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Proficiency Exam

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-WRITING- (20 points)

A. Choose one of the questions below and write a well-organized essay.

1. Write an opinion essay on the following topic:

“Everyone should learn at least one foreign language for a successful career.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give examples, facts and support your idea.

2. Write a comparison and contrast essay on the following topic:

“What are the differences and/or similarities between smart phones and old mobile phones?”

PHONES FROM PAST TO FUTURE

People from all ages become to be addicted to the technology. With the improvement of technology, some inventions such as phones improved very much. Almost every people have a phone, and especially young people can not stop using them. When you compare smart phones and old phones, you can see that there are some similarities as many as differences.

These two kinds of phones have some similarities which are necessity for all phones. First of all, you can call someone or send a message with both of these. Moreover, both of them have some games that you can play when you feel bored. Furthermore, you can listen some musics with them, so you can use them as an mp3. Also they both can play videos. In addition, if you need something to check on the internet, both of them have internet connection. If you want to buy a phone for only simple features, it does not matter which you will buy because both can do these basic functions.

These phones have some different features which generally make smart phones better than old ones. First of all, old phones much more heavier than smart phones, so it is too hard to carry the old phones. Also, smart phones have more applications than old phones which make smart phones more usefull than the old ones. For example, smart phones have GPS system, so with this system you can not lose in a place

where you do not know well. Moreover, old phones are not break down easily, even you throw it into the ground 50 times, but when a smart phone fell, it might not work anymore. Furthermore, old phones have a better battery which you can use for long hours, but battery of smart phones are too weak. There are huge differences between them because of these reasons.

These two phones have the features which all people need like calling people and sending messages. Also they have some differences which make one of them better than the other one, such as better battery or better applications. If you want to buy a phone, you should consider these features, and decide to which is better for you, because they both have simple functions but have some different advantages.