1.) Because kill and stop need to be unable to be masked or else the machine is in danger of crashing and being unable to terminate a process that is critically harming the machine.

2.) It puts the processor in a sleep mode so it doesn't waste unnecessary processing power when it is in idle.

3.) So that signals are not sent all over the place and are only sent when they meet certain conditions.

4.) Because we use it in order to implement the time out, if we had it masked, it would not be able to call when we need it to.