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It's 7:30 pm at Lisa's house and she's in her room doing her homework. However , homework is just one of the things she's doing while her eyes are fixed on the computer screen. As well as studying for her Biology exam, Lisa is also listening to music, chatting with her best friend online, downloading songs and occasionally texting people on her mobile phone. " My parents keep telling me off for multi-tasking while studying, but **they** don't understand that **it** helps me concentrate," she says.

It's not unusual for human beings to do several things at the same time but in our fast-paced technological society, the situation has come to a head. Young people today spend nearly 6 1/2 hours a day using various types of media, doing different things at the same time. This is the reason why they are called the multi-tasking generation, or **Generation M**. But how do their brains deal with multi-tasking? Automatic actions like walking and chatting on the phone can be done at the same time, but when it comes to learning new information , multi-tasking has a bad impact.

"Multi-tasking affects how you learn in a negative way," says Russell Poldrack , Associate Professor of Psychology at UCLA. Dividing your attention between too many activities makes the knowledge you gain harder to use later on. The researchers are not saying you shouldn't multi-task, just don't multi-task while you are trying to learn something new.

According to specialists, it is also essential to take time away from electronic media. "At the sound of the bell, all **my** students reach into their bags and grab their mobile phones to text message their friends. It is as if they're afraid of silence," says Casey Roberts, a secondary school teacher. "Their MP3 players, laptops and games consoles have become extensions of themselves. I really think that Generation M should take time to relax and reflect. There's life beyond the screen and the pleasure of face-to-face communication can be neither denied nor replaced".



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I. COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

(BASE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT)

A-Are these sentences true or false? Justify.(4 pts)

1. Lisa's parents get angry with her for studying while doing other activities.

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2. It is not common for human beings to do a number of things at the same time.

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3. According to researchers, multi-tasking should be avoided when you are learning something new.

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4. Electronic gadgets have become an integral part of teenagers' lives and they can't do without them.

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B-Answer these questions.(3 pts)

1. Why does Lisa multi-task while studying?

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2. What kind of actions can be done simultaneously?

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3. How can multi-tasking badly affect learning?

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C- Pick out from the text sentences or phrases which show that: .(2 pts)

1. The problem of multi-tasking has become worse.(paragraph 2)

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2. Multi-tasking has a bad impact on the way you learn.(paragraph 3)

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D-What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (3 pts)

1- **they**:

2- **it**:

3- **my**:

E-Find in the text words that mean almost the same as:(3 pts)

1. **getting angry**(paragraph 1) :.....

2. **acquire** (paragraph 3) :.....

3. **take quickly** (paragraph 4) :.....

II . L A N G U A G E (15 points)

A/ Put the verbs between brackets in the correct form : (5pts)

1 - "My parents (**watch**) a play on TV yesterday when the light
(**go**)..... out ," said Ali.



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2 – Every summer my friends (*spend*) their holiday in Morocco, but this year they (*travel*) to a foreign country.

3 – “The 9th grade students (*revise/already*)..... for the exam,” the teacher of English said.

B/ Complete the unfinished words. The first letter is given : (3pts)

1 – If people don't r..... their rubbish, there will be problems in the future.

2 – Yesterday, Salma g..... w..... because it was raining and she didn't have an umbrella.

3 – My grandfather is a p....., he got retired from his job many years ago.

C/ Rewrite the following sentences as indicated : (3pts)

1 – The principal doesn't let students bring mobile phones to school.

Students

2 – People drop a lot of litter in the streets.

A lot of litter.....

3 – We will not win the football match if we don't train hard.

Unless

D/ Put the words between brackets in the correct form : (3pts)

1- The recent floods in Morocco caused a lot of damage and many people have become (*home*)



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2-When she smiled (**happy**)..... at me, I understood she had a good mark in the test.

3- If we don't stop polluting the environment, many animals and plants will (**appear**).....

E/ What would you say in the following situations : (1pt)

1- Your parents : your marks aren't very good in the last tests!

You : (*make a promise*)

2-Reda : Are you going to travel abroad this summer?

You : (*express possibility*)

III] Writing : (10pts)

Write a reply to the following email that you've received from your English friend.

Dear friend,

How are you doing? I hope you are fine. I just want to tell you that I'm having some problems with my parents; they don't let me go out at night, or invite my friends. They're always complaining about my hairstyle, the way I dress or the kind of music I listen to. They're making my life terrible! What about you? Do you have any problems with your parents? How do they treat you? Tell me about your relationship with them.

