



- Read the text below and choose the correct option which completes the blanks.

INTERNET ADDICTS

The latest addiction to trap thousands of people is the internet, which has been (1).... for broken relationships, job losses, financial ruin and even one suicide. Psychologists now recognize Internet Addiction Syndrome (IAS) (2).... a new illness that could cause serious problems and ruin many lives. Special help groups have been (3).... to offer sufferers help and support.

Psychologists have described many (4).... Examples, including one man who took his own life after borrowing more than £14,000 to feed his addiction, and a teenager who had to receive psychiatric treatment for his 12-hour-a-day (5).... . "This illness is not fake, and it must be taken seriously," said an expert in behavioral addiction at Nottingham Trent University. "These are not sad people with serious personality defects; they are people who were fine before they found the internet."

IAS is similar to other problems like gambling, smoking and drinking: addicts have dreams (6).... the Internet; they need to use it first thing in the morning; they lie to their partners about how much time they spend online; they wish they (7)...., but unable to do so. A recent study found that many users spend up to 40 hours a week on the Internet; (8).... they felt guilty, they became depressed if they were made to stop using it.

Almost anyone can be at risk. Some of the addicts are teenagers who are already (9).... on computer games and who find it very difficult to resist the games on the Internet. Surprisingly, however, psychologists (10).... that most victims are middle-aged housewives who have never used a computer before.

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| 1. a) accused | b) blamed | c) mistaken | d) faulted |
| 2. a) for | b) such as | c) as | d) like |
| 3. a) set off | b) set out | c) set in | d) set up |
| 4. a) amused | b) amusing | c) worrying | d) worried |
| 5. a) habit | b) temper | c) custom | d) manner |
| 6. a) on | b) about | c) in | d) with |
| 7. a) would cut down | b) could cut down | c) had cut down | d) should cut down |
| 8. a) unless | b) in spite of | c) although | d) due to |
| 9. a) hooked | b) fond | c) obsessed | d) addicted |
| 10. a) promised | b) object | c) tell | d) say |

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| 1. B | 6. B |
| 2. C | 7. B |
| 3. D | 8. C |
| 4. C | 9. A |
| 5. A | 10. D |