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OPTION A: "Exams Come to the Bedroom."

1 The US firm Software Secure Inc. has developed a new system that allows students to take tests from their
2 bedrooms at any time of day or night. The University of Wales is already experimenting with this technology and
3 dozens of others will be offered the service this summer. The system works through a unit that students plug into
4 their computers and it incorporates software to prevent students from cheating.

5 Once a student feels ready to take the written exam, the technology takes a fingerprint to check his/her identity
6 and a 360-degree webcam and microphone check that the student is not trying to cheat by receiving help from
7 others. The computer also locks network access so that the student cannot search the internet for answers.

8 "The program acts in the same way as a normal invigilator. However, there are still some questions over whether
9 a student would be able to cheat and how it would be possible, logistically, to use the system with thousands of
10 students," said Mark Pelling, a senior administrator at the university.

11 With record numbers of students at university, institutions have difficulty for finding an exam hall big enough to fit
12 all the students. "This new technology would solve this problem and save on the cost of invigilators," Pelling said.
13 Aaron Porter, president-elect of the National Union of Students, said the technology could be one solution to
14 problems faced by those who might have difficulty reaching a university campus for their exams, such as disabled
15 students or long-distance learners. But he warned against using it as an excuse to reduce the amount of contact time
16 between students and their teachers.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points: questions 1-3, 1 point each; 4-5, 0.5 points each)

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

1. How does the system make sure that the student is not being helped by someone in the same room?
2. What could be the possible disadvantages of the system?
3. What type of students would the system benefit most?

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

4. At present, only one university is trying out the new system.
5. The system will contribute to improve the contact between students and teachers.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; questions 6-9, 0.25 points each; 10-13, 0.5 points each)

6. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "permit" (verb).
7. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: **Not to obey a set of rules that should be obeyed, for example in a game or exam.**
8. WHICH WORD IS NOT A PREPOSITION? **Against /amount /for /to**
9. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "warn" (verb) .
10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: **Most students want their universities (adopt) this new system.**
11. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: **If I used the computer to sit my exams, . . .**
12. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE **AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE**). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: **She had enough money for the new computer. She didn't buy it.**
13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: **The director of the show didn't choose me at the casting.**

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

14. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS. FOCUS STRICTLY ON THE TOPIC:
Would you prefer to learn at home instead of having to go to school? Why?

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OPTION B: "The Swedish Revolution in your Home."

- 1 It was the autumn of 1987, and a major cultural phenomenon was about to take place. In the town of
2 Warrington, a furniture store with a strange name opened its doors – Ikea had arrived in the UK. Ikea was founded
3 60 years ago by a 17-year-old boy in an old shed in a rural Swedish garden. The name Ikea comes from the initials
4 of the founder's name, Ingvar Kamprad, the farm where he grew up, Elmtaryd, and his home village, Agunnaryd.
5 Looking back now, it's easy to forget that the Swedish store was genuinely revolutionary. Before Ikea, anyone
6 who wanted furniture at an affordable price which didn't look like their parents' could forget it. The choice was either
7 save up and go to Habitat or buy something that looked like mum and dad's.
8 Interior designer Anne Hunter says "Ikea has changed the way we live, putting modern design within reach of
9 millions of young people for the first time and, if we get tired of something, it's not the end of the world because it
10 didn't cost a fortune". Linton Scarborough, manager at the Straiton store, puts it this way: "It's all about the range; we
11 have a wide range of well-designed, functional, home furnishing products at prices so low that many people can
12 afford them."
13 1.1 million customers around the world visit Ikea stores every day. In the UK, the business welcomes 110,000
14 visitors a day – that's almost 40 million every year. It cannot be denied that Ikea has changed the way we shop, and
15 ensured that most of us have at least one of its products at home.

I * **COMPREHENSION** (4 points: questions 1-3, 1 point each; 4-5, 0.5 points each) .

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

1. **Before 1987, what did people have to do if they wanted to buy furniture?**
2. **How has Ikea changed our life style?**
3. **Which are the two distinctive features of Ikea products?**

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

4. **"UK has had Ikea stores for 60 years."**
5. **"Few people own Ikea products."**

6. **FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT (preposition): We always laugh his jokes.**

7. **GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS: "forget" (VERB) (LINE 5)**

8. **FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR: "election" (NOUN)**

9. **FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "A person who buys"**

10. **GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: Ikea was founded by a young man**

11. **REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: Someone is going to decorate my house with furniture from Ikea. I am going to. . .**

12. **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: Unless you have enough money**

13. **USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM**

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