

**Part One: Reading.**

**A/ Comprehension (8p)**

**\*Read the text carefully then do the activities**

Protecting your personal information ,both on your personal computer and in other places such as your bank or your job, has become more difficult with the massive growth of the internet and the expertise of some unsavoury characters called hackers, crackers or phreakers. Whatever they choose to call themselves, they are thieves, plain and simple.

Years ago hacking was considered an altruistic project. Individuals or groups that engaged in this practice primarily did so for educational reasons or simply for intellectual stimulus. At that time, society wasn't dependent on Internet networks and most of our dealings were still being done "offline", so hacking really had no impact on the rest of us. Today things have changed, we are heavily reliant on the internet and much of our personal information is stored electronically in some shape or form.

Hacking objectives vary and when examining the reasons why people hack, it's important to understand the differences between these "good" and "bad" hackers. The "bad" ones, better known as "black hats" or "crackers" are often in search of notoriety, to bolster their egos, obtain financial gain, and extract malicious revenge; some do it simply to exploit others with their warped sense of amusement.

The "good" hackers or "white hats" still work with their traditionally noble intentions, but unfortunately they present other challenges by unintentionally causing damage even with their altruistic motives. They usually probe computer systems to exploit flaws, causing financial loss and waste of time to the companies that try to detect the source of the hack.

We should get ready for more severe and intelligent ways of hacking and cracking. As hackers are learning how to find their way into our computers and networks, we should be busy educating ourselves how to protect our privacy. This is a battle that is likely to go on as long as the Internet exists.

**1-Choose the right answer.**

-This passage is: a) narrative                      b) expository                      c) argumentative

**2-Say if the following statements are true or false.**

- a) In the past, hacking was ineffective.
- b) There is one kind of hackers.
- c) All hackers have similar goals.
- d) "Good" as well as "bad" hackers are harmful.

**3- Answer the following questions according to the text.**

- a) Is hacking ethical? Why? Why not?
- b) Was hacking as dangerous as it is today? Why?
- c) What makes hacking difficult to fight?

**4- In which paragraph is it mentioned that the hacking trend will probably continue?**

5- Choose the most appropriate title to the text:

- a) Young people and Internet
- b) How to stop hacking
- c) Our privacy is in danger.

6- What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- a) They (§1)
- b) So (§2)
- c) some (§3)

**B/ TEXT-EXPLORATION. (07 p6)**

1- Find in the text words or phrases closest in meaning to the following:

- a) reliant (§2)
- b) humanitarian (§4)

2- Complete the following table.

verb	noun	adjective
to choose	.....	.....
.....	.....	reliant
.....	security	.....

3- Connect the pairs of sentences using the connectors in brackets. Make any necessary changes.

- a) Hacking has become a common practice . The authorities should take measures to stop it. (It's high time)
- b) Hacking is fought by experts. It continues to exist. (In spite of)
- c) Laws against hacking are enforced .The authorities will succeed to eradicate it. (Provided that)

4- Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one.

- a) "Computer hackers have been found stealing and selling other people's credit card information," he said.  
He said .....
- b) In 1994, a Russian hacker transferred over \$10 million to his own count.  
In 1994 over \$10 million .....

5- Fill in the gaps with words from the list: health - computer- off- personal - them -all

Many hackers attempt to gain access to people's .....medical files in order to blackmail..... to avenge some injustice by spreading the person's..... problems around or to look up a patient's current location in order for gang members to finish ..... the survivor .

6-classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "S":

- places
- groups
- challenges
- problems

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**PART TWO: WRITTEN EXPRESSION. (05 p5)**

\*Choose one of the following topics.

Topic one: Would you continue to do business with a company if you disapproved of its unethical behaviour? Explain why or why not.

Topic two: You were a victim of a corrupt agent or civil servant. Write a composition of about 12 lines in which you speak about the circumstances of that situation and how you reacted.