

(1) I'm Ryan. I'm 19. I'm addicted to information technology and gaming, so that's any form of electronic gaming or the pursuit of information without purpose. I've always been interested in video games, from a very young age. It never really started to get bad for me until middle school and into high school. As time progressed, it just continued to get worse and worse. It started to affect my school grades, interpersonal relationships, and things of that nature.

(2) Then I went off to college, planning on being very successful, and that's when my gaming addiction kicked in. Towards the end of my first quarter, it got really bad. In my second quarter, I didn't go to any classes. I just spent the entire time on the computer. My lowest point was when I realized what I had been doing, that I was on the track to flunk out of college. This would result in me being homeless because my parents had said they wouldn't support me if I didn't succeed in college. Unable to find a way out of this mess, they were very worried. At that point, I just decided something had to change.

(3) People don't take internet addiction seriously at all, and it's extremely hard to have it accepted. I'm in a program called The reSTART Internet and Technology Recovery Program. You have to go to 12-step meetings and talk to people in your recovery group, and even other recovering addicts don't accept it as a problem. They are always in denial. Internet addiction is becoming more commonly accepted, but there's still a huge culture of 'It's not a problem, just turn off the computer' sort of mentality. It's not that simple.

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Subject : ENGLISH

1<sup>st</sup> Form (3 / 4 / 5) Pupil's Name : .....

Duration : 2 hours

## I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks)

1) Tick the most appropriate option . Ryan is (1 mark)

- a- hooked on surfing the internet.
- b- hooked on texting friends.
- c- hooked on playing video games.

2) For of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false (4 marks)

a- Ryan's addiction did not have any effects on his school results. (paragraph 1)

b- Ryan attended school regularly. (paragraph 2)

c- People think that internet is a big problem. (paragraph 3)

d- The addicts meet once a week in the recovery program. (paragraph 3)

3) Complete the table with information from paragraph 2 (2 marks)

Condition	Consequences
Ryan's failure	a- ..... b- .....

4) Provide the function of the underlined expression (1 mark)

I just decided something had to change. (Pg 2) : .....

5) What was the solution for Ryan's addiction? (paragraph 3) (1 mark)

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6) What do the underlined words refer to in the text (3 marks)

They (pg 2) refers to : .....

It (pg 3) refers to : .....

They (pg 3) refers to : .....

7) Find words in the text meaning nearly the same as (2 marks)

a- developed or took effect (pg 2) : .....

b- be dismissed from (pg 2) : .....

8) Give a personal and justified answer to the following question (1 mark)

If you were Ryan, what would you do for your problem of addiction ?

If I were Ryan, I .....

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## II- LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1) Match sentence parts A with the suitable sentence parts B to get a coherent paragraph (3 marks) (There is one extra sentence part in B)

A	B
1- Diaries are also a great way to record life experiences and	a- just write freely.
2- What you think about one thing today is probably different from	b- how your feelings have changed.
3- In a diary, you will express your feelings towards something when it is very fresh	c- learn from them.
4- You can then look back on those entries in the future and see	d- is to just write.
5- If you have ever wanted to get better at writing, the only way	e- how you will think about it next week
6- By keeping a diary, and writing about what you care about you can practise your writing	f- in a very casual way
	g- in your mind.
1- ..... / 2- ..... / 3- ..... / 4- ..... / 5- ..... / 6- .....	

2) Fill in the blanks with 08 words from the box to get a coherent paragraph (4 marks)

revising – for – more – exams – sitting – stress – exchange – most – grades – surfing

I've tried group revision and study games to make revising more interesting, but it's hard not to get distracted. My friends and I have found Google Docs useful ..... exchanging notes, especially sharing quotes for English literature. This is our first time ..... for public exams. We're eventually about to encounter the ..... strenuous month of our lives so far and no one knows exactly what to expect. My inspiring history teacher gave me some useful advice – don't ..... about how others say they are doing. Only you can be sure what amount of work will get you the ..... and either way, your classmates are probably lying about how much they are ..... . There are times when you admire those taking A-levels and university ..... for dealing with the extra burden; then there are days when you would ..... anything against the scope of subjects to cover at GCSEs.

3) Put the bracketed words in the right Form and / or Tense (3 marks)

To begin with, a good neighbour must be supportive because life is full of unplanned emergencies. Oftentimes the people live close to us (**be**) ..... the only ones who can provide assistance when things go wrong. For example, my family (**experience**) ..... a major house fire several years ago. It was a traumatic experience as it happened in the middle of the night and we lost most of (**we**) ..... belongings. Though none of us suffered any injuries, we did experience a lot of (**emotion**) ..... trauma. The situation was aided, however, by a compassionate neighbour who (**immediate**) ..... called the fire department upon noticing the fire and who also provided us with clean clothes, food and a place to stay for the night. This example (**demonstrate**) ..... how important it is to have kind and supportive neighbours when an emergency happens.



### III- WRITING (15 marks)

1) Develop the following notes to obtain a coherent paragraph about friends reunion. (5 marks)

Friends very important	Hard to lose a good friend	Wonderful when friends reunited	Want to look for a friend not seen a long time	Look at Friends Reunited Website
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Adherence to task and content adequacy	2 marks
Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy	2 marks
Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling)	1 mark

#### 2) Topic (10 marks)

One of your close friends is going to sit for an exam in two weeks. He / She is scared and worried. Write him / her **an e-mail** in which you advise him / her how to make revision a pleasure.

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Adherence to task and content adequacy	4 marks
Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy	4 marks
Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling)	2 marks

