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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 There are two parts in this paper. Answer ALL questions in both parts.
- 2 Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Booklet. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
- 3 For multiple choice questions, you should blacken ONE circle.
- 4 Each question carries ONE mark unless stated otherwise.

PART A

Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-20. (44 marks)

1. What is technology compared to in paragraph 1?

2. What economic impact of new technology is mentioned in paragraph 1?

3. According to paragraph 1, the effects of new technology in recent years have been ...

A. negligible.

B. enormous.

C. problematic.

D. strictly positive.

A B C D

4. i) What is Maria Leung’s opinion in paragraph 2? Answer by completing the sentence below. Use ONE word only for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct. Pay attention to word forms, plurals, etc.

(3 marks)

Experiencing the world through Internet-connected devices is (i) _____, which means its downsides are (ii) _____, so we should feel (iii) _____.

ii) What is the writer’s take on this opinion, based on paragraph 2?

A. The writer agrees that there are threats.

B. The writer thinks people know the risks.

C. The writer agrees completely with Leung’s opinion.

D. The writer disagrees completely with Leung’s opinion.

A B C D

5. Find a word that means ‘arises’ in paragraph 4.

6. What are the pros and cons of TV and video games, according to Mok? Complete the table below. Use ONE word only for each blank. (5 marks)

	Pros	Cons
TV	(i) _____ people’s lives with artistic and informative content	(ii) _____ the quality of content with meaningless visual stimulation
Video games	- helping people build (iii) _____ and motor skills - allowing people to (iv) _____, socialize and bond	making people more sedentary and (v) _____

7. i) Why does spending a lot of time on TV or video games make people feel bored, according to Leung?

ii) What counter-argument does the writer offer to Leung's concern in paragraph 6?

8. i) According to the writer, what kind of technology is at least as distracting as TV and video games?

ii) What attitude do people have towards this technology?

- A. dissatisfaction
- B. enthusiasm
- C. acceptance
- D. anxiety

A	B	C	D
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9. What do the following refer to in paragraph 7? (2 marks)

i) them (line 28) _____

ii) my company's product (line 30) _____

10. Which of the following locations does Leah Wong mention as possibilities for remote work? Tick TWO of the boxes.

(2 marks)

<input type="checkbox"/> one's own home	<input type="checkbox"/> a public library	<input type="checkbox"/> a shared workspace
<input type="checkbox"/> a coffee shop	<input type="checkbox"/> an inexpensive city	<input type="checkbox"/> a vacation destination

11. Besides working remotely, how else can workers take advantage of communication technology?

12. What are the 'downsides' (line 34) described in paragraph 8? (2 marks)

i) _____

ii) _____

13. i) Explain in your own words how videoconferencing software could make it ... (2 marks)

– ‘easier ... to take vacations’ (line 39).

– ‘harder ... to enjoy them’ (line 39).

- ii) What is the writer’s opinion on these two possible outcomes?

14. Complete the summary below using information given in paragraph 10. Use ONE word only for each blank.

Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

(6 marks)

Social media can have a negative influence on people’s (i) _____ well-being, and because it can affect (ii) _____ people at once and it has an impact on (iii) _____ as a whole. In the worst cases, it may cause widespread (iv) _____ when people become increasingly (v) _____, and begin to (vi) _____ and distrust each other.

15. Answer the following questions based on paragraph 11.

- i) What change must be made to social media to spread ‘useful knowledge instead of fake news’ (line 48)?

- ii) What is one advantage mentioned of spreading useful knowledge online?

16. i) Why might someone go online for a service even if it is available locally?

- ii) What kinds of services can a healthcare provider offer online ?

17. What drawback of technology is mentioned in paragraph 13?

- A. identity theft
 B. Internet scams
 C. emotional detachment
 D. lower quality of service

A B C D

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18. Determine whether the following statements are **True**, **False**, or if the information is **Not Given** in paragraphs 13 and 14. (3 marks)

	T	F	NG
i) Online competition is likely to lower the number of teaching jobs overall.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The writer thinks people should not depend on phones to do maths.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) People have changed the means of communication.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. i) According to the writer, what does our reliance on technology demonstrate about technology?

- ii) How does the writer show that reliance on technology is not new or frightening?

20. What is the writer's overall view of modern technology?

- A. While it has many drawbacks, human beings have become more capable.
- B. The problems are real but they will resolve themselves naturally.
- C. It has dangers, but we can choose to embrace its more useful aspects.
- D. Though it has drawbacks, its critics are ultimately being unreasonable.

A	B	C	D
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Text 2

Read Text 2 and answer questions 21–43. (41 marks)

21. The writer _____ with the statement ‘You don’t know how wearisome it is to breathe the air of four pent walls without relief day after day’ (lines 2–3).

A. agrees

B. disagrees

C. neither agrees nor disagrees

A B C

22. Use ONE word to complete the following statement based on the information in paragraph 2.

The effect of the office environment on an individual’s welfare is _____ because workers spend so much time at the office and with colleagues.

23. What does ‘It’ (line 18) refer to? _____

24. According to paragraphs 3 and 4, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)?

(5 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
(i) The word ‘office’ comes from the Italian language.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(ii) A <i>bureau</i> was originally a group of people who met to talk.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iii) The Ripley Building was the first office block.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iv) East India House was the headquarters of the Royal Navy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(v) Efficiency improved greatly when staff moved to East India House.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. Would Oriel Chambers be considered impressive by today’s standards? Give a reason for your answer from paragraph 5.

26.(i) According to paragraph 5, why there was no brick walls in the new design of Oriel Chambers?

(ii) What result did this have?

27. What was the ‘magic dust’ (line 26) that John Wellborn Root sprinkled ‘into the designs of numerous skyscrapers’ (line 27)?

28. What does the writer mean by the metaphor ‘the pond’ (line 27)?

29. What phrase does the writer use in paragraph 8 to describe the rapid increase of tall buildings?

30. Find ONE word in paragraph 8 that means ‘limited/scarce.’

31. According to paragraph 9, is the writer a fan of the Taylor office? Give a reason for your answer from the text.

32. What is the tone of Harry Koh in paragraph 10?

- A wholly unimpressed
- B rather critical
- C very optimistic
- D extremely negative

A B C D

33. Which word in paragraph 11 has a similar meaning to ‘strictness’?

34. According to paragraph 11, does the writer agree with the principles of the Bürolandschaft movement? Give a reason for your answer from the text.

35. Based on the information in paragraphs 10 and 11, complete the summary by writing ONE word taken from paragraphs 10 and 11 in each blank below. Your answers must be grammatically correct. (4 marks)

In an open-plan office, employees could work (i) _____ in the space, although the distribution of the working locations was still not (ii) _____. In the 1950s, the aim of the Bürolandschaft movement was to meet the (iii) _____ of workers. More relaxed work spaces sought to improve democracy and (iv) _____ within the workplace.

36. Below are statements summarizing the main ideas of paragraphs 8–11. Match the most appropriate idea (A–E) with each of the paragraphs. Write the letter of the main idea next to the paragraph number given. Use each letter ONCE only. One of the ideas is not used. (4 marks)

Main Idea	
A	Workers were cared for and protected.
B	Office interiors were designed to maximize efficiency.
C	Layout was changed to emphasize communication.
D	Hierarchy persisted in an open workspace.
E	Building skyscrapers was an efficient use of land.

Paragraph	Main Idea
8	(i)
9	(ii)
10	(iii)
11	(iv)

37. What was the problem with cubicle walls being ‘too high to see over’ (line 55)?

38. What does ‘digital nomads’ suggest about the characteristics of workers?

39. According to paragraph 13, what has been the main benefit of hot desking for Wendy Chou’s company?

40. According to paragraph 14, what design elements will be a feature of offices of the future, and what will the benefit be? (4 marks)

Design element	Benefit
More (i) _____ working areas	Workers can find a suitable place to work, regardless of their task.
Features reminiscent of (ii) _____	Workers will feel able to be themselves.
More places to relax and have coffee	Workers will feel less (iii) _____.
Wireless docking stations and screen connections	(iv) _____ _____

41. Which word in paragraph 14 can be replaced by 'pleasant'?

42. Below are comments made by some of the people mentioned in Text 2. Match each person with one comment. Use each letter ONCE only. One comment is not used and you should select 'Not Applicable'. (5 marks)

A Sandra Vallance	B Max Thorne	C Wendy Chou
D Harry Koh	E Not Applicable	

Comments:	Person
(i) The benefits of the design were poorly understood at first.	
(ii) It was the starting point for a new trend in construction.	
(iii) Office design was revolutionized by air conditioning.	
(iv) One criticism has been that workers do not feel like they belong.	
(v) These working spaces are healthier and more comfortable.	

43. Which of the following is the best title for this text?

A The dying art of office design

B Why our working lives have changed little in 200 years

C The story of the first skyscraper

A B C D

D How office design came to support workers

END OF PART B