

THE INTERNET

The Internet is the world's largest computer network with over 100 million users worldwide and this number is doubling from year to year. The Internet is like an international highway of information. Now, you can sit at your computer, choose a route and arrive at your destination -that is, the information you need. Today, from your computer, you can access a library in one country, talk to an expert on a certain topic in a second country and send your own information to someone doing research in a third. So, we don't know what will be next in the not-too-distant future.

The Internet was born when scientists attempted to connect the American Defence network to other satellite networks in order to exchange information. Soon, scientific and educational institutions as well as research departments became interested in linking up, and, before long, the Internet had expanded into an international information and communication network.

The Internet now reaches all the countries in the world. You can be connected to the Internet directly through your own computer or you can hook up to an access system which allows you to use some of the Internet's services.

To tell the truth, there are problems with modern technology like the Internet. For example, copyright laws and other media regulations haven't managed to come to grips with the Internet yet. Unfortunately, some unscrupulous people have already recognized the commercial potential of the Internet. They have used it to sell stolen goods illegally and even pornography, which would obviously make the Internet unsuitable for use in schools. Both governments and computer experts are concerned about the misuse of such a system and must do their best to prevent it. Nobody actually owns the Internet, nobody runs it and no one has the power to switch it off. Thus, the nature of the Internet will be shaped by the culture and morality of the people who use it. (320 words)

1.- Based on the ideas of the text, answer the following questions using your own words as far as possible. (25 words maximum each) (2 points)

A.- What are some of the misuses of the Internet?

B.- What are the advantages of the Internet, according to the text?

2.- Sav whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Copy the evidence from the text. No marks will be given without the evidence. (1 point)

A.- The Internet can work everywhere in the world.

B.- It is not simple to solve some questions concerning the Net.

3.- Choose ONLY THREE of the following words and write a synonym (=), an opposite (≠), a definition or a sentence (only one of these four) to show that you understand their meaning in the text. Use your own words. (1.5 points)

- a- computer d- information
- b- expert e- own
- c- attempted f- recognized

4.- Write down THREE grammatically correct and meaningful sentences by matching both columns. ONLY THREE of them are correct. (1.5 points)

- Clients can be charged by the minute	- but also given unmetered access for a fixed fee.
- The incident dramatically exposed the vulnerability	- is that his children will be exposed to pornography.
- If you are interested in a subject,	- to sabotage of e-commerce and the Internet.
- The bigger fear among parents	- use the Internet to investigate deeper.

5.- Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. (4 points)

A.- Modern technologies.

B.- Yesterday, today and tomorrow's society.