

B. Circle the correct answer.

How We Are Changing Our Minds!

TECHNOLOGY has not only changed the **(1) face / brain** of the modern world, but it has also changed the way we think. It all began with the printing **(2) books / press**, when the technology of writing reduced the importance of remembering. People began to rely on the written word rather than their own minds.

Then came the personal **(3) computer / communication**. This new technology has **(4) entered / altered** our brains and the way we think. Reading on screen is different from reading on paper because we can **(5) upload / enter** photos and



(6) snap / link images to words. We can make words move around, blink or fade away.

Computers have **(7) altered / snapped** the world of communication. Our minds operate differently from the way they worked a hundred years ago. After all, in those days, the way we **(8) spread out / spread** information was by word of mouth. How times have changed!

In this modern age, we now have the whole world within easy **(9) reach / connection**. The question is, though, are we too **(10) important / dependent** on technology?

C. Rewrite the following sentences in two ways, using Passive Voice.

1. They offered the position of manager to Ronald.

Ronald _____
The position _____

2. They gave us some extra time to finish the test.

We _____
Some _____

3. They believe he is the world's leading expert on the subject.

It _____
He _____

4. They think that the missing man is somewhere in Canada.

The _____
It _____

5. They've sent an e-mail to all members of staff.

All _____
An e-mail _____

6. They say that the last person to see her was her father.

It _____
Her _____

7. They think that Chinese is one of the most difficult languages to learn.

It _____
Chinese _____

8. They handed all members of the audience a programme.

A programme _____
All _____

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A. Rephrase the words in italics in the sentences below using a word or expression from the box.

inaugurated revolutionary
massive groundbreaking
at the touch of our fingertips
global village amazing

- The documentary was *surprising and wonderful*.

- New applications means we have information *immediately available to us*.

- Technology means that the world is a *community in which distances have been drastically reduced*.

- Yesterday the airline *introduced* a new route from Rome to Warsaw.

- This machine will make a *very big* difference to the hospital.

- This new technology will bring *great* changes to our lives.

- It was a *new and original* piece of scientific research.

B. Read the direct questions below, then rewrite them using indirect questions.

- Direct: Are GM crops safe?
Indirect: Do we know _____?
_____?
- Direct: Why do we spend money on space travel?
Indirect: Have you ever considered _____?
_____?
- Direct: What would life without television be like?
Indirect: Do you ever wonder _____?
_____?
- Direct: Will science save the world, end the world, or neither?
Indirect: Have you ever wondered _____?
_____?
- Direct: Have computers changed society for the better or for the worse?
Indirect: Do you think that _____?
_____?
- Direct: What are the advantages and disadvantages of technology?
Indirect: Have you ever stopped to think _____?
_____?
- Direct: What should robots be used for?
Indirect: What do you think _____?
_____?
- Direct: Do you think modern technology reduces or increases stress?
Indirect: Have you ever considered _____?
_____?

C. Complete the text with appropriate connecting words in the box.

Have you ever wondered what robots can be used for?

There are robots which can explore distant planets and rescue robots which can carry extremely heavy weights.

- (1) _____, other robots can carry out very precise tasks.
- (2) _____ can robots be used for dangerous or dirty jobs, they can also be used for fun and education.
- (3) _____ taking away the feeling of pressure from a teacher or parent, a robot can help a child to read. These are human-like or animal-like robots that can walk, talk, sneeze and even express emotion.

However By In their own way
On the other hand though Not only

Robots do whatever we program and then tell them to do. More amazing, (4) _____, is that some robots can actually learn.

(5) _____, all the different kinds of robots can help make our lives easier, safer and more advanced.

(6) _____, robots themselves have to be tested for safety and for appropriateness. There are some things for which humans cannot be replaced.