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THE USE OF COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Read the text carefully and do all the activities that follow it

Millions of people are already using the latest electronic technology to change the way they work and to manage their homes. They are also using it for financial affairs and for fun. According to a study conducted in America, nearly one family out of three contains a personal computer, and approximately 23 thousand adults use one daily. The most flexible technological device in modern homes is the basic television set. In only seven percent of homes, television is used simply to receive information.

Children are the real personal computer generation, with 28% using one at home for school work or to play educational games. Among teenagers, 46% have a home computer. Twelve percent of the families have a modern-equipped computer.

The study discovered that the use of technology at home is becoming increasingly accepted. People believe that computers and technology give them more control over their lives. There is a clear generation gap. Most of the computer fans are under 40. The only doubts about technology were expressed by individuals who were 65 years or older. The investigation revealed that people who have access to new information formats do not abandon traditional sources. They read newspapers and magazines.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

A- Choose the best options according to the text and write it on your answer sheet. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1- c

1- Latest (L. 1) means:

- a) most important
- b) most fantastic
- c) most recent
- d) most interesting

3- fun (L. 3) means:

- a) education
- b) distraction
- c) precaution
- d) decoration

2- nearly (L. 3) means: *b*

- a) almost
- b) exactly
- c) more than
- d) presently

4- basic (L 5) means:

- a) elementary
- b) expensive
- c) big
- d) old

5- teenagers (L. 8) means:

- a) school boys
- b) adolescents
- c) parents
- d) teachers

6-increasingly (L. 10) means:

- a) more and more
- b) timidly
- c) less and less
- d) rarely

7-believe (L. 11) means:

- a) refuse
- b) suggest
- c) think
- d) doubt