

Dear Amy,

My wife and I have been married for almost 13 years. She has not worked by mutual agreement for three years. Over the last few months, she has gotten to where she plays games on the Internet for five to six hours a day.

More bothersome to me is that there are several men whom she chats with and even makes plans to meet online to play.

There are times when she is playing a game with one and instant-messaging with one or two others at the same time.

I have told her that it makes me feel jealous. She has told me over and over that they all know that she is happily married.

I work shift work and have days off in the middle of the week, when our daughter is at school. I have told her that on those days I would like to do things together, but unless I firmly make her go with me, she is on the computer chatting with her friends.

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**By Amy Dickinson**

**I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (8 marks)**

Listen to the letter and :

1) Tick the correct option : The letter is mainly about : (1 mark) :

- a- A game addict.
- b- Surfing the net.
- c- Internet addiction.

2) Complete the following table (3 marks) :

The complainer	The person concerned	Behaviour
The husband	.....	a- ..... b- .....

3) How is the husband affected? (1 mark) :

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4) Identify the suitable function corresponding to the statement (1 mark) :

STATEMENT	FUNCTIONS
On those days I would like to do things together.	a- Expressing acceptance b- Expressing likes c- Expressing approval

**SPELLING :**

Listen to the letter and complete the following paragraph (1 mark) :

She has not worked by mutual ..... for three years. Over the last few months, she has ..... to where she plays games on the Internet.

**PRONUNCIATION :**

Listen to the letter and put the suitable word under the corresponding sound (1 mark) :

Things / Bothersome

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Firmly / Shift

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## II- LANGUAGE (12 marks)

Name : ..... 2nd Form ECO .....

### 1) Circle the correct alternative to get a coherent paragraph (4 marks) :

A research scholar working on a difficult, obscure subject usually needs books that are **(too – very – high)** expensive and that are often not available in the market. Sometimes he may need to refer **(at – in – to)** original manuscripts not otherwise available. In all such cases he will find it **(advantageous – helpless – interested)** to visit the various libraries and collect his material. It is a stimulus to reading. It helps us develop a reading **(behaviour – conduct – habit)**. Since its gates are open to all and sundry, to rich and poor, to professors and students, to scholars and lay-a-taste in books. In short, a library is a standing **(invitation – research – application)** to the public to come and read books as **(will – shall – well)** as newspapers and periodicals. There is a wide choice of books and the library helps us to escape **(of - from – with)** the practical necessities of this world. And while there is a charge for entering a cinema or a circus, for seeing a cricket match, there is **(no – not – none)** such charge for entering a library and becoming engrossed in a book. A well- equipped library is, indeed, the best friend, philosopher and guide.

### 2) Put the bracketed words in the right Form and / or Tense (4 marks) :

Internet has proved to be one of the most innovative inventions for us. It **(make)** ..... its presence felt in every sphere of our life, be it economy, society, health care, spirituality, etc. Prominent among its benefits **(be)** ..... the impact it has had on the education sector. Students can now gain access to innumerable research papers, apart from getting the **(late)** ..... updates in the field of science and technology. But as they say, "With great power comes great **(responsible)** .....", Internet has created new challenges for the society and most **(threaten)** ..... among these is the impact it has had on children. Internet addiction **(have / recognized)** ..... as a disorder in many countries, and rehabilitation centers have been created to help people to get over it. The sad part of this whole phenomenon is that a large proportion of Internet **(addiction)** ..... are youngsters, who are extremely vulnerable to its ill-effects. There **(be)** ..... several advantages and disadvantages of Internet. The internet is a blessing and a curse.

### 3) Fill in the blanks with 8 words from the following box (4 marks) :

eagerly - by - of - advantages - librarian - without - helplessly - benefits - poorest - from -

As the needs of various readers are different, a library serves a very useful purpose by meeting the requirements of all readers. The ..... man can go to a library, take out any book he needs and read or take notes from it ..... having to pay for the privilege. In this way, a single library ..... thousands of readers. Again, some books are priced so high that they are beyond the means ..... average reader, but they are usually to be found in a library. It is evident that a library confers incalculable ..... on the public only if they care to make use of it. A library has always a studious atmosphere. As we enter a library, we find ourselves surrounded ..... books and readers. We see books of all kinds and sizes reposing in their respective places, and earnest readers ..... devouring the contents of the books they have picked up from the shelves. What is more, all possible facilities are provided to the readers, and a ..... to help and guide the reader all these factors make the place a veritable sanctuary fit for even the most serious and zealous students.