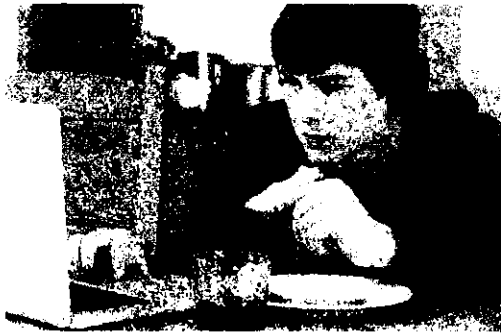


I was walking around on a Saturday afternoon. It was cold and it was starting to rain. I was looking for a restaurant or a café where I could sit and have something to drink. When I saw one, I crossed the street and I was there. I sat at a round table and asked for a cup of coffee. While I was waiting for my order, I realised that there were other people in the place, but I sensed loneliness. I saw their bodies, but I couldn't feel their souls. That was because their souls didn't belong to them; instead **they** belonged to the Internet.



I stood up and walked between the tables. When I came to the biggest computer, I saw a thin, small man sitting in front of it. "I'm Steve", he finally answered after I had asked him a couple of times what his name was. "I can't talk with you. I'm busy," he said. I thought he was working, and I apologised. He didn't say anything. Before going back to my seat, I wanted to see what he was doing. I stood behind him. He was not working. He was chatting online with somebody – probably someone he didn't know – and, at the same time, he was playing a computer game – a war game. I was astonished.

Why didn't Steve want to talk to me? I tried again to communicate with that computer geek, but not a word came out of his mouth. I touched his shoulder, but there was no reaction. I was getting upset. I put my hand in front of the monitor, and he started shouting, "leave me alone!" I took a few steps back. I was ashamed. I wanted to look and see if all those people in the café were looking at me, so I raised my head, but there was nobody interested in what was happening. I walked back to my table, and I noticed everybody was using a computer.



At that moment, I realised that the people in that place were having a cup of coffee and a nice conversation with their **machines**, not with people. All of them were more interested in having a relationship with the computer, particularly Steve. I wouldn't want to imagine the future of human beings if they preferred sharing their lives with machines instead of people. I was worried and I sank in my thoughts. I didn't even realise that the coffee was bad, just as Steve didn't even realise that there was a person next to him.

A CHOOSE THE BEST TITLE FOR THE PASSAGE. TICK THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER (2 pts)

- Computer games
- Computer programming
- Computer addiction

B ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWER. (3 PTS)

- 1 The writer went to a café on a sunny day.
.....
- 2 Steve answered the writer’s question immediately.
.....
- 3 The people in the café didn’t care about what was going on between Steve and the writer.
.....

C ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. (3 pts)

- 1 Why did the writer apologise?
.....
- 2 What was Steve busy doing?
.....
- 3 Why did Steve start shouting?
.....

D COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES FROM THE TEXT. (3 pts)

- 1 The writer felt lonely in the café although.....
.....
- 2 When the writer saw that Steve was too busy, he wanted to
.....
- 3 The writer can’t imagine a future where people
.....

E WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (2 pts)

- 1 they (paragraph 1):
- 2 machines (paragraph 4):

F FIND WORDS IN THE TEXT THAT MEAN THE SAME AS: (2 pts)

- 1 Surprised (paragraph 2):
- 2 Computer Screen (paragraph 3):

II LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A REWRITE THE SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN: (2PTS)

1 Candidates must send their applications before the end of June.

The applications.....

2 Swimming and fishing are not allowed in this lake.

People

B GIVE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS BETWEEN BRACKETS (3 PTS)

1 The job advertised requires a good (**know**) of at least two foreign languages.

2 Anas started looking for a job immediately after his (**graduate**)from the Institute of Technology

3 Rim thinks that the smart phone is the most useful modern (**invent**).....

C CONJUGATE THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE: (3 pts)

1 She speaks English but she (**not speak**)French.

2 How long (**you study**) photography? "For one year".

3 When the film (**start**) Sanaa realized that she (**see**) it before.

D FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE APPROPRIATE WORD (TOO OR ENOUGH). (2 pts)

1 Do you have information to help me with this problem?

2 I don't have much time to prepare dinner.

3 I left the coffee for a minute to cool because it was hot to drink.

4 He didn't work hard to pass the exam.

E FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS BETWEEN BRACKETS (2 PTS)

1 Non-smokers usually live (**long**) than smokers.

2 Which is the (**dangerous**) animal in the world.

3 The weather this summer is even (**bad**) than last summer.

4 Who is the (**rich**) woman on earth.

F FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE APPROPRIATE PHRASAL VERB (3PTS)



1 It is a major experience for me and I will do my outmost to the expectations.

2 In situations like this children may from home or attack their parents.

3 We really can't living like this – we'll have to find a bigger house.

