Reading activity

Innovation of New Technologies

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It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, game and music downloading.

Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets, and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

Nonetheless, for the young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its bad outcomes.

Also, a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services form a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn’t commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

Discuss with your class about the following questions:

How have smartphones helped in communication?

What have been the benefits and demerits of smartphones in your life?

Answer the questions:

1. **A synonym of ‘innovation’ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*\_\_*.**

production

sincerity

invention

prevention

1. **Meaning of the word ‘adverse’ is :**

positive

negative

admirable

unguided

1. **Grown-ups should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*\_* the use of new technology by the young people.**

reject

criticize

monitor

accept

1. **According to the passage, one can opt for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*\_* plan if prepaid plan doesn’t suit.**

yearly

weekly

monthly

daily

1. According to the text, adults seldom use smartphones:

True

False

1. Based on the text, it is necessary to have a great deal of money to convey messages by using smartphones

True

False

1. There are some common internet characteristics provided by the mobile internet access like emails, alerts, instant messages, music downloading.

True

False