

Индивидуальный тур

Part I. Reading

Task 1. You are going to read an article about the latest computers. For questions 1- 6, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

Brave New World.

Imagine a computer more powerful than the human brain that can programme itself and even think for itself. Exciting? Terrifying? Whatever your reaction to this prospect, you may have little choice about the outcome. The new generation of computers is on its way and most experts believe that by the year 2020 the current models will have been replaced by living computers.

Scientists have had considerable success with this latest technological breakthrough. Believe it or not, the work started with leeches, small worm-like creatures, whose nerve cells were used in experiments. These nerve cells, or neurons as they are known, perform the same function as human neurons. They are the basic thinking blocks that our brains use to solve problems. In the living computer, researchers connect the neurons to a computer and then link the cells together. The result is a computer that will be able to think for itself.

The future users of this technology are endless. For example, scientists will have the ability to help blind people to see and deaf people to hear again, by connecting bionic ears and eyes to their brains. It could also mean the end of problems with government departments, no more mix-ups with your documents because of human error. With computers that think for themselves your file will be ready at the push of the button.

However, many people are afraid of such technology. They wonder if they will lose their jobs to the new generation of computers. They fear that a situation like the film “Matrix” could develop, in which computers control our minds and our world.

It seems that we are rapidly heading for a “brave new world”. By the time the next generations of children have grown up, our lives and our world will have changed in ways beyond our imagination. Nonetheless the future is still in human hand. It is up to us how we use this new technology. We must make sure that living computers work for the benefit of humankind and do not result in a threat to our very existence.

1. What does the writer think will have happened by the year 2020?

- A. There will be no more computers
- B. There will be a new kind of computer
- C. People will have powerful brains

2. What does “they” in line 10 refer to?

- A. People’s brain
- B. Scientists
- C. Nerve cells

3. What are neurons?

- A. Nerve cells
- B. Leeches
- C. Blocks

4. How did scientists make the first form of the living computer?

- A. They used neurons from leeches
- B. They used neurons from worms
- C. They used the human brain

5. How does the writer think that this technology will help deaf and blind people?

- A. Linking the cells together
- B. By giving bionic ears and eyes
- C. By turning them into bionic people

6. What does the writer think about the future?

- A. Computers already control it
- B. Scientists control it
- C. It is in our hands

Part II. Use of English (Vocabulary and Grammar)

Task 1. Read the text below, then choose the answer A, B, C or D which best suits each space.

Coco Chanel.

Gabrielle “Coco” Chanel was born in Saumur, Southern France and was __1__ up in a French orphanage. She became an innovative dress designer __2__ ruled over Parisian High Fashion for almost 6 decades. At age 30 she __3__ a tiny hat shop and quickly added sweaters, shirts and accessories. Within 5 years her simple and comfortable designs attracted the __4__ of influential wealthy women. Her style was a refreshing change __5__ the confining and tight-sitting corset and long dresses with petticoats of that time. She __6__ jersey dresses, bell-bottom trousers, trench coats, turtleneck sweaters and the classic “little black dress”. Costume jewelry as well as bobbed hair are also credited __7__ Chanel. Traditional Chanel accessories include multiple strands __8__ pearls and gold chains, quilted hand bags and sling-back pumps in ivory with black toes. At the __9__ of her career, Chanel __10__ 3500 people. The empire __11__ a Fashion House, a textile business, a costume jewelry workshop, and perfume laboratories where the famous perfume Chanel № 5 was __12__. Chanel retired in 1938 but __13__ in 1954 to introduce another classic, the cardigan suit. Today, Chanel __14__ to be one of the most prestigious __15__ in the world of fashion, fragrances, and cosmetics.

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| 1. A. grown | B. raised | C. lived | D. brought |
| 2. A. which | B. whom | C. who | D. whose |
| 3. A. started | B. began | C. replaced | D. opened |
| 4. A. attention | B. affection | C. aid | D. assistance |
| 5. A. into | B. from | C. with | D. for |
| 6. A. formed | B. shaped | C. introduced | D. announced |
| 7. A. for | B. by | C. to | D. of |
| 8. A. about | B. of | C. for | D. across |
| 9. A. top | B. height | C. head | D. point |
| 10. A. employed | B. worked | C. used | D. bossed |
| 11. A. included | B. embraced | C. grouped | D. surrounded |
| 12. A. forged | B. imagined | C. created | D. revised |
| 13. A. returned | B. reviewed | C. restored | D. replaced |
| 14. A. persists | B. continues | C. maintains | D. proceeds |
| 15. A. types | B. kinds | C. names | D. forms |

Task 2. Check your Grammar. Choose the right variant.

1. We can get up at 6 o'clock. We are used ____ early.
A. to get up B. getting up C. to getting up D. to be got up
2. As I drove past my garden I saw my aunt ____ flowers.
A. to be planting B. have planted C. to plant D. planting
3. If you ____ the letter a couple of days earlier he would have got it by his birthday.
A. posted B. have posted C. had posted D. post
4. I haven't seen him ____ 2 months.
A. for B. during C. since D. until
5. Our problems ____ since that new boss ____.
A. grew, came B. had grown, has come C. have grown, came D. are growing, will come
6. He is accustomed ____ working very hard.
A. in B. to C. of D. ---
7. I told him he ____ take any book he liked.
A. must B. may C. could D. has to
8. Our luggage ____ at the Customs now.
A. examine B. examined C. is examined D. is being examined
9. I am sure they ____ the new road by June.
A. complete B. will complete C. will have completed D. completed
10. I can't open the doors with ____ key, have you got ____?
A. this, yours B. my, your C. that, my D. your, my