

THEME 9 TECHNOLOGY READING SKILL (NOTIFIER)

A. Read the text and answer the questions.

Maryd Brook was always interested in repairing things, particularly household appliances. As a child, he dismantled the appliances that were out of use and tried to figure out their systems and mechanics. He went to a vocational school and learned a lot about household appliances. In order to help him make progress, his parents first allowed him to work on broken items, and then had him repair the broken household appliances. This worked a lot. Soon, his skills were noticed by his relatives and neighbors, and they asked him to repair things for them. He acquired repair kits and rented a small room. He soon gained a reputation in town and moved into a bigger shop. In time, he started to collect and store parts. He focused on refurbishment. More and more people came to his shop to get their screens changed, to have their motherboards replaced, to have their PCs formatted, and to get their household appliances refurbished. He earned a lot of money from his job. He says he's happy through self-fulfillment.

1. What was Maryd skilled at?
2. How did Maryd's parents support him?
3. Why does Maryd feel happy?
4. How do you categorize the content?

B. Study the text describing a hi-tech product. Then, do the exercises.

I have just seen this air charger in an advertisement and decided to get one because it will ease up charging devices. There are a lot of chargers on the market using similar technologies. However, this one has more advantages. First, it helps you get rid of the ugly cords around. Then, it makes it possible for you to charge your device while it is on the move with you. It uses a very strong antenna to transfer energy to your phone, so the charging runs smoothly and effectively. Finally, it makes it possible to charge multiple devices at a time, and I find this revolutionary. Therefore, it is expected to be one of the leading chargers on the market despite having many other rivals.

1. Which of the following does the paragraph cover?

- why the device is of interest to you
- the price of the device
- the functions
- the production steps of the device
- the differences it introduces
- the opinion(s) on the device

2. Where would the linking words below go in the paragraph? Replace them with the ones given in bold. Write the replacement in the boxes.

eventually thus (2) but also since firstly

3. What do the linking words in the text and in Exercise 2 express? Place them in the table below.

Reason	Result	Contrast	Sequence
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C. Read the essay and do the exercises.

Most people seek ways of maintaining their household appliances for several reasons. Getting a household appliance refurbished stands as an important alternative.

Firstly, I think that refurbishment helps with the family budget. Since new products are more expensive, getting an item refurbished will help with lowering the costs. In addition, refurbishment is more eco-friendly as it prevents some used parts from going into waste dumps. Another advantage is that some people who have emotional bonds with their belongings maintain that bond thanks to refurbishment.

On the other hand, some people believe that refurbishment is not so helpful with the family budget as it is believed. Newer products come with warranties and consume less electricity. Also, refurbished items are more likely to have malfunctions more often, and this causes waste of time and money as well. Another disadvantage is that refurbished items are more difficult to sell on second-hand shopping websites.

In conclusion, refurbishment is a good alternative for maintaining your products. Despite some disadvantages, if you work with good firms or professionals, you can eliminate risks and help with costs and the environment.

1. The introduction gives ...

- a. an idea about what you will write about.
- b. evidences of what you will write about.

2. The first body paragraph presents ...

- a. arguments for the subject.
- b. arguments against the subject.

3. The second body paragraph presents ...

- a. arguments for the subject.
- b. arguments against the subject.

4. The conclusion gives ...

- a. a summary of the content.
- b. the writer's overall opinion.

5. Complete the list

Arguments for Refurbishment

helps with the family budget

Arguments against Refurbishment

not so helpful with the family budget
