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CICLUL LICEAL

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COMMUNICATIVE DOMAIN

I. Assessment of Communicative Language Competences. Reading Comprehension - 30 points.

Read the text and do the tasks that follow.

SWEDEN BRINGS BOOKS AND HANDWRITING BACK TO SCHOOL

As children returned to school in Sweden last September, many of their teachers focused more on traditional skills. These included reading printed books, quiet reading time and handwriting practice. Today teachers are trying to spend less time with digital devices, online research and typing skills.

The return to traditional ways of learning might be the answer to questions raised by politicians and experts. Some political leaders and specialists are worried that Sweden's schools are relying too much on technology. For example, schools in Sweden have introduced tablets in preschools but critics say that children are not learning basic skills well with tablets and computers. This is why the government has decided to change the rule about using digital devices in preschools. Now, children under six will not use them as much.

This change has happened because some students' reading skills went down between 2016 and 2021. Sweden's students basically score above the European average for reading ability. But an international test of fourth grade reading levels, the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study, showed that Sweden's children had lost their leading position between 2016 and 2021.

According to a statement from Sweden's Karolinska Institute, there is clear scientific evidence that digital tools can actually limit the ability of students to learn. Instead, the institute suggests that schools should focus on teaching through printed textbooks and teachers' professional skills. It also warns that information from digital sources may not always be accurate.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is worried about schools using more digital learning tools too. This specialised agency has recently released a report asking for technology in education to be used carefully. The report strongly suggests that digital learning tools should serve the best interest of all learners, teachers and administrators. Nevertheless, it also says that technology should never replace teachers giving lessons in person.

Online teaching is still widely talked about across Europe and in other parts of the world. For example, Poland has started a program according to which every student from the fourth grade onwards receives a laptop paid for by the government. In the United States, because of the coronavirus pandemic, many public schools gave laptops to students. Yet, not everyone has access to digital devices at present, so most American schools often use both paper and digital books.

The debate about using technology in schools is still going on. Some people say it is essential to use technology, but others believe that the teaching strategies commonly used in classroom are better. What's clear is that finding the right balance between digital tools and traditional methods is important for improving students' learning abilities.

No.	Items	Score	
I.	Circle the letter corresponding to the correct variant to complete the statements.	4 points	
	<p>1. According to the text, many school teachers in Sweden increased the use of ... when a new academic year began.</p> <p>a) electronic gadgets b) internet-based research c) physical books</p> <p>2. According to the text, the Swedish government changed rules related to digital devices in preschools because ...</p> <p>a) students' reading skills got worse. b) there were not enough digital tools. c) there was a decrease in the number of preschools.</p> <p>3. According to the text, experts from Karolinska Institute encourage the use of ...</p> <p>a) a wide variety of digital tools and online sources. b) printed textbooks and teachers' knowledge and experience. c) online research and typing skills.</p> <p>4. According to the text, UNESCO recommended schools to ... in its report.</p> <p>a) completely remove the use of technology in school b) use technology in education carefully c) replace teachers with digital tools</p>	<p>A 0 1</p> <p>A 0 1</p> <p>A 0 1</p> <p>A 0 1</p>	<p>A 0 1</p> <p>A 0 1</p> <p>A 0 1</p> <p>A 0 1</p>
II.	In the text, identify the meaning of the words. Circle the letter corresponding to the correct variant.	2 points	
	<p>1. The word '<i>average</i>' is closest in meaning to:</p> <p>a) standard b) balance c) style</p> <p>2. The word '<i>accurate</i>' in the text means:</p> <p>a) tidy b) great c) correct</p>	<p>A 0 1</p> <p>A 0 1</p>	<p>A 0 1</p> <p>A 0 1</p>
III.	Briefly answer the questions below, choosing information from the text.	4 points	
	<p>1. Which age group will now use digital devices less frequently in classrooms? _____</p> <p>2. When did the level of some Swedish students' reading skills decrease? _____</p> <p>3. In which country do students typically achieve reading scores above the European average? _____</p> <p>4. Who should benefit from the use of digital learning tools according to a recent UNESCO report? _____</p>	<p>A 0 1 2 3 4</p>	<p>A 0 1 2 3 4</p>

VII.	What is the main idea of the text? Circle the letter corresponding to the correct variant.	2 points	
	A. According to the recent studies, technology has improved student learning outcomes in Swedish schools.	A 0	A 0
	B. Government should provide every student in schools with their own laptops in order to improve their abilities.	2	2
	C. The balance between traditional teaching methods and technology is of the greatest importance for effective learning in schools.		

II. Assessment of Communicative Language Competences. Written Production - 40 points.

Write a 180-200-word text according to the given task.

No	Item	Score	
I.	<p>Some school leavers ask their parents for advice while choosing their future profession, others turn to their friends for some ideas. What are the pros and/or cons of following parents' and/or friends' advice in choosing a career?</p> <p>When writing your essay, consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Write about the importance of choosing a career path. ❖ Describe the role of parents and/or friends in choosing a profession. ❖ Provide two examples from your experience, reading, etc. to support the advantages and/or disadvantages that you present in your essay. ❖ Express your personal opinion on this issue. ❖ Explain to what extent one should independently make career choices and/or consider their parents'/friends' advice. <p>Follow the structure of an essay: <i>introduction, body, conclusion.</i></p>	40 points	
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CULTURAL DOMAIN

III. Assessment of Pluri/Intercultural and Communicative Language Competences. Written Production - 30 points.

Write a 90-100-word text according to the given task.

No	Item	Score
I.	<p>Your school website has asked you to write an article about a top tourist attraction in the USA. Explain why you would recommend visiting it.</p> <p>Consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Identify a popular tourist attraction and name its location in the USA. ❖ Describe its most specific features. ❖ Explain why this top tourist attraction has become so popular. ❖ Write why you would recommend going there. <p>Follow the structure of an article: <i>title, introduction, body, conclusion.</i></p>	30 points

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