

(1) Computer addiction is a relatively new term used to describe dependency on one's computer. Computer addiction is not limited to personal computers (PCs). It also covers video games and the Internet and has already been given a label by psychologists, namely Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD).



(2) People can grow addicted to a variety of substances, and there is usually a substantial amount of help available to treat them. Alcohol and drugs have both been known to bring out the addictive personality trait in some people, but other forms of addictive behaviour, such as exercise, watching television or spending too much time on a computer, have only recently been recognized. Computer addiction, like any addiction, can creep up on a person without one being aware of it. Talk shows are full of people whose relationships have been torn apart by one partner's computer addiction. Spending hours chatting online, surfing the web or playing computer games can cause relationships to deteriorate as other parts of a person's life are neglected.

(3) The newly diagnosed computer addiction has gained much press attention recently, as children have also been affected. A recent research study showed that some children suffer from computer rage when they are forbidden to play computer games. The results are sudden uncontrolled periods of anger and behavioural traits similar to those of an addict going cold turkey. So, how exactly is computer addiction defined? When does a hobby become an addiction? As with most other forms of dependency, specific questions can be asked to assess whether or not someone may suffer from computer addiction. These questions include assessing how much time is spent on the PC, sometimes relative to how much time is spent interacting with real people.



(4) Another way to assess computer addiction is to evaluate one's quality of life before and after the computer arrived. Many people have lost jobs due to their computer addiction.

.Constantly logging onto the Internet at work has caused many people to be dismissed, often after repeated warnings were issued. Money is another factor. Some people have gone into debt and lost great amounts of money using online services and chatrooms. Computer addiction is also sometimes linked to computer gambling. For some people, gambling is reliant on the computer. They cannot have one without the other. Not only do such people spend countless hours playing online poker, but they also lose great sums of money while gambling.

(5) As with any addiction, steps can be taken to treat computer addiction. Limiting the amount of time spent on the computer is a simple step. If your computer is on all the time at home, it will be advisable to switch it off. Guidelines for children suggest allowing no more than one hour per night on the PC.

(6) Computer addiction is said to be on the increase. More and more people are spending time in cyberspace in a virtual world of their own making. If not treated, this condition can lead to diminished social skills and deterioration in the addict's quality of life.

I-COMPREHENSION

(15POINTS)

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A-Choose the best title for the passage. (2pts)

1-The shortcomings of computer addiction.

2-The strengths of computer addiction.

3-The symptoms of computer addiction.

The Best title is :

B-Are these statements true or false ?Justify. (3pts)

1-Computer addiction has existed for a long time

2-Children feel completely at ease when not using computers.....

3-Computer addiction has stopped growing.....

C-Answer these questions. (3pts)

1-How does computer addiction affect people's relationships?

2-Why are so many people forced to leave their jobs?

3-What measures should people take to alleviate computer addiction?

D-Complete the following sentences with information from the text . (2pts)

1-Gamblers often lose money while gambling along with.....

2-If not treated, computer addiction is likely.....

E-Find in the text words which mean the same as (3pts)

1-move slowly (parag 2).....2-judge(parag3).....produced(parag4).....

F-What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2pts)

1-It(parag2).....they(parag3).....

II-LANGUAGE

(15 POINTS)

A-Fill in the gaps with an appropriate word from the list. (2pts)

Branches - headquarters - citizenship - emancipation

1-The U.N.O is an international organization whoseare in New York.

2-Littering the streets is an act of bad

B-Give the correct form of the words between brackets. (3pts)

1-Corruption is believed to (weak).....the economy of a country.

2-Autistic children need special careful (treat).....

3-Alhoceima was hit by a (disaster).....earthquake in 2004.

C-Fill in each gap with the right phrasal verb from the list (3pts)

grew up - set off - took up - brought up - calmed down

1-The obese patientjogging to lose weight.

2-Once he lost his parents ,the little boy was taken to an orphanage where he was.....

3-Mostafa Hajji was born in Morocco,butin France.

D-Rewrite these sentences starting with the words given (3pts)

1-“I was reading a book when my dad came in “

Nadia said

3-It 's a pity I do not have enough money to buy the cell phone.

If only.....

3-My brother could not pursue his higher education abroad ,because he was not issued a visa.

If

E-Rewrite these sentences using the connectors in brackets (2pts)

1-There were no floods although it rained heavily. (despite)

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2-Ahmed left his job early. He wanted to avoid the rush hour traffic. (so that)

.....

F-Write appropriate responses to the following situations. (2pts)

1-The food you are eating in a restaurant is horrible.

You(complain to the manager).....

2-You have been told about your neighbour's death .

You (respond to this piece of bad news).....

