

1 In 2004, a Chinese boy jumped from a building after playing Warcraft for 36 hours. His suicide note stated that he jumped to 'join the heroes of the game he worshipped'. Later in 2005, a child died from neglect as her parents were across the street café playing Warcraft for 5 hours. Online game addiction may lead to life-threatening consequences.



- 2 The world of internet gaming is so varied and vast. Through an internet portal, we can explore the void of space of our own planet or an entire score of magical mystical worlds. Anyone can be transported to an alternative reality in a matter of minutes. We can escape not only from our surroundings but from ourselves.
- 3 Doctor Kheith Bakker explained the aspects that really make online gaming so serious. The first factor is the chemical rush from *Dopamine*, the body's accomplishment chemical. Those little or sometimes huge buzzes we get when we do something well. You can get lots of these particularly in combat games. Whenever we kill an enemy we get a bigger dopamine rush. Keith pointed out "What they get hooked on is the Dopamine not the game."
- 4 The second is the social aspect. With Warcraft for example, players form clubs, with up to 60 players. To beat another club, every member has to be online. Keith explained "If you're not there the pressure is enormous from the rest of the club members. We NEED YOU, you're one of us". Some of these kids have been playing for 3 to 4 years and they don't have any interpersonal relationships anymore with human beings. They think they are having all sorts of friends but the friends they have are online. For many of these kids, it's the first time in their life that they are good at something. Moreover, these kids are in terrible physical condition because they haven't got off their chairs for years and they have totally failed at school, because they have been playing games when they should be doing their homework.
- 5 Online gaming creates a completely new person who can conquer and destroy. And we can communicate with someone who we can be certain to share at least one interest with. Computer game addiction can massively affect young people's development with symptoms that range from irritability and sleep deprivation to poor health and full blown violence.
- 6 In general, there's nothing wrong with gaming on its own. It can be a fun recreational activity for 80% of the population. The problem is that there is a large number of people in the world who have this predisposition for addiction and whether it's gaming or alcohol they're going to get hooked on something. Indeed, anyone who spends too long playing games is to have a life outside the virtual world too because you never know when the plug might be pulled on any one of these games, and you could find yourself quite rudely awakened.

I COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

{BASE ALL YOUR ANSWER ON THE TEXT}

A Which of the following would be the best title for the text? Tick the correct one (2 pts).

- 1 The story of a Chinese boy.
- 2 The symptoms of internet addiction.
- 3 Internet addiction in China.
- 4 The threats of online gaming.

B Answer the following questions: (3 pts)

- 1 When does our body produce Dopamine chemical?
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- 2 What are some effects of online gaming?
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- 3 What makes the world of internet gaming different from the real one?
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C Are these sentences true or false? Justify. (2 pts)

- 1 When children play internet games, they explore a world which has no limits.
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- 2 The writer believes that gaming can sometimes be positive.
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D What do the underlined words refer to? (3 pts)

- 1 he (par 1):
- 2 they (par 4):
- 3 you (par 6):

E Find in the text words or expressions that mean the same as: (3 pts)

- 1 flee (par 2):
- 2 didn't succeed (par 4):
- 3 nervousness (par 5):

F Complete the following sentences from the text: (2 pts)

- 1 In warcraft game, if a member is absent.....
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- 2 Those who spend too long playing games are recommended

II LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A Fill in the gaps with an appropriate word from the list. 5pts

conventional afford virus sophisticated similar far-sighted

- 1 When Jackie reads books, she prefers to readnovels and not trashy romance books.
- 2 In many cultures, a handshake is a greeting exchanged between people meeting for the first time.
- 3 Tom's taste in music is to mine.
- 4 It seems that the computer was infected by a
- 5 Sanaa can't to buy a new car.

B Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense. 3pts

- 1 Please don't make so much noise. I (study).
- 2 Look! Somebody (break) that window.
- 3 Hurry! The bus (come). I (not/want) to miss it.
- 4 You look tired. (you/work) hard?
- 5 The River Nile (flow) into the Mediterranean.
- 6 You can borrow my umbrella. I (not/need) it at the moment.

C Find the mistake and write the correct sentence. 3pts

- 1 I always am helpful at home.
- 2 They go sometimes to the cinema.
- 3 Is usually your teacher nice?
- 4 I'm tired of waiting. We've been sitting here since an hour.
- 5 My cousin eats never broccoli!
- 6 It's been raining for lunchtime.

D Fill in the gaps with the appropriate phrasal verbs from the list. 2pts

Carry out worked out call in gone up turn on went off pulled down

- 1 The fire alarm because someone was smoking in the toilets.
- 2 Things were going wrong for them but fortunately it all in the end.
- 3 They the old cinema to build a new shopping mall.
- 4 The price of petrol hassharply because of the increase in duty in the Government's budget.

E Give the correct form of the words between brackets. 2pts

- 1 Medication may not be the best for the patient's condition. (solve)
- 2, Qatar's duplicitous behavior runs even deeper. (fortunately)
- 3 We have a to protect the environment. (responsible)
- 4 He is a and engineer for a car company. (design)

