

B. Reading

1. Now read the text below about Living in a Digital Age, then answer the questions based on the text!

Living in The Digital Age

We are now living in what some people call *the digital age*, meaning that computers have become an essential part of our lives. Young people who have grown up with PCs and mobile phones are often called *the digital generation*. Computers help student to **perform** mathematical **operations** and improve their math skills. They are used to **access the internet**, to **do** basic **research** and to communicate with other students around the world.

Teachers use projectors and interactive whiteboards to **give presentations** and teach sciences, history or language courses. PCs are also used for administrative purposes-schools use word processors to **write letters**, and databases to **keep records** of students and teachers.

A school website allows teachers to publish **exercises** for student to **complete** online. Student can also enroll for courses via the website and parents can download official reports.

Mobiles let you **make** voice **calls**, **send text** 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 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 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 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 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 airports control towers, computers are used to manage radar system 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.

2. Reading Task

Answer the questions below based on the text above!

1. What is meant by the digital age?
2. Explain the definition of the digital generation!
3. Mention the uses of computer in school!
4. What are the uses of computer in banks?
5. What are the pilots use the computer for?