



LYCEE D'EXCELLENCE

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Television is doing irreparable harm.

“ Yes , what did we use to do before there was television?” How often we hear statements like this! Television hasn't been with us all that long, but we are already beginning to forget what the world was like without it. Before we admitted the one- eyed monster into our home, we never found it difficult to occupy our spare time. We used to enjoy civilised pleasures. For instance, we used to have hobbies, we used to go outside for our amusements: to theatres , cinemas, restaurants and sporting events. We even used to read books and listen to music and broadcast talks occasionally. All that belongs to the past. Now all our free time is regulated by the ‘ goggle box’. We rush home or gulp down our meals to be in time for this or that programme. We have even given up sitting at table and having a leisurely meal, exchanging the news of the day. A sandwich and a glass of beer will do anything providing it doesn't interfere with the programme. The monster demands and obtains absolute silence and attention. If a member of the family dares to open his mouth during a programme, he is quickly silenced. Whole generations are growing up addicted to the telly. Food is left uneaten, homework undone and sleep is lost. The telly is a universal pacifier. It is now standard practice for the mother to keep the children quiet by putting them in the living- room and turning on the set. It doesn't matter that the children will watch rubbishy commercials or spectacles of sadism and violence – so as long as they are quiet.

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A) Comprehension.

1) Read the text and answer to the questions below.

5pts

- What did we use to do before there was television?
- What shows in the text that people are tied to television?
- What does ‘ the one-eyed’ mean according to the text?
- Can children speak while watching television?
- How does television affect the pupils' studies?

2) Say whether these sentences are true or false according to the text.

2.5pts

- We've now completely forgotten what the world was like without T.V.
- The one –eyed monster encourages students to work hard.
- Only rubbishy commercials and scenes of violence are shown on T V.
- To keep sons quiet, mothers put them in the living- room and turn on the set.
- Throughout the world T V is an effective means of communication.

B)Linguistic competence.

1) Put into the correct tense.

5pts

- He (lose) his way; didn't he?
- I (see) them go out last night.
- He (invade) Belgium before he fought France .
- We hate (do) exercises.
- We (study) English for years.

2) Use the correct form for the words in parentheses.

2.5pts

- Which is (old) of your two sons?
- Life is getting much (expensive) every day.
- The elephant is (fat) animal .
- Tom is (old) John; they have the same age.
- The weather is becoming(hot/hot) every day.

C)Writing.

5pts

T V. what is your favourite t v- station in Niger? Make a paragraph of 125 words.