

## LANGUAGE ( 8 marks)

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**Task2 : Circle the right alternative (2.5 marks)**



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**Task3: Put the bracketed verbs in the correct tense or form.(2.5 marks)**

Dear Francesca,

We are having a wonderful time in York. We ( **be** ) here for 3 days and we want ( **stay** ) for the rest of the week. Yesterday, we ( **visit** ) the Cathedral and the Castle Museum. But, we ( **not walk** ) around the little old-fashioned streets,yet. The weather is very nice but people say it can be very cold. I'm looking forward to ( **hear** ) from you.

Yours,  
James.



**END-OF-TERM TEST N°2**

Name :.....

Class : 9B.....

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**TEXT**



1- Technology is advancing everyday. New phones, computers and other electronic devices are improving the world. Teens are obsessed over having the newest and best phone, computer or Ipod. They are becoming addicted to technology. They mostly communicate through texting , online chatting or facebook. They have stopped picking up the phone to call a friend or a family member. Ipod and MP3 players also isolate teenagers by putting them into their own world. The headphones in teenagers' ears hints that **they** just want to listen to music and it is hard to get a good conversation.



2- Teens argue that cell phones are a quick and easy way to contact family and friends. However , they are using **them** in an obsessive manner. They are constantly receiving messages and texting back whether it is at a family dinner, or a movie (cinema). They cannot put their phones down.

3- Even in school, teens are texting during class distracting them from the lesson. They are also using text shortcuts in schoolwork such as "LOL". And using this language, which does not follow proper grammar , is limiting their vocabulary and their writing abilities.



4- Teens need to Lol addiction to electronics . Awareness of the consequences will help them enjoy technology in a positive manner.



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**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (6marks)**

- 1- Read the text and tick (✓) the best title for this article (1mark)
  - a- The advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones
  - b- The world is improving thanks to modern technology
  - c- The negative impact of technology on teenagers' social life and schooling
  
- 2- Complete the sentence with reference to paragraph one (1mark)
  - Technology is making life better but it .....



3- Read and write TRUE or FALSE. (2marks )

- a/ Teenagers are avoiding verbal conversations with friends and family. ( )
- b/ Messages on phone and Internet help teens to be good at writing. ( )

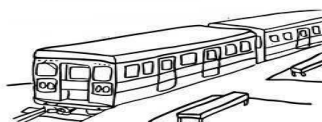
4- Find words which have the same meaning as : (1mark)

- Sending messages ( parag 1)=.....
- Effects (parag 4)=.....

5- What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? (1 mark)

- they (parag 1) refers to.....
- them (parag2) refers to.....

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