Students can also enrol for courses via the website and parents can download official reports.

Mobiles let you **make** voice **calls**, **send texts**,
20 email people and download logos, ringtones or games. With a built-in camera you can send pictures and make video calls in *face-to-face* mode. New smartphones combine a telephone with web access, video, a games console, an MP3 player, a personal
25 digital assistant (PDA) and a GPS navigation system, all in one.

In banks, computers **store information** about the money held by each customer and enable staff to **access** large **databases** and to **carry out** financial
30 **transactions** at high speed. They also control the cashpoints, or ATMs (automatic teller machines), which **dispense money** to customers by the use of a PIN-protected card. People use a Chip and PIN card to pay for goods and services. Instead of using a
35 signature to verify payments, customers are asked to **enter a** four-digit **personal identification number** (**PIN**), the same number used at cashpoints; this system makes transactions more secure. With online banking, clients can easily **pay bills** and **transfer**
40 **money** from the comfort of their homes.

Airline pilots use computers to help them control the plane. For example, monitors **display data** about fuel consumption and weather conditions. In airport control towers, computers are used to
45 manage radar systems and regulate air traffic. On the ground, airlines are connected to travel agencies by computer. Travel agents use computers to find out about the availability of flights, prices, times, stopovers and many other details.

D When you read a text, you will often see a new word that you don't recognize. If you can identify what type of word it is (noun, verb, adjective, etc.) it can help you guess the meaning.

Find the words (1–10) in the text above. Can you guess the meaning from context? Are they nouns, verbs, adjectives or adverbs? Write *n*, *v*, *adj* or *adv* next to each word.

1 perform (line 6) (v)
2 word processor (line 13) (n)
3 online (line 16) (adj) (adv)
4 download (line 18) (v)
5 digital (line 25) (adj)
7 store (line 27) (v)
8 financial (line 29) (adj)
9 monitor (line 42) (n)
6 built-in (line 21) (adj)
10 data (line 42) (n)

E Match the words in D (1–10) with the correct meanings (a–j).

a keep, save 7
b execute, do 1
c monetary 8
d screen 9
e integrated 6
f connected to the Internet 3
g collection of facts or figures 10
h describes information that is recorded or broadcast using computers 5
i program used for text manipulation 2
j copy files from a server to your PC or mobile 4

F In pairs, discuss these questions.
1 How are/were computers used in your school?
2 How do you think computers will be used in school in the future?

Expression écrite concernant les questions . (50/100 mots)