

Paragraphs based on Hello Secondary one By *Mohammed Selim*

1. Why computers are or are not useful to your education

There is no doubt that modern technology has incredibly changed people's lives. The computer is one of the most important inventions. In fact, it is widely used in various fields of science and research, hospitals, banks, education, and supermarkets. In education, nearly all schools have been equipped with modern computers connected to the internet to provide a great electronic encyclopedia for both teachers and students. Huge amounts of information and data are accessible. The computer helps students to get more information about a certain topic easily. They can do projects and research as efficiently and accurately as possible. Finally, computers have become part and parcel of human existence and progress.

2. The advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones.

Undoubtedly, people live in the age of modern technology and inventions. Modern inventions make people's lives more comfortable than before. Thanks to modern means of communication such as the internet, satellites, telephones and fax machines, the world has become a small village. Mobile phones are the most important inventions. There are some advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones. As for the advantages, they have made contacting people easily on the go. Taking photos and using the social networking sites as Facebook may be the most important uses of the mobile. It helps people in time of emergency such as calling the police and firefighters. On the other hand mobiles have some disadvantages; modern mobiles are expensive to buy. The cost of calls is high. Their batteries do not last for long hours. They need to be recharged often. People spend many hours writing their blog posts and chatting. Mobiles have also made people lazy as they do most of their work on mobiles. Eventually, mobiles must be used in an appropriate way that help people and reduce the disadvantages.

3. A paragraph about people who have taught you things in the past

Acquiring experience and knowledge don't only come through education and schools, but also through learning from others. Traditions and customs are passed on by ancestors to young people. As for me, I learned much from my father who works as a firefighter. He usually tells me about the dangers he faces in his job. Most of his work is going to burning houses to save injured people. He doesn't think of dangers during his work, but when he goes back home he remembers the horrible things he sees. Most of the firemen's work goes to road accidents especially when they try to cut people off their vehicles. I know how much he suffers in his job, but he is happy to help people.

4. Types of communication in the future:

Although many people still use traditional ways of communicating: telephone or faxes, they are becoming less popular because of new technology. Today the most common forms of personal and business communications are mobile phone calls, text messages and e-mails. Many people now use smart phones. These are phones with computers which can connect to the internet and send e-mails. In the future, some experts are predicting that the next big development will be in visual communications. Mobile with fast internet connections will probably be the first mobile devices that give us high-quality visual communications, so that we can see the people we are talking to. By the year 2030 scientists are predicting that we will be able to send text messages by the power

of thought. A special helmet connected to our brain will turn what we are thinking into a digital form which we will then be able to communicate to other people that we know.

5. The advantages and disadvantages of travelling by train.

Using public transport has become the most common solution to reduce pollution and traffic jam. The safest and most important form of these means of travelling is the train. Travelling by trains has advantages and disadvantages. Modern trains are as fast as planes. They are the most suitable means for long distances. Train tickets are cheap. They link towns and cities all over the country. On the other hand, there are some drawbacks of travelling by trains. They take long hours waiting at stations. First class tickets are very expensive and sometimes they don't arrive on time.

6. Write an email to a friend about something you are frightened of:

To: samy@yahoo.com from: youssif@gmail.com About: A spider phobia.

Dear Samy,

Fancy writing to you again! I'll ask for your advice concerning something I'm frightened of. I have a phobia of spiders. I can't imagine seeing a spider. My father said that I didn't use to be afraid of insects, so my phobia can't have been a thing I was born with. I can't open cupboards that might be their home. I don't like being in old places that might have spiders. Tell me what I can do to get over my phobia of spiders. Write soon, please.

Best wishes, Youssif

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7. The noises that you hear around you every day.

The most common forms of pollution are air and water pollution. But there are modern forms to be added to this list: noise and light pollution. Noise pollution does not only affect people's hearing but it also leads to stress as it prevents people from sleeping or relaxation. If someone spends a few minutes in a traffic jam in a city centre, he will damage his hearing because of car horns being used frequently by careless drivers. Noises someone hears from the neighbors may be annoying. What can be done to stop these noises? People cannot put up with these sounds, so laws must be enforced to stop this problem. Drivers must be fined if they use their car horn at night. Alarms of cars should not go off at night. People should be persuaded to be calm while talking because their neighbors must relax.

8. Write a paragraph about a place without any lights.

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The most common kinds of pollution are air and water pollution which damage the environment and must be reduced. However, there is another unusual kind of pollution which is getting worse. This is light pollution. Light pollution is when light shines on places that we do not want to illuminate. A street light which shines into someone's bedroom window and stops them from sleeping is a good example. Another form of light pollution is the orange light which can be seen over towns and cities at night. Because of this, it never gets dark in some places. This makes it impossible for us to see the night sky and for astronomers to study the stars. What is more important, this light can affect the lives of nocturnal birds and animals. So what can we do to prevent or reduce light pollution? In our homes we should turn off lights that we do not need. We should also make sure that outside lights shine only on places that need to be illuminated and that street lights shine down and not up into the sky.

9. Write an email of complaint:

To: samy@yahoo.com from: youssif@gmail.com About: A complaint.

Dear Samy,

I'm happy to write to you. How are you? In fact, there is something which annoys me much and I try to find solutions or ideas to overcome this problem. The noises my neighbors make disturbs me all the time, they always have fights that prevent me sleep well or study. I have told my parents about that. They suggested that I should close the windows and the door to the balcony but the problem continues. What can I do? Should I talk to my neighbors after all? If you have any ideas, please send me.

Best wishes, Youssif

10. Think of a situation when you may complain, for example in a shop, a restaurant or a hotel.

There are embarrassing situations when people have to act strangely, but sometimes have to complain about. I remember a situation that happened in a restaurant. A week ago, I and my friend s went to a restaurant in the city centre. When we asked the waiter to have a table by the window, he said that the only empty table is by the kitchen door. We had no choice but sit at that table. The waiter brought us the menu after a long time. Moreover, the food was cold. We made a complaint about the bad service and insisted on meeting the manager. He promised to punish the careless waiter. It was really an embarrassing situation.

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11. Your plans for next summer.

There is no doubt that holidays are important for people working hard all year. They are a good chance to enjoy life. Holidays should be planned well. As for me, I have plans for next summer holiday. I am going to go camping with my friends because camps teach us teamwork and cooperation. We are going to do different activities: going to the beach, reading books, visiting different museums and libraries during our stay in Alexandria. We are going to do a project on recycling old paper and bottles of plastic. I wish my holiday could be a nice one and have a good time.

12. The problems with pollution in your city or town

It is taken for granted that man is to be blamed for the pollution he caused to air, water, environment and even soil. Man is used to dumping the chemical and nuclear waste in remote areas beneath the soil. This affected the soil greatly and led to the spread of many diseases and other fatal results. The badly maintained vehicles used by humans release carbon dioxide and other pollutants in the atmosphere. This may lead to spread of many dangerous diseases such as cancer. Throwing garbage and chemical waste in rivers and seas ruined the marine life. Noise pollution causes terrible diseases including deafness and nervous breakdown. Man's interference with nature may lead to more epidemic, the individuals and communities, should cooperate and work together to put an end to such reckless and irresponsible behaviour of humans. There should be strict laws and regulations to put an end to such disastrous actions.

13. Why some animals find it difficult to survive in today's world

There are many animal species that find it difficult to survive in today's world. People are cutting down rainforests which are home to thousands of animal and plants. Many

species are disappearing because of human activities. The problem is that every animal and plant plays an important role in our ecosystem. People are destroying their habitats and these animals will become extinct in time. Scientists should try to protect the habitats. One way of doing that is to stop cutting down forests to grow crops. We could protect animals and plants which are in danger by making it illegal to hunt certain animals. Scientists should not use rare animals in their laboratories for experiments. Finally, more parks and reserves should be built for animals because they keep the ecosystem balanced.

14. Write an email to a friend about a work of engineering you like:

To: samy@yahoo.com from: youssif@gmail.com About: A work of engineering.

Dear Samy,

I'm happy to write to you again. I have a nice experience to tell you about. Last week, I went to a trip to Abu Simbel Temple in Luxor. In fact, it is one of the most interesting past and modern work of engineering. When the High Dam was built, the temple was flooded by water. So the UNESCO did a great engineering project in Egypt to save the historic temple. They numbered the statues which were cut to small but massive pieces and lifted by huge machines to a higher concrete structure. The work took about three years. Finally, the statues were put in the same way. So it is one of the most important ancient and modern work of art.

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15. Feeding the world / Starvation / Fighting world hunger:

World population has been growing rapidly recently and people are asking whether there will be enough food for everyone. Scientists say that during the last 40 years, world food production has kept up with population growth, but this may not continue. Firstly, there is a shortage of suitable land. Secondly, in many countries there is already a shortage of water for growing crops. Finally, nobody knows how climate change will affect food production. Scientists know that the world can produce enough food for the world's population, but millions of people are hungry because food is too expensive, or cannot be stored for long. One way in which Egypt has increased food production is to turn desert areas into new agricultural land. People will work in agriculture and so help Egypt to produce more food.

16. The best qualities of a good friend اهم صفات الصديق الجيد

In fact man can't live alone. He needs to live with others. Friendship is one of the most important values in human life. We should be very careful when we choose our friends. A good friend is helpful because "A friend in need is a friend indeed". The true friend is always ready to help and share his friend's dreams and interests. He should also be truthful and honest. He should keep secrets and never tell lies. He shouldn't be selfish. Finally we can say that a true friend is as precious as gold.

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