adopted to mitigate the problem. On the national level, the government should take definite actions against violence and discrimination. This could be done by ensuring strict enforcement of the laws on violent and discriminatory acts to 8 **deter** them from happening. In addition, on the nuclear-family level, parents need to 9 **reaffirm** their role in morally guiding their children. If they notice any signs of anti-social or 10 **insolent** behaviour in children, the children should be 11 **reprimanded** accordingly. At the same time, parents could also educate their children about social manners by instilling a moral code in them. These actions, 12 **albeit** small, could have a strong influence on children when they grow up.

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CHỦ ĐIỂM 9: TRANSPORT

Vocabulary:

1. **Adopt** (v): áp dụng
2. **Allocate** (v): phân bổ, chỉ định
3. **Commute** (v): di chuyển, đi lại đều đặn (ví dụ: việc đi làm hàng ngày)
4. **Convince** (v): thuyết phục
5. **convincing** (adj): có sức thuyết phục
6. **Dedicated** (adj): dành riêng cho, tận tụy
7. **Hesitate** (v): do dự, ngần ngại
8. **Impose a (heavy) tax on** (collocation): đánh thuế (nặng) vào mặt hàng gì
9. **Overreliance** (n)
10. **Overdependence** (n): quá dựa dẫm, quá phụ thuộc
11. **Prevalent** (adj): phổ biến
12. **Prominent** (adj): nổi bật
13. **Promote** (v): khuyến khích, đẩy mạnh, xúc tiến
14. **Shortage** (n): thiếu hụt

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Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. government / programme / grow / cash crops / export / be / double-edged sword / since / it / create / local food shortage.

2. he / move / house / three time / just / find / convenient location / commute / work.

3. agriculture / company / fail / convince / consumers / that / GM (genetically modified) foods / safe.

4. recruiter / surprised / see / him / hesitate / accept / job offer.

5. overdependence / use / pain killers / lead / drug addict.

Task 2: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Nhờ có sự phát triển của các hãng hàng không giá rẻ, việc đi du lịch nước ngoài trở nên phổ biến hơn, đặc biệt với các bạn trẻ.

2. Thuốc lá bị đánh thuế rất nặng, tuy nhiên, điều này có vẻ không hiệu quả trong việc giảm thiểu số người hút thuốc.

3. Chính phủ nên đóng vai trò nổi bật hơn trong việc khuyến khích và bảo vệ nhân quyền.

4. Vé cho buổi hòa nhạc sẽ hạn chế số lượng, và chỉ được phân phát cho những ai đăng kí sớm.

5. Vì nghiên cứu của chúng tôi tới thời điểm hiện tại chưa trả lời được câu hỏi nào cho vấn đề nghiên cứu đề ra trước đó, chúng tôi cần áp dụng một cách tiếp cận khác.

Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

Adopt	Impose a (heavy) tax on
Allocate	Overreliance (n) –
Commute	overdependence
Convince— convincing	Prevalent
Dedicated	Prominent
Hesitate	Promote
	Shortage

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Nowadays people use bicycles less as a form of transport.

Why is that? What can we do to encourage people to use bicycles more?

Cycling has long been considered an effective way of improving physical health and reducing the risk of obesity. However, in recent decades, there has been a 1 _____ trend for people to use bicycles less to 2 _____. This trend could be ascribed to a few reasons, and definite actions must be taken to 3 _____ the use of bicycles.

There are obvious reasons as to why people 4 _____ to choose bicycles as a form of transport. The most 5 _____ reason is the 6 _____ on modern means of transport, such as cars and motorbikes. These modes of transport are faster and more suitable for long journeys than bicycles. Another 7 _____ reason is that in many places in the world, including Vietnam, there are no 8 _____ cycling paths for bicycles. This means that cyclists in these regions would have to ride in the same lane as motor vehicles, which is without doubt a dangerous practice.

To 9 _____ the use of bicycles, the government should 10 _____ both of the following measures. First, the government should 11 _____ motor vehicles. This tax would discourage people from using motor vehicles, and thus encourage them to switch to bicycles, a human-powered land vehicle. Second, the government should 12 _____ more money to the construction of cycling paths for citizens. If a system of cycling paths was well-developed, people would consider bicycles a safe and convenient mode of transport.

In conclusion, the unpopularity of bicycles could be attributed to the 13 _____ on modern means of transport and the 14 _____ of dedicated cycling paths. To encourage people to cycle more, the government should therefore introduce a tax on motor vehicles and invest money in building dedicated paths for cyclists.

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Key:

Task 1:

1. The government's programme to grow cash crops for export is a double-edged sword because it has created a local food shortage.
2. He has moved his house three times just to find a convenient location to commute to work.
3. Agricultural companies have failed to convince consumers that GM foods are safe.
4. The recruiters were surprised to see him hesitating to accept the job offer.
5. Overdependence on using pain killers can lead to drug addiction.

Task 2: Answers may vary

1. Thanks to the development of low-cost airlines, travelling abroad has now become more prevalent, especially among young people.
2. Very high taxes have been imposed on cigarettes; however, this does not seem to be effective in reducing the number of smokers.
3. The government should be playing a more prominent role in promoting and protecting human rights.
4. Tickets to concerts are limited, and will only be allocated to those who apply early.
5. Since our research so far has not produced any answers to the research questions previously discussed, we need to adopt a different approach.

Task 3

Cycling has long been considered an effective way of improving physical health and reducing the risk of obesity. However, in recent decades, there has been a **1 prevalent** trend for people to use bicycles less to **2 commute**. This trend could be ascribed to a few reasons, and definite actions must be taken to **3 promote** the use of bicycles.

There are obvious reasons as to why people **4 hesitate** to choose bicycles as a form of transport. The most **5 prominent** reason is the **6 overreliance** on modern means of transport, such as cars and motorbikes. These modes of transport are faster and more suitable for long journeys than

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bicycles. Another 7 **convincing** reason is that in many places in the world, including Vietnam, there are no 8 **dedicated** cycling paths for bicycles. This means that cyclists in these regions would have to ride in the same lane as motor vehicles, which is without doubt a dangerous practice.

To 9 **boost** the use of bicycles, the government should 10 **adopt** both of the following measures. First, the government should 11 **impose a heavy tax on** motor vehicles. This tax would discourage people from using motor vehicles, and thus encourage them to switch to bicycles, a human-powered land vehicle. Second, the government should 12 **allocate** more money to the construction of cycling paths for citizens. If a system of cycling paths was well-developed, people would consider bicycles a safe and convenient mode of transport.

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CHỦ ĐIỂM 10: TECHNOLOGY

Vocabulary:

1. **adverse** (adj): bất lợi
2. **degradation**: sự xuống cấp
3. **digital platform** (np): nền tảng công nghệ số
4. **erode** (v) – **erosion** (n): hao mòn, xói mòn, xuống cấp
5. **formal language – informal language** (np): ngôn ngữ trang trọng – ngôn ngữ không trang trọng
6. **lexical range**: độ rộng của từ vựng
7. **priority** (n): ưu tiên
8. **proclivity** (n): khuynh hướng
9. **proofread** (v): đọc và chỉnh sửa văn bản
10. **sophistication** (n): phức tạp, tinh vi
11. **spoken expressions** (np): cách diễn đạt kiểu văn nói
12. **technological assistance**: sự hỗ trợ của công nghệ
13. **utmost** (adj/n): tối đa, trước nhất, trên hết
14. **virtual** (adj): (thế giới) ảo, sử dụng công nghệ vi tính

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Exercises:

Task1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. survey / reveal / gradual / erosion / president / popularity / support.

2. players / this year / U.S. Open / make / daring fashion choice / scream / everything / shimmering sophistication / to / retro dorky.

3. English teachers / bemoan / degradation / language / that / email / instant messages / bring about. (bemoan: than khóc).

4. bank / normally / give / priority / large business / when / decide / loans.

5. he / attract / a lot / adverse / publicity / his speech / unmarried / mothers.

6. duty / content writer / involve / write original content / publishers / and / proofread content / variety / websites.

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7. website / provide / virtual / tour / stadium.

8. digital platform / refer / software / or / hardware / a site; / for example, / facebook / be / digital platform.

9. formal language / find / academic journals / or / official documents / where / it / bring / extra degree / serious / the subject.

10. new model / the car / offer / utmost / power / and performance.

Task 2: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

adverse	
degradation	proclivity
digital platform	proofread
erode – erosion	sophistication
formal language –	spoken expressions
informal language	technological assistance
lexical range	utmost
priority	virtual

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Some people think that increasing communication usage of computers and mobile phones by young people has had a negative effect on their reading and writing skills.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Digital communication methods such as emails, text-messaging and 1 _____ social networks have been helping billions of people write and read messages on a daily basis. At first glance, this appears to support reading and writing skills. However, I believe that these means of communication have a negative impact on one's overall ability to read and write.

The primary reason for my opinion is the 2 _____ to use informal language in communication via mobiles and computers. Whereas serious reading and writing involve the exposure to 3 _____, most of the messages exchanged using mobiles and computers are rather short and contain 4 _____. This is because on a 5 _____, time saving and convenience, rather than the 6 _____ of language, are the 7 _____ of people. In brief, the more frequently people use a form of mobile and computer-based communication, the more likely informal expressions would dominate their use of language.

Another root cause of the exacerbation of reading and writing problems is the over-dependence on 8 _____. This is the case because users of mobiles and computers are usually aided by spell-check and predictive text services. Some computer programmes can also find the best word choice to avoid Vocabulary mistakes. As these processes are continually repeated, users' sense of spelling and grammar and 9 _____ may gradually 10 _____. Eventually, this 11 _____ leads to the 12 _____ of both the writing and reading skills.

In conclusion, due to the tendency towards using spoken language and the over-reliance on proofreading software when communicating via computers and mobiles, I am convinced that digital communication has an 13 _____ impact on one's overall reading and writing level.

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Key:

Task 1

1. The survey reveals a gradual erosion of the president's popularity and support.
2. Some players at this year's U.S. Open are making daring fashion choices that scream everything from shimmering sophistication to retro dorky.
3. English teachers bemoan the degradation of the language that e-mail and instant messages have brought about.
4. Banks normally give priority to large businesses when deciding on loans.
5. He attracted a lot of adverse publicity with his speech about unmarried mothers.
6. The duties of a content writer involve writing original content for publishers and proofreading content for a variety of websites.
7. The Website provides a virtual tour of the stadium.
8. A digital platform refers to the software or hardware of a site; for example, facebook is a digital platform.
9. Formal language is found in academic journals or official documents where it brings an extra degree of seriousness to the subject.
10. The new model of the car offers the utmost in power and performance.

Task 2

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