

<b>Ibn Mandhour</b> <b>Secondary School</b> <b>School Year : 2011 – 2012</b>	<b>End - Term Exam N°2</b>	<b>Teacher Mr. Boudhraa</b> <b>Level:4<sup>th</sup> years eco2, sc2,</b> <b>Timing: 2hours</b>
<b>Name:.....</b>	<b>Class:.....</b>	<b>N°:.....Mark.....</b>

**I) Reading comprehension (12 marks)**

**1) Read and suggest a suitable title for the text :( 1mark)**

Title: .....

**2) Pick out details from the text showing that these statements are false (3 marks)**

a) According to the writer, nowadays, owning a cell phone is a status symbol. (P1)  
 .....

b) The writer compares the cell phone to a fish. (P2)  
 .....

c) To achieve progress, some cell phone companies have sold bad products. (P4)  
 .....

**3) With reference to the text, answer the following questions (2marks)**

a) How did people treat cell phones in their early days?  
 .....

b) Pick out 2 details, from the last paragraph, showing that cell phones are useful?  
 ...../.....

**4) What do the underlined words refer to in the text (2marks)**

Them refers to(P1) ..... they refers to( P4) .....

**5) Find words in the text that almost have the same meaning as ( 3 marks)**

happen (P3) .....

characteristics ( P3) .....

machine (P5) .....

**6) Do you agree that cell phones are a status symbol? Why? (1 marks)**

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## II-Language: (6 marks)

1) Complete with the right words. There are 2 extra words (3 marks)

word / useful / private / global / discoveries / life-saving / enjoying / medicine

Technology has always flourished for the benefit of mankind. The major achievements of technology have left man fascinated and every part of the world today is ..... the comforts provided by technology. Thanks to technology, all the countries are interlinked and we are now living in a ..... village. Modern technology has greatly improved people's lives through different fields such as....., work, education, industry as well as warfare. However, we can not say that technology is all good in itself. It is a two-edged ..... and we have to see to what extent it has really helped improve people's standard of living. Technology based on life science has been of a great help in the field of medicine. This technology has led to many ..... applications such as X-rays and shots. X-rays help in showing cavities and shots may prevent measles. With modern technology, it is possible to keep looking for new .....and even organ transplant has been facilitated through technology.

2) Put the words between parentheses in the right tense or form (3 marks)

Nylon was invented in early 1930's by an American chemist called Julian Hill .Other scientists worked with his **(invent)** ..... and finally, on 7October 1938, Nylon became **(succeed)**..... , especially in the making of ladies' stockings. During the Second World War, it **(use)** .....to make parachutes and tires. Today, nylon **(find)** .....in many things: carpets, ropes, seat belts, furniture and computers. It **(play)** .....an important part in our **(life)**..... for over 50 years now.

## III) Writing (12 marks)

1) Use the words/phrases, which are put in the right order, to form meaningful sentences. Make the necessary changes. ( 4 marks)

a) Unless/ she/work/ very/ hard /she/will/success.

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b) If /we/ help/the Syrian / people/ the situation /will/get /bad.

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c) Play station/ be /invent/ by / the Japanese / invent / Ken Kutaragi.

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d) All children / Britain/ attend /school / the age of five / the age of 16

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## **TEXT**

1) The digital age is upon us, and who would have thought it would happen so fast? It seems like only a few years ago when owning a cell phone was a status symbol. Now the device has been marketed as a necessity that we all need to get through the day. In the early days of cell phones I remember that people used to treat **them** in the same manner that they treated credit cards, only for an emergency.

2) Cell phones used to be very large and were kept in people's automobiles. Nobody ever seemed to discuss wireless plans, or the capabilities of their phones. The only question people asked was, why did you bring your cordless phone to work? It wasn't until later models that folded for convenience that it caught on. Marketing is a powerful tool along with innovation. Marketing helps get the word out on the new products. I look at it as the worm on the fishing hook, a few people nibble but after much study they seem to always get us to bite.

3) We eventually do bite, but I am surprised at the quick innovation that seems to occur at a rapid pace every year. As soon as I received my new LG cell phone, it was soon replaced with a sleeker more attractive phone with more technological features. It seems almost too hard to keep up with.

4) The companies are trying harder and harder for our hard earned dollars. But it is not as if **they** are holding out as long as they can anymore. Now that the market is in a heated competition between such companies as Verizon, T-Mobile, Sprint/Nextel, At&T/Cingular. Many of the companies have combined resources to make forward progress.

5) Nowadays we can enjoy live updates for sports, news and other services. We can check movie times and prices for a new car or ask how our mothers are doing with just one amazing device.