



Level: 2nd Year License M.D (All the groups)

Module: Text Typology

Text n°03:

Today, science and technology has come to pervade every aspect of our lives. Computer, television and radio have almost replaced the newspaper and letter once dominated our lives. Accordingly, the issue about whether the ability to read and write is more important today may attract our attentions. It is clear that classified views have converged into two: some think reading and writing ability is more important today than in the past, while others deny its importance. As we see it, we agree with the former view without any hesitation and our choice is based on a careful consideration of the following reasons.

The main reason which may win most of people's support is that if lack the reading and writing ability, one would be considered as illiterate who has been deprived of the most basic right of human beings in the XXIst century. It will be hard for us to imagine how somebody who can't read and write communicates with other people. A case in point is that one of our neighbors who is an old man and cannot read and write may only talk with others face to face. As for making friends by email and search information in newspaper, it is absolutely impossible.

The second reason we would like to point out is that people today who cannot read and write cannot even make a living. Good jobs are difficult to find because of economic depression. Nearly all the jobs require people who can read and write very well. Even if one just plans to be a driver, he must read the road sign and know where he is and where he will go.

Furthermore, the ability to read and write could bring us lots of advantages. Suppose that people who have tired out with a hard week's sweat and effort may get lots of benefits and relief from reading a short novel and broaden his horizon by appreciating a nice poem. Many friends around us would believe reading and writing are some effective ways to relax themselves.

People today especially those teenagers may find it easier for them to manipulate the mouse of the computer than to write things down by hand. Watching TV instead of reading may still occupy someone's most leisure time. Yet if all the factors we discussed above are contemplated and we are to minimize the losses and maximize the gains, it will not be hard for us to realize that the ability to read and write is more important today than in the past.

Questions:

1. a. What type this text is? (1pt)
b. Justify your answer. (0.5pt)
2. a. How many paragraphs are there in this text? (0.5pt)
b. How many arguments are there in the text? (0.5pt)
3. Find in the text synonyms for these words: (1.5pts)
a. nowadays = b. mention = c. initial =
4. Find in the text antonyms for these words: (1.5pts)
a. future ≠ b. possible ≠ c. happiness ≠
5. According to the text; are these statements: true, wrong, or not mentioned? Justify from the text. (1.5pts)
a. The disability to read and write could bring us lots of disadvantages.
b. A person who cannot just write cannot have a good life.
c. The ability to read and to write was and is always important.
6. Mention the paragraph's number for each idea (3pts)

Ideas	§
An educated person could have an acceptable living.	
An illiterate person can only communicate in presence.	
Reading soothes the stressful mind.	

7. Match each grammatical structure with its name. (1.5pts)

Sentence/ Phrase	Lesson
People who have tired out with a hard week's sweat and effort...	Conditional
The issue about whether the ability to read and write is important today may attract our attentions.	Relative clause
The ability to read and write is more important today than in the past.	Comparison

8. 'If you read, you survive!'
Rewrite the sentence above with 'unless', and without a 'comma'.. (1.5pts)
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9. Rewrite the sentence below replacing 'us' with 'you'. (1pt)
'Many friends around us would believe reading and writing are some effective ways to relax themselves..'
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10. Put this sentence in the past: (2pts)
'He must read the road sign and know where he is and where he will go.'
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11. Analyse this statement: ' Good jobs are difficult to find because of economic depression.'
a. What logical relationship is expressed in this sentence? (0.5pt)
b. Express it using 'because' instead of 'because of'. (1.5pts)
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12. Give a suitable title to the text. (2pts)

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