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A/ Language: (6pts)

1/ Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct tense or form : (3pts)

A few years ago, Apple (introduce) an updated iPad with an ultra high-resolution screen, (allow) users to connect to the fastest data network. As recent history (show)....., even relatively modest changes could (be)..... enough for the company (attract)..... waves of new buyers for its tablet computer. The company (sell)..... more iPad since the tablet came on the market than any PC maker sold.

2/ Insert the words in the list below to get a meaningful paragraph: (1.5pts)

despite - who - contrary - which - like - besides.

A report published by the World Bank showed a reduction in extreme poverty in every part of the world. The report also indicated that the economic crisis,to economists' expectations, did not increase poverty in most developing countries. In fact, progress has been so significant that the world has met the United Nations' objective of reducing poverty,....., the proportion of people in the developing world lived with less than \$1.25 a day, dropped in every region,the fact unemployment has been on the rise since 2008 in industrial countries. The bank attributed the decline in poverty to strong economic growth in countriesBrazil, India and China,.....helped the trading partners in Africa and South America.

3/ Match a verb from column A with a noun from column B to get 6 activities you can do over the internet. Write your answer in column C: (1.5pt)

A	B	C
download	reservations	
relay	data	
save	messages	
do	bills	
pay	research	
make	videos	

TEXT

- 1) Graduate students expert in online education were translating videotaped lectures into massive open online courses, or Moocs. The Massachusetts Institute of technology has 370,000 students this autumn in its first official courses. Coursera, founded just last January, has reached more than 1.7 million and is growing faster than Facebook.
- 2) Traditional online courses charge tuition, carry credit and limit enrollment to a few dozen to ensure interaction with instructors. The MOOC, on the other hand, is usually free, and offer no credit. Because anyone with an Internet connection can enroll, faculty members can't possibly respond to students individually. So the course design counts for a lot. Classmates may lean on one another in study groups organized in their towns, in online forums or for grading work.
- 3) The evolving form knits together education, entertainment and social networking. Unlike its antecedent, open courseware, the MOOC is a full course made with the user in mind. Teaching assistants may monitor discussion boards. There may be homework and a final exam. The MOOC certainly presents challenges. Grading is imperfect, especially for nontechnical subjects. Cheating is a reality. "We found groups of 20 people in a course submitting identical homework," said a professor at the university of California.
- 4) Some students are also ill prepared for the university-level work. And few stick with it. "Signing up for a class is a lightweight process," says Dr. Ng. It might take just five minutes. Only 46,000 attempted the first assignment in Dr. Ng's course on machine learning last autumn. In the end, he says, 13,000 completed the class and earned a certificate — from him, not from Stanford University.
- 5) The hope is that free courses can bring the best education in the world to the most remote corners of the planet, help people in their careers, and expand intellectual and personal networks. Three-quarters of those who took Dr. Patterson's "Software as a Service" last winter on Coursera were from outside the United States, though the opposite was true of a course on circuits and electronics guided last spring by Dr. Agarwal. But both attracted highly educated students and both reported that over 70 percent had degrees (more than a third had graduate degrees).

New York Times, November 2, 2013

Credit: The fact of having successfully completed a unit of study at a college or university

B/ Comprehension Questions: (14pts)

Read the text and answer the following questions

1/ List down 4 advantages and 4 disadvantages of online courses: (4pts)

Advantages	Disadvantages
.....	
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2/ The sentences below are false. Correct them with reference to the text : (4pts)

- a- Online courses are not very popular:
- b- All students usually complete the course and get a degree:
- c- It's difficult to join an online course:
- d- Students are not allowed to work in groups:

3/ Complete the statements below with information from the text: (2pts)

- a- Massive open online courses are.....for all students providing they
an.....
- b- The new online courses differ from the traditional ones in that they join.....

4/ Find words that nearly mean the following: (2.5pts)

- Join a course:(\$2)
- Difficult tasks:(\$3)
- Ask an amount of money:(\$2)
- Far away from:(\$5)
- Depend on somebody for help:(\$2)

**5/ What do the words underlined in
The text refer to ? (1.5 pt)**

- Their (\$2) :
- It (\$4) :
- Its (\$1) :