

**TEXT:** The Smartphone Dilemma: Impact on Student Learning

Smartphones have become an undeniable fixture in modern life, especially for teenagers. But their presence in schools is a hot topic, sparking debates among educators, parents and even students themselves. Are smartphones valuable learning tools, or are they just distractions that hinder academic progress and social development? The answer, it seems, is complicated.

One of the biggest concerns surrounding smartphones in schools is their potential to disrupt classroom learning. The constant stream of notifications from social media, text messages, and games can pull students' attention away from lessons, making it harder for them to focus and retain information. This is especially true for students who struggle academically or come from low-income backgrounds.

Banning cellphones outright isn't a simple solution. Some argue that it infringes on students' autonomy and their ability to connect with family in emergencies. Parents, for example may feel uneasy not being able to reach their children during the school day. Moreover, some research indicates that allowing phones in the classroom can improve discipline and a sense of safety.

Despite the challenges, smartphones also offer potential benefits in education. They can be powerful tools for learning, providing access to vast amounts of information and resources. With proper guidance, students can develop digital skills, learn to research effectively and collaborate with peers. Some teachers believe that smartphones can promote self-sufficiency, as students learn to manage their time and use technology responsibly.

Moreover, smartphones can help bridge the digital divide, providing students from low-income families with access to online resources and high-speed internet. In emergencies, smartphones can provide a lifeline, allowing students to contact emergency services and seek help.

**QUESTIONS 18pts****I. READING COMPREHENSION 5pts**

A) **Multiple Choice:** Copy the complete sentences containing the correct answer **1pt**

1. .... spark debates among educators, parents and even students themselves.

a) Presence      b) schools      c) teenagers      d) smartphones

2. The ..... is one of the biggest concerns surrounding smartphones in schools.

a) classroom learning      b) complicated      c) disruption      d) answer

B) **True or False:** Copy down the true sentences and correct the false ones **2pts**

1. Notifications from social media, text messages, and games disrupt students.

2. Banning cellphones outright is a simple solution.

3. Smartphones are unable to provide access to information and resources.

4. People have the same conception of cellphones use.

C) **Answer these questions based on the text 2ps**

1. Use your experience or text to say how smartphones can negatively affect students.

2. Write two different sentences from the text about the benefits of smartphones.

## II. LANGUAGE: 8pts

A. VOCABULARY: Copy down each word with its opposite 1pt

| Column A     | Column B       |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Teenagers | a. Emergency   |
| 2. Valuable  | b. Permit      |
| 3. Presence  | c. Adult       |
| 4. Prohibit  | d. Truancy     |
|              | e. Meaningless |

## B. FUNCTION : 2pts

Your Uncle buys a new computer and iPhone 17 Pro Max and asks for your preference.

### Instructions:

- Write what your Uncle can say in two different ways.
- What would you say?

C. Complete the sentences with: the compounds of any, some or no. 2pts

- ..... knows everything but everyone knows .....
- Never tell ..... your plans, show them your results.
- Anger builds .....; it destroys everything.

D. Change these sentences into passive voice 2pts

- Students can develop digital skills.
- Smartphones also offer potential benefits in education.
- People are seeking help online.
- Children didn't bring the computer.

E. Translate this passage into French 1pt

Despite the challenges, smartphones offer benefits in education. They are powerful tools for learning, providing access to vast amounts of information and resources.

III. COMPOSITION: Choose only one topic 5pts

- "Smartphones are a doubled-edged sword in students' hand". In an essay of ten (8) lines, talk about some of their advantages and disadvantages in education.
- Moussa CISSE, living in California, United States of America, wrote a postcard to Saran DOUMBIA, TSE, LKD, Koutiala, to ask about her preferences at school. **Write Saran's postcard with the appropriate layout.**

Handwriting, performance and sheet quality: 2pts