

Technology and man's life

The aim which the development of technology is expected to achieve is the improvement of the life of human beings. Since the dawn of civilisation men's inventiveness and mental powers have been tapped intensively for the creation of reliable techniques that will help every generation to enjoy a comfortable existence. In addition to bettering the conditions of living in every society, continuous efforts have been made to lessen the hardships of work and provide enough protection against diseases and other troubles. As a result, immense progress has been realised and whether we evoke hunger, epidemics or the burdens linked with the performing of jobs we notice that their harmful effects, although not totally eliminated, have been reduced considerably.

But the technological development requires the existence of some conditions so as not to deviate from its main purpose and turn out into a source of threat and destruction. The first reality it has to comply with the protection of nature and the preservation of the environment. Without proper respect to them the laws governing our planet will get disturbed and the abundant riches it provides and which guarantee our survival will decrease. As a consequence, our civilisation will perish because it will no longer find the basic elements that sustain it. The second fact to take into account involves the question related to the wide gap separating the advanced nations from the poor ones. If nothing is done to overcome this problem, violence and wars will rise on a large scale, peace in the world will be seriously endangered, the whole mankind will dive into barbarity and backwardness will prevail in many parts of the planet.

I- Reading comprehension

- 1- What is the main idea of this text ?
- 2- What are the positive aspects of technology ?
- 3- Find an other title to the text.

II- Text exploration

- 1- *Find in B the word matching each of the definitions in A*

- A-
- a- capacity to make new discoveries.
 - b- having sound qualities on which we can count
 - c- come to the end and disappear
 - d- affected by some trouble
 - e- call to mind
 - f- act as a strong support to
 - g- state of falling behind in one's progression
 - h- line keeping people different from each other

- B-
- 1- perish 2- sustain 3- gap 4- reliable 5- backwardness 6- evoke
 - 7- disturbed 8- inventiveness

2- *Find the noun that derives from each of these words*

- 1- Enjoy 2- achieve 3- disturbed 4- abundant 5- involve 6- basic 7- long
8- reliable

3- *Find the adjective that derives from each of these words*

- 1- Technology 2- creation 3- violence 4- peace 5- technique 6-
enjoy 7- barbarity 8- destruction

III- Key structures

1- *Turn each sentence below into the passive voice*

- They should preserve nature against pollution
- The firm has acquired a new machine
- The mechanic checked the brakes carefully
- The company would sell more goods if it advertised them
- The authorities will supply food relief to the poor
- The secretary had rewritten the letter twice before she took it to the manager

2- Choose the correct preposition among the ones between brackets to use in each sentence

- To look (at/with/for) a job
- To carry (of/out/in) a task
- To put (in/out/from) a fire
- To live (in/ from/for) a village
- To turn (by/off/at) the gas
- To leave (in / for/at) hurry
- To dive (for/into/by) water
- To deal (off/away/with) a case

3- Put the word between brackets in its correct position in each sentence

- She feels ready to explain the situation to us (quite)
- The show will draw many visitors (certainly)
- They won't start the task they get the right tools (unless)
- This operation needs attention from the workers (much)
- The trees are tall that they hide all the houses around (so)
- They received support from the inhabitants (enough)

