



Entrance Exam- July, 2022

English

Time: 1hour

Part One: Reading (score 12)

Read the following text about 21st century home, and then answer all the questions that follow in your answer booklet.

1. Air conditioning is switched on and off automatically, microwaves order food when a button is pressed, and toilets easily monitor your health. No, it's not a haunted house, but the HII house from Japan's consumer-electronics giant, Matsushita Electric Industrial. It's a home for the 21st century using the best in digital technology and sophisticated consumer electronics.
2. Visitors can already get a glimpse of the domestic high-tech future at one of the company's facilities in Tokyo, where the Home Information Infrastructure (HII) is on display.
3. By pressing the button for the Video Door Phone, you can greet visitors on the screen of your phone and open the door for them. Feeling hungry? Simply activate the Communication Microwave that is programmed to order dishes on a menu selection which is connected to a supermarket. Once the food is delivered, all you have to do is put it in the microwave and Presto! There's lunch. Later you can e-mail a report to the office, and even check everything happening there.
4. The Dream Theatre, a television, which Matsushita sees as the centrepiece of the living room, has 400 TV channels; **it** can also download information, buy theatre tickets, or allow you to do your shopping after viewing life-size products. You can also make hospital appointments and flight reservations after flicking through a host of travel agents.
5. Health maintenance is provided in the bathroom through screens with Internet connections to hospitals. Instead of making house calls, doctors provide remote care by answering questions and posting menus for specific diets on a screen. Not only does the system take care of routine tests, but it also allows you to consult a doctor via a screen. Data is stored automatically.
6. And there's no need to switch off when you go to bed. Remote-control cameras and sensors on the wall make it possible to check the contents of the refrigerator in the kitchen, or make sure the children are in bed. A soft "good night", whispered into a remote-control gadget, switches off all the lights and locks the doors. Social ties are declining.
7. For some home owners, turning a house into a smart one can be as simple as buying a connected speaker. For others, **it** can involve linking several different products, including speakers, cameras, computers, smartphones, televisions, security systems, appliances, and more; and creating a smart home hub of sorts.

A. Answer questions 1-3 in complete sentences, using your own words. (Score: 3.5)

- 1- What does HII stand for? Explain.
- 2- Does this house strengthen or weaken social ties? Justify your answer.
- 3- What is the purpose of the writer in this text?



4- Choose the best title for the above text.

- a. **Home Smart Home** b. **Home Sweet Home** c. **Home screen wallpaper**

B. Pick out from paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5 words that have similar meanings as the following: (Score: 2.5)

1. inhabited by ghosts or supernatural beings
2. highly developed
3. short look
4. crowd
5. far in distance

C. What does each pronoun in bold type refer to in the specified paragraphs? (Score: 1)

1. **It** (para.4) _____
2. **it** (para.7) _____

D. The extract below is the correct ending of ONE of the paragraphs above. Identify that paragraph. (score 0.5)

Besides, you will be sure if the staff isn't sleeping on the job by viewing the office live on screen.

E. Identify the ONE grammatical error in each sentence and then correct it. (score 1.5)

1. I'd like to know where does he practice tennis.
2. My mother has been in Italy since two weeks.
3. Mary has to bring her keys today, hasn't she?

F. Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated, without changing the meaning. (score 3)

1. The government is building a lot of new schools in the provinces.

A lot of new schools _____

2. He checked our electric wiring and managed to fix it yesterday.

Not only _____

3. He didn't study well for the exam ,so he was severely punished.

If _____

II-Writing (score 8)

Inaction breeds doubt and fear, while action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy.



In a well-organized paragraph of about 10-12 lines, explain the above prompt, showing the importance of action in life. **Provide a title for your paragraph.**

[Your writing will be assessed based on the following criteria: Title: 01, Ideas and Organization: 03, Language and Structure: 03, and Neatness and Legible Handwriting: 01]

Answer Key

I) Reading and comprehension

A. (Score: 3.5)

1. HII stands for Home Information Infrastructure. It means that everything in such homes is controlled by digital technology and sophisticated consumer electronics.
2. This house weakens social ties since everything is done through technology, and there is no more need for any person to help you. This makes one isolated from others.
3. To shed light on /to inform/to show advantages and disadvantages of technology.

4. Home Smart Home

B. (Score: 2.5)

1. Haunted
2. Sophisticated
3. Glimpse
4. host
5. Remote

C. (1 mark)

1. **It (para.4):** The Dream Theatre/ a television
2. **it (para.7):** turning a house into a smart one

D. (0.5 mark)

Para. 3

E. Identify the ONE grammatical error in each sentence and then correct it. (Score: 1.5)

1. I'd like to know **where he practices** tennis.
2. My mother has been in Italy **for** two weeks.
3. Mary has to bring her keys today, **doesn't** she?

F. Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated, without changing the meaning. (Score: 03)

1. The government is building a lot of new schools in the provinces.



A lot of new schools are being built in the provinces (by the government.)

2. He checked our electric wiring and managed to fix it yesterday.

Not only **did he check our electric wiring, but he also managed to fix it yesterday.**

3. He didn't study well for the exam ,so he was severely punished.

If he had studied....., he wouldn't have been severely punished.

II-Writing (score 8)

The writing will be assessed based on the following criteria: Title: 01, Ideas and Organization: 03, Language and Structure: 03, and Neatness and Legible Handwriting: 01.