Task 1.

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Listen to the recording and complete the text.

Coronavirus and Business

In New York, there is a special **market**. Big …………………. do business there. Last week is very bad for business. Many companies ……………..

In other countries, the situation is …………….. These countries are, for example, Japan, Italy, and Germany.

……………… say that the **coronavirus** is the problem. People are ……………… of the virus. It is very bad for business and shops. People do not want to travel. It is bad for………………..

There are …………,000 people ……………….. with coronavirus in the world. It is a problem all over the world. The situation is very ………………..

However, US ……………… say that US people are safe. The **…………..**for US people is not

high.

Task 2.

1. Writing.

A friend who has just started his/her first job in an office has poor IT skills. She/he needs advice on what office software is best, what computer courses would be helpful, what equipment to invest in etc.

You an IT expert. Write and email to your friend suggesting a solution to his/her problems.

1. Writing.

You are a big fun of music but don`t know much about the latest technological advances. Write an email to a specialist music shop asking for advice /what music players are best to buy now, what the price ranges are etc./

Task 3.



Task 4. Complete the sentences with correct words :



Task 5.

**There are 20 gaps in the text. Use these words to complete the gaps. Use each word only once :**

*noises, aforementioned, notable, emerged, default, popularity, raw, compared, ranging, smaller, coding, actually, relatively, removable, defined, encouraged, adoption, further, compact, inaudible,*

**Advantages and Disadvantages of MP3**

MP3 is one of the most popular ………………………1 and file formats for compressing digital audio. It was initially ……………………2 as the third audio format of the MPEG-1 standard, but further extensions made it the third format of the MPEG-2 standard. Nonetheless, its…………………3 during the mid to late 1990s and the early 2000s also corresponded to the wide …………………….4 of digital music, online music purchases and file sharing, and portable media players.

**The Pros: Advantages and Applications of MP3**

One of the most ………………………5 advantages of MP3 is reduced file size. The size is often ……………………….6 by a factor of 12 when compared to the standard CD Digital Audio or CDDA file stored in ……………………….7 disc. Note that the audio quality is relatively comparable to CDDA.

The small file size means that an internal or …………………….8 media can store hundreds to thousands of songs. Take note that a typical compact disc with the size of 700MB store 175 MP3 songs as ……………………9 to the typical 12 to 15 songs under the CDDA format.

Furthermore, because of the ………………………10 advantage, the format promoted the online purchases and digital downloads of songs and other digital audio files, and……………………..11 the commercial availability of portable media players.

It is also possible to choose the level of audio quality and the corresponding file size. The format supports bit rates or the number of bits per second, ……………………..12 from 32 kbps to 320 kbps. Higher bit rates result in bigger file size.

**The Cons: Disadvantages and Limitations of MP3**

Remember that the audio quality of an MP3 file is …………………………….13 comparable to a CDDA. However, this format uses lossy data compression. It specifically disregards specific data to include frequencies …………………………..14 to humans, as well as louder and softer background frequencies.

Hence, a key disadvantage of MP3 is that it is ……………………………….15 not comparable to CDDA in terms of audio quality. In addition, the quality is dependent on the software and hardware used to compress ……………………….16 digital audio.

Converting a digital audio to numerous compressed formats would result in ……………………….17 quality degradation. Take note that this phenomenon is similar to the lossy compression in digital image based on the [JPEG standard](https://www.konsyse.com/articles/advantages-and-disadvantages-of-jpeg-standard/).

There are also other limitations. For instance, compressing some audio files often result in compression artifacts or …………………………..18 not present in the original recording. Examples of these files include audio containing applause or other random sounds, as well as high-pitched sounds.

More coding and file formats have also ……………………………19 since. The Advanced Audio Coding or AAC format is the immediate successor to the MP3. It achieves better sound quality at the same bit rate, thus making it the ……………………………20 format used in numerous branded devices.