

## READING

Read the article and choose the correct sentences A–F to fill the gaps. There is one extra sentence you do not need.

### Technology in School

Technology plays a large part in the lives of most students today. **(1)** \_\_\_\_ Handwritten essays are also becoming a thing of the past. Many schools equip their classrooms with computers for use during lessons, and students are expected to be computer literate at an early age. **(2)** \_\_\_\_ Therefore, school libraries are no longer as necessary as they once were. The world of learning is changing quickly and dramatically. But how far can technology go in education? Will teachers still be necessary in ten or 20 years' time? Or will online teaching be the norm? Now, there's a thought!

In Denmark, the government is taking the use of computers in schools one step further. Computers are now being used in the exam room itself. **(3)** \_\_\_\_ Using computers in exams is not completely new for Danish students. They have been able to type up their exam essays on computers instead of writing them by hand for several years. However, now, under a new scheme, students in exams are allowed complete access to the Internet. **(4)** \_\_\_\_ The only thing they cannot do is communicate with anyone else online. So, no emailing or messaging while in the exam room.

Opponents to the idea believe that using computers like this in exams opens the door to cheating. They say it is impossible to monitor the sites the students visit or any contact they may make with friends outside the exam room or even other students in the same exam. **(5)** \_\_\_\_ They point out that exams these days are no longer about remembering facts and figures. They are about analysing things. Examination questions these days do not usually ask about when, who or what. They ask why and how. It's hard to cheat using the Internet on questions like this.

Surely, computers are such an important part of the learning process today that it seems a natural step to use them in exams? For those worried about cheating, it's important to remember that in exams the students are under a lot of pressure and have to do a lot of things in a very short time. There isn't really a lot of time to cheat. Perhaps computer use in exams will become standard procedure in a few years' time. What do you think? We'd love to hear your views. Post a comment on our website.

- A. However, supporters believe that we should trust the students.
- B. In some schools, the need to use reference books has mainly been replaced by easy access to information online.
- C. The rules say that they can go on any website they wish.
- D. Students themselves are aware of the possible accusations of cheating.
- E. Unsurprisingly, this is causing a fair amount of controversy.
- F. More and more students have their own computers at home or even laptops, so that they can do online research for projects and assignments.

## VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the correct word. There are three extra words.

<i>breed</i>	<i>disrupt</i>	<i>food chain</i>	<i>habitat</i>	<i>official</i>	<i>threat</i>	<i>urbanization</i>	<i>widely</i>
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1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of flooding is real in Florida because many buildings and homes have been built at sea level.
2. Portuguese is the \_\_\_\_\_ language of Brazil and Portugal.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ helps illustrate the prey/predator relationship between animals.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ has led to more development and job creation in some areas.
5. An animal's \_\_\_\_\_ has to provide food, water, and shelter so that the animal can survive.

Complete the words in the sentences. The first letter is given, and there is one space for each letter.

1. There has been \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ rainfall this month because of all the storms.
2. Let's look at the data on both graphs so we can make an accurate  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .
3. The population in this city has grown \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ; look, the graph shows a straight diagonal line up.
4. There's a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ dip in 2015 when the company reorganized its assets.
5. The number of students in the school reached its \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ when all those new houses were built.

Choose the best answers to define the underlined words.

1. Governments need to assist small business owners to help them grow 1 their companies.  
a) help  
b) share  
c) change
2. Sarah is in the minority at school because she chooses to study French instead of Spanish.  
a) a big group  
b) a small group  
c) an unfair group
3. The diversity of marine life inside a coral reef is astonishing.  
a) absence  
b) large numbers  
c) different types
4. It will be very difficult to reverse the negative effects of global warming on our planet.  
a) turn back  
b) continue  
c) move forward
5. The rise in sea level is inevitable because the ocean is warming.  
a) will not happen  
b) will definitely happen  
c) may happen