

Sample answers:

Examiner: What do you use the Internet for?

Candidate: I mainly use the Internet to read newspapers and news items, mostly about sport. I also use it to do a bit of research on things to do and things to see at the weekends. I do a bit of internet shopping, like booking flights and accommodation for my holidays.

Examiner: Does everyone have access to the Internet in your country?

Candidate: I think so. Obviously, people in urban areas have wider access to the Internet. It's still a very rural country though, so, on second thoughts, I'm not sure that everybody is connected. And certainly not everyone has broadband.

Examiner: Do you think older people are scared of new technology?

Candidate: Some older people embrace new technology. My granddad, for example, was a technophile and wanted to keep up to speed with the latest technology. However, I would say that most older people don't bother learning about new technology simply because they can't see what it would bring to their lives.

Examiner: Do you think young children should have mobile phones?

Candidate: I can't see that young children have much use for mobile phones, at least in terms of using the phone as a phone. They might find it interesting to have a device to listen to music and take photos. But I can't imagine many young kids making calls.

Track 39

Candidate: The piece of equipment I'd like to talk about is my iPhone, which is a smartphone. It has various uses. It functions as a normal phone so you can make calls and text people. But, more unusually for a phone, you can also surf the Internet and send emails. It also acts as a camera, though admittedly not a very good one. You can buy applications from an online store, which allow you to find your way, play games, read e-books, and much more besides. New applications are being added all the time, and some of them are really crazy, like one that lets you record your voice and then it plays it back to you but making you sound like an alien! And last but not least, you can listen to your music and watch videos.

It was a present from my parents. I'd been pestering them for months to get me one and at last they gave in, when it came round to my birthday. I think they bought it online as it was cheaper that way. I was the first of my friends to get one, and I think they were all really envious. It is the latest must-have. People love it because it is so beautifully made, so intuitive, so robust and so clever.

It is because it is so many things rolled into one that it is so useful. I just love my iPhone, and if I lost it I wouldn't know what to do with myself. I use it on the way to university to entertain myself, I use it to stay in touch with my friends, I use it to check where I am. It's not so much useful to me as absolutely essential.

Examiner: What piece of electronic equipment would you not miss?

Candidate: That's a difficult question because I love gadgets and all things technological. If I had to choose something, I'd say kitchen gadgets.

Tracks 40–43

See pages 52–53 for text.

Track 44**Technological developments**

What have been the most significant technological developments of recent years?

In what ways have these developments changed society for the better and for the worse?

Are people in your country nostalgic about life before technology?