TASK 1

This is part of a letter you received from a birthday organizer.

It's our pleasure to help you organize your friend's birthday party. In order to prepare for it, we would like to ask you about the number of guests and their age group. What activities do you think would be suitable for them? Also, please let us know if you have chosen the food and drinks for the party.

Write a letter to Mr. Smith to answer his questions.

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing in response to your request for further information of my friend's birthday party.

My friend has invited some close friends at high school and university. We are mostly university students who are 20 years old and we are young and dynamic. Her parents and her brother who is a high school student are also going to attend the party. There are 20 people altogether. Concerning the activities, first I would suggest that everyone will enjoy a meal together and sing the happy birthday song. After that, it would be great if we took part in some activities such as dancing, singing karaoke songs, playing some funny games and so on. Regarding the food and drinks for the party, we have not chosen them yet, so could you please recommend some delicious dishes served at your restaurant? Finally, please prepare a birthday cake with 20 candles for my friend.

I am really grateful for your assistance in organizing the party for my friend. I hope that we will have an unforgettable celebration with you.

Yours sincerely,

TASK 2

Nowadays more and more people are interested in playing games, especially children. While I accept that video games are beneficial to kids' growth and advancement, I also believe that they badly affect their lives.

On the one hand, computer games bring plenty of educational benefits, which give children chances to develop different skills. In the first place, games encourage children's imagination, creativity, concentration and problem solving skills. For example, engaging in a motor racing game, kids have to highly concentrate on it to avoid any obstacles on the road. Another advantage of computer games is that they prepare children for real world tasks. Because games stimulates activities in real life, children are able to improve skills needed to complete tasks outside the gaming context. Making cake game, for instance, enables kids to learn how to make a cake in reality

On the other hand, I believe that gaming has a negative impact on children's lives. Firstly, children are easily addicted to games because users are motivated to achieve higher scores or new targets. As a result, they spend too much time sitting in front of computer screen, which is harmful to their eyes. Moreover, a sedentary lifestyle might also lead to obesity. Another detrimental effect is that children might not have enough time to take part in outdoor activities or complete their schoolwork, which is important to their lives.

All things considered, it seems to me that the potential dangers of video games outweigh the benefits. As a consequence, parents should limit their children's time of gaming.