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SKILLS TEST 11 & 12

READING

1 Read the article. Match paragraphs (1–7) with the headings (A–G).

www.dontbelieveeverything.com

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ

1 A few years ago, fans of the singer Justin Bieber were excited to read a story from Russia. Many news websites said that a man had been near a river, fishing. A bear came and attacked the man. Then, his phone rang. The reports said that the man's phone had had a Justin Bieber song for its ringtone. It made the bear angry, and because of that, the bear ran away into the forest. There was only one problem – someone had made up the whole story!

2 Stories can go viral very quickly. A friend posts something interesting online, like a story or photo. Maybe you join in the fun and share it. You don't stop to check if it's true or not. Soon, journalists see the story trending online. Because it sounds exciting, they publish it on their websites as real information.

3 That explains why made up stories spread so quickly, and why they fool so many people. There is so much information on the Internet, and we don't have time to check everything carefully. If something looks real and interesting, then many people will believe that it's true.

4 Here are some more examples. Someone uploaded a video explaining how to power an MP3 player. The video persuaded people to plug their MP3 players into an onion. After only one week, it had three million views, and the story was reported on TV. Of course, it's not possible to power an MP3 player using an onion, but people believed it and tried it out!

5 Many people thought that this story was hilarious, but some stories aren't. A news report on one popular website invited people to power their smartphones in a very unusual way. It said that you could put your phone in a microwave for just for a few minutes, and it would be ready to use.

6 Finally, the Los Angeles police told people that it was not safe to put phones in microwaves. They said that it could destroy the smartphone, or even start a fire.

7 So, be careful when you see things on the Internet. Stop and ask yourself, "Is this true?"

A Not all jokes are fun ☐

B We warn you not to do this! ☐

C Why do stories spread quickly? ☐

D It's easy to believe what you read ☐

E Spend time thinking about things you read ☐

F A very popular joke ☐

G How to stop an animal attack ☐

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2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true), F (false), or DS (doesn't say).

1 A bear attacked Justin Bieber in Russia. ☐

2 The story said that the bear liked Justin Bieber's music. ☐

3 The story about the bear was true. ☐

4 A lot of people don't know that online stories are made up. ☐

5 Journalists prefer to write funny stories. ☐

6 A video warned people not to use onions to power something. ☐

7 Some people thought the onion advice was very funny. ☐

8 Most Internet jokes are about things like phones or MP3 players. ☐

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LISTENING

3 Listen to Sally talking about artificial intelligence. Circle the correct answer for each question.

1 Alan Turing believed that computers
   A can never be intelligent.
   B will become more like humans.

2 In the Turing Test, a person might think
   A he/she is talking to a human or a computer.
   B a computer test is very difficult.

3 Deep Blue and Watson are examples of
   A artificial intelligence.
   B chess champions.

4 In 2008, Watson
   A started winning some games against humans.
   B could win most games against humans.

5 Deep Blue and Watson
   A aren't useful yet.
   B can't think like humans do.

6 In the future, computers will
   A think and communicate.
   B do all human jobs.

7 Computers might be able to
   A improve our health.
   B travel through time.

8 Even now, humans often need to
   A break into people's emails.
   B prove they aren't machines.

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4 Listen again. Complete the notes with the correct word or number in each space.

1 Alan Turing was a _____ scientist.

2 He said computers would be as intelligent as humans by the year _____ .

3 Deep Blue won a chess tournament _____ years ago.

4 Scientists don't believe that our computers can _____ yet.

5 One day, computers will think and _____ like humans do.

6 Computers are much more _____ than they were in the 1950s.

7 Some people use computers to break into bank _____ .

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WRITING

5 Read the information. Then write an email (100–125 words) to your friend.

- A friend wants to stay at your home next weekend.
- You told your parents about it. You persuaded them to let your friend stay. They said, "yes."
- Explain some rules about your home (what your friend is allowed to and not allowed to do).
- Finally, tell your friend what you want him/her to bring.

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SPEAKING

6 Work in pairs. Choose one of the ideas below (or your own). Then, give your partner advice.

- How to avoid trouble on social networking sites
- How to choose the right tablet/computer
- What to do about cyberbullying

7 Work in pairs, A and B. These photos show people being angry about something. Talk for one minute about what you can see in your photo. Then talk together about two or three things that make you angry.

A



B



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TOTAL SCORE 70

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