



GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

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TIKTOK AND TEENAGERS



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TikTok is one of the most popular apps in the world, and millions of teenagers use it every day to watch short videos. The app has more than two billion users, and every minute thousands of new clips appear. People make videos of themselves dancing, singing, cooking, playing instruments, or simply doing something funny. They can easily share their creations with friends and followers all over the world.

The app is very easy to use. You only need to download it and create a free account. After that, you can like, comment, and follow other users. TikTok learns what you enjoy and shows you similar videos. That is why it can be so addictive — there is always something new and entertaining to watch.

However, spending too much time on TikTok can be a problem. Some people watch videos for hours and forget about their homework or sleep. Parents often worry because their children use the app late at night. Experts say it is important to take breaks and spend time offline as well.

On the other hand, TikTok can be very positive. Many teenagers use it to be creative, share their opinions, and learn about new topics. There are teachers, musicians, and scientists who post videos to teach something interesting or explain how things work. So, TikTok is not only for fun — it can also help people learn, communicate, and express their ideas in new ways.



Reading Comprehension (7 points)

1. Choose the correct answer (2 points)

A. What kind of things do people usually do in their TikTok videos?

- a. Write long texts
- b. Dance, sing or do funny things
- c. Read the news
- d. Play online games

B. Why can TikTok be addictive for many users?

- a. Because it is difficult to download
- b. Because it shows you similar videos you like
- c. Because it costs money
- d. Because it only has short videos

C. What do experts recommend about using TikTok?

- a. To take breaks and spend time offline
- b. To stop using it completely
- c. To watch it all night
- d. To use it only at weekends

D. According to the text, TikTok can also help people to...

- a. Learn and share ideas
- b. Waste time and sleep less
- c. Read books
- d. Make friends in real life

2. Answer the following questions using information from the text and your own words. Do not copy from the text (2 points)

a) Why do some parents worry about TikTok?

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b) How can TikTok be useful for learning?

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3. - Vocabulary. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 point)

- a. something that makes you want to use it again and again
- b. to put something on the internet so other people can see it
- c. people who read or watch what you post online
- d. amusing or entertaining
- e. people who help others learn things

4. – Read the following text about a tradition. Decide which of the four words best fits each space. (2 points)

Many young people use social networks to share photos and messages. It is important to (1) _____ private information safe. You should never tell strangers your address or phone number. Parents and teachers always (2) _____ teenagers to think before posting anything online.

You can also use privacy settings to (3) _____ who can see your profile. If someone sends you a strange message, you should (4) _____ and tell an adult you trust.

- (1) a) find b) keep c) play d) talk
- (2) a) remind b) repair c) write d) repeat
- (3) a) choose b) show c) explain d) use
- (4) a) answer b) follow c) block d) open

5.- Writing: (3 points)

Write an answer to one of the questions below (80-100 words).

Option 1 – My Experience with TikTok



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TikTok is very popular among teenagers today.

- Do you use TikTok or any other social media app?
- What kind of videos do you like to watch or create?
- Do you think using these apps is good or bad for young people? Why?

Write a short text explaining your ideas and give examples.

Option 2 – Technology and Learning



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Technology can help us learning in different ways.

- What kind of technology do you use to study?
- Does it make learning easier or more interesting? Why? How?
- Do you prefer traditional books or digital tools? Why?

Write a short text describing your experience with learning through technology.

