

Integrated Skills in English

ISE III



The Controlled Written examination

Wednesday 14 December 2011

10.00am-12.30pm

Your full name:
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Candidate registration number:

Centre:

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

1. Write your name, candidate number and centre number on the front of this examination paper.
2. You must not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
3. This examination paper has **three** tasks. You must complete **all** tasks.
4. Use blue or black pen, not pencil.
5. Write your answers on the examination paper.
6. Do all rough work on the examination paper. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
7. You must not use a dictionary in this examination.
8. You must not use correction fluid on the examination paper.

Information for candidates

The tasks in this examination have equal weighting.

You are advised to spend about 70 minutes on Task 1, 40 minutes on Task 2 and about 40 minutes on Task 3.

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Task 1							
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Accuracy and range	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Task 2							
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Accuracy and range	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Task 3							
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
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Task 1 – Reading into writing task

Read the information below. Then, **in your own words**, write a report (approximately 300 words) for an international development committee:

- i) summarising the information given in the text about the way in which 'technology has quietly revolutionised the way we live' **and**
- ii) evaluating the positive and negative effects of these recent technological changes, with relevant examples.

Wireless World

A decade ago, there were plenty of sceptics who argued that new technology would never make the office redundant, render giant shopping malls obsolete or change the way we socialise. Ten years on, some of those radical suggestions still sound fanciful.

However, in other respects, technology has quietly revolutionised the way we live. Broadband penetration is high and rising, and more homes and businesses are using Wi-Fi, a more convenient way of accessing the internet. A new wave of gadgets, from mobile phones that provide quicker online connections, MP3 players, personal organisers and lightweight, inexpensive laptops are making a connected world the reality.

There is little doubt that an increasing number of us expect the internet, in particular, to transform the world around us. Two recent polls reveal that it is already having a profound effect on the way we behave and how we relate to one another, changing the way we live, work and play.

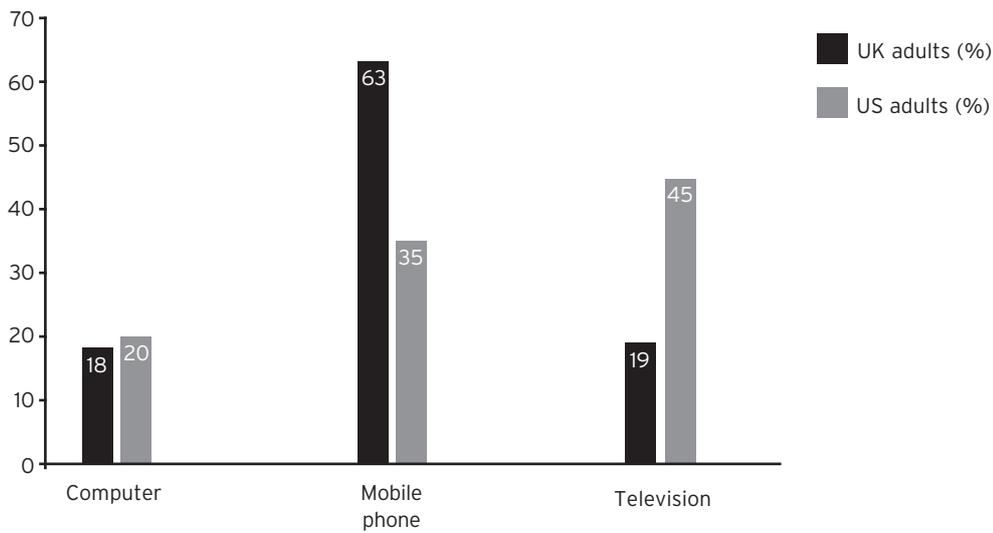
Researchers asked adults and teenagers in the UK and US to describe how they use the internet, what mobile phones they own and whether they are comfortable with all the changes that new technologies are releasing. The results showed that British people own more gadgets than Americans, and parents worry about how much time their children spend in front of a PC screen and the type of information they are consuming. It also suggested that old habits – such as watching TV – may die out as new ones, including talking to friends online, become firmly established.

In both the UK and the US, virtually all of those surveyed own a TV, but well over 90% of adults in both countries also have a mobile phone, over 50% have a laptop and around 90% have access to a desktop computer.

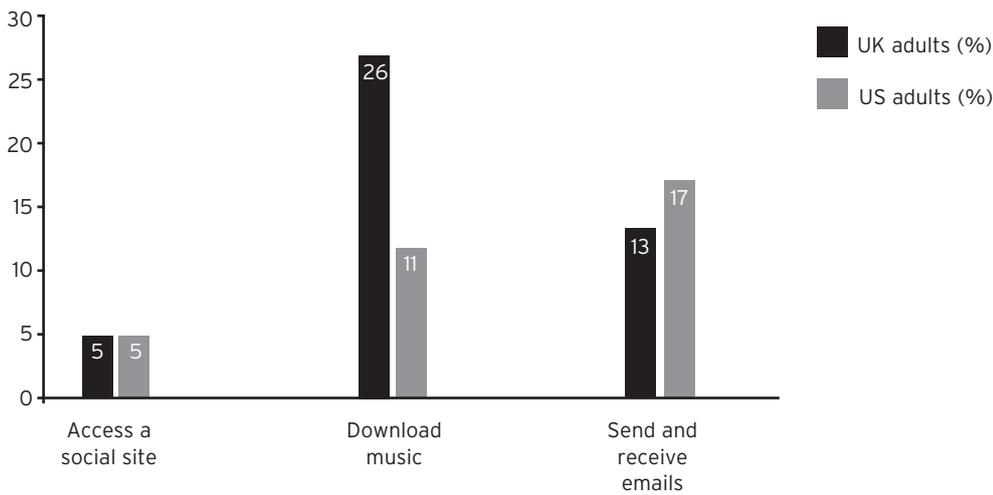
Many of the adults surveyed said they couldn't resist surfing the internet or checking their emails while on holiday, and children said they preferred socialising online to meeting friends face-to-face.

Use your own words as far as possible. No marks for answers copied from the reading texts.
You must make reference to both the text and the graphic information in your answer.

If you could only have one, which would you choose?



Which of the below do you do from your mobile?



(Source: Adapted from Ipsos Mori, the Carphone Warehouse)

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