



CONCERNS AT OPENAI



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**1**

Warm up

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. Have you used ChatGPT or a similar AI software? What do you think about it?
2. What effect has ChatGPT had on education?
3. What improvements do you think AI could bring to the lives of humans? Why?

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Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Match the vocabulary to the definitions.

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| 1. <u>whirlwind</u> (adj.) | a. regarding a series of events where many things happen very quickly |
| 2. <u>candid</u> (adj.) | b. get around a situation or problem |
| 3. <u>dismissal</u> (n) | c. a period of time spent doing a particular activity or job |
| 4. <u>blindside</u> (v) | d. being open and honest about your thoughts |
| 5. <u>stint</u> (n) | e. the act of taking away someone's job |
| 6. <u>reinstatement</u> (n) | f. give someone information that they weren't expecting |
| 7. <u>circumvent</u> (v) | g. waiting for something to take place |
| 8. <u>pending</u> (prep) | h. the act of putting someone back in a position that they had previously lost |



Part B: Now put the vocabulary from Part A in the correct gaps in the following sentences. You may need to change the form of the word to fit the sentence.

1. An increasing number of companies have been setting up their headquarters in foreign countries to _____ tax regulations.
2. His questionable behaviour in the office and his lax attitude to deadlines ultimately resulted in his _____.
3. Following a _____ tour of Europe and the United States, the artist's popularity was higher than ever and she's all set to record her third album.
4. None of this will go on the record, so you're able to be entirely _____ about your views.
5. Following a _____ working in the Middle East, he returned to London to take up a position as Director for a startup.
6. We've applied for a loan and it's currently _____ approval from the bank, so we'll let you know as soon as that happens.
7. The staff were all _____ by news of the take over and there's a lot of concern for their jobs which I think needs to be addressed.
8. Having been cleared of all wrongdoing, Mr. Bridges enjoyed full _____ to his position which came with heartfelt apologies from those involved.

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Listening for details

Listen to the news report and write down the meaning of the following numbers.



- a. 1 → _____
- b. 43.4 million → _____
- c. 750 → _____
- d. 3 → _____
- e. 5 → _____
- f. 38 → _____



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Listening comprehension

Listen to the news report again and choose the best answer A - D for each question.

1. What happened to Sam Altman?
 - a. He left his company to start a new company.
 - b. He was asked to join a company after he was fired from his job.
 - c. He was dismissed from his company and was then later reinstated.
 - d. He was fired from the board of directors.

2. What is the name of the new model that *OpenAI* is developing?
 - a. ChatGPT+
 - b. Q-ster
 - c. AGI
 - d. Q*

3. What was the complaint about Sam Altman?
 - a. He wasn't being honest with the board.
 - b. He was talking too much about *OpenAI*'s secretive work.
 - c. He was working for a rival tech company.
 - d. He wasn't communicating with the board.

4. What was the first reaction of the staff at *OpenAI* to the news?
 - a. They were excited at the new developments.
 - b. They threatened to leave.
 - c. They were upset at losing their jobs.
 - d. They were angry that they weren't told earlier.

5. What role did Mira Murati play in the situation?
 - a. She was fired after supporting Altman's removal from his post.
 - b. She offered Altman a job after he was fired from his position.
 - c. She briefly took over the CEO role having been the Chief Technical Officer.
 - d. Altman offered her work at his new startup, but she declined.



6. What problem did the researchers have?
 - a. They weren't able to make enough progress under Altman's direction.
 - b. They were concerned by the overly high intelligence of the new AI.
 - c. They suspected other companies were spying on their work.
 - d. They weren't convinced that the latest AI model was competitive enough.

7. What does OpenAI plan to do next?
 - a. Investigate Altman's actions that resulted in his removal from the company.
 - b. Bring a lawsuit against Altman to recoup money lost during the episode.
 - c. Launch a PR campaign to improve the public perception of AI.
 - d. Find out more about what led to the decisions that were made that week.

5**Finding vocabulary**

Find vocabulary in the article on page five which has the same meaning as the following definitions.

1. _____ give someone a reason to take a particular action or complete a task (v, para. A)
2. _____ information given in order for a task to be completed (n, para. A)
3. _____ give back a job or a position to someone after it has been taken away from them (v, para. B)
4. _____ a rapid increase in the number of amount of something (n, para. B)
5. _____ stop someone from feeling upset about a situation (v, para. C)
6. _____ protect someone from a particular situation where they may face difficulties or be harmed (v, para. D)
7. _____ boring mindless tasks (n, para. D)
8. _____ get rid of something that is no longer needed (v, para. D)



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Reading for gist

Decide which words a - c are the best fit for gaps 1 - 10 in the article below.

Threat or Aid?

The unknowns of AI

- A. Warnings of humankind engineering the seeds of its own destruction are littered throughout stories we've told since we first started telling them. While _____¹ of our own making, such as pollution and famine, are very real, they are reversible to a degree. We are capable of cleaning up and feeding the hungry should we be incentivised to do so. The development of AI, however, is a different kettle of fish. Once we reach the point where the Artificial Intelligence we currently have becomes the Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) that we're working towards, there will be no _____², no turning off the switch. Simply put, AI requires prompts from us in order to learn, AGI will be able to learn of its own accord.
- B. During the week where Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI was fired from his company and reinstated, it emerged that researchers at the company had sounded the _____³ to the board regarding their fears that the new system they were working on was showing signs of being too powerful. Altman is on board with measures to guard against the proliferation of AI technology, but also has a more upbeat attitude to AGI. During a recent world tour where he met politicians and academics around the globe, he argued that the _____⁴ AGI could have on our way of life in everything from education to healthcare could be a powerful 'equalising force' that we're not equipped to achieve ourselves.
- C. It's easy to share Altman's optimism. You'd have to be deluded to look at the world and not see room for _____⁵ and it's tempting to think that AI could offer that change. What's certain is that AI will affect our societies in a process that has already begun. ChatGPT's impact on the texts we read and the images we see was groundbreaking and ushered in much discussion over the effect it will have on middle-class jobs. A key element of the recent writer's _____⁶ in Hollywood was the issue over what role it would have. Altman himself is an advocate for Universal Basic Income (UBI), a system where the government provides the means to live which assures that everyone can survive with or without working. It's been a popular idea with tech entrepreneurs who realise there will be a _____⁷ to placate society while we go through a major restructuring of our societal systems.
- D. However, those at the _____⁸ of this change are largely insulated from it with their highly marketable skills and healthy bank balances. The question of whether we should head into an age of no return led by people with a strong profit motive remains. In _____⁹ to the UBI model, Naomi Klein in an interview for Penguin Books pointed out, 'if you're talking about AI under capitalism, that's not what's going to happen. We're not all going to be paid to stay home and we are not all going to be able to lead lives of leisure because... AI has _____¹⁰ away all the drudgery. What's going to happen is that people are going to be discarded in the same way that they are discarded now, only in much, much greater numbers.' - Sources: Gizmodo, The Guardian, BBC News, YouTube



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| A ¹ . a. threats | b. accidents | c. success |
| A ² . a. back | b. way | c. return |
| B ³ . a. alarm | b. danger | c. bell |
| B ⁴ . a. affect | b. effect | c. consequential |
| C ⁵ . a. advance | b. improvement | c. upgrade |
| C ⁶ . a. strike | b. knock | c. blow |
| C ⁷ . a. need | b. want | c. should |
| D ⁸ . a. forearm | b. forefront | c. forehead |
| D ⁹ . a. note | b. recommendation | c. reference |
| D ¹⁰ . a. taken | b. removed | c. withdrawn |

7 Reading comprehension

Part A: Decide in which paragraphs A - D the following ideas or information can be found.

1. An idea for how people can be supported through a period where they might not have access to employment. → _____
2. A dispute over the effects that AI may have on creative work in the United States. → _____
3. Two reasons why developers of AI may not be concerned about its effects. → _____
4. Two examples of problems our civilisations have created that have a negative impact on us. → _____
5. Altman's views on continuing to develop advanced artificial technology. → _____
6. A view of the consequences of our current economic system when married with UBI. → _____
7. The reason why staff alerted OpenAI's board to the work they were doing. → _____

Part B: Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. What is the meaning of 'different kettle of fish' in Paragraph A?

2. What is the meaning of 'of its own accord' in Paragraph A?



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Talking point

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. What are your feelings about the development of AI? Why?
2. Do you share Sam Altman's view that highly developed AI could drastically improve life for us and reduce inequality across the world? Why/why not?
3. Do you think that the concept of Universal Basic Income is a good idea? Why/Why not?
4. Do you think that the reality of Universal Basic Income in a world largely run by capitalism is likely to work? Why/why not?
5. In what ways does AI currently have an impact on your life?
6. Do you believe that we will eventually clean up areas of the world that we have been responsible for polluting? Why/why not?

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Extended activity/Homework

Read the question.

Just as there was an agreement by governments across the world to severely limit the production of nuclear weapons, so should we immediately halt the development of AI. It's currently not understood by enough people, and those who do are clearly scared. It requires a scaled down, better thought out approach.

To what extent do you agree with the above?

You should:

- Write at least 250 words.
- Check your grammar, spelling and punctuation.