

Text:

In Britain, before the internet, people used to listen to the news on the radio as **they** got up. They would then read a newspaper in the morning, on the train while travelling to work. On the way home, they might even buy another newspaper – an evening newspaper, possibly or a local **one**. Then, they would watch the news on television at six o'clock before going to bed. At the weekend, they had the big Sunday papers. Yes, before the internet, there were easy, separate categories of time. Radio, newspapers and television all had a place.

Then things became a bit more complicated. First, 24 hour TV news arrived, and then the internet. Now people could get the news when they wanted rather than waiting for other people to decide what to tell them and when.

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PART ONE

(14 pts)

A. Reading comprehension:

(7pts)

Read the text and do the following activities:

Activity one :(2pts)

Choose a, b or c to complete the following sentences.

1. before the internet, the British used to:
a. practise sport b. listen to news c. play cards
2. they used to watch the news on TV:
a. twice a day b. once a day c. twice or three times a day

Activity two:(3pts)

Read the text and answer the following questions:

1. Where did people in Britain use to read the newspaper?
2. When did things become more complicated?
3. What do the underlined words refer to in the text?
- **they** →
- **one** →

Activity three:(2pts)

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to:

- a. probably = ... b. different=

2. Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to:

- a. hard ≠ b. less≠

B. Mastery of language:**(7pts)****Activity one: (1pt)**

Supply the punctuation and capitals where necessary
the most popular print newspaper in Britain is the "sun"

Activity two: (3pts)

Rewrite the following passage and put the verbs in their correct form.

When the internet appeared, the national newspapers (**begin**) to claim that they would lose all their readers. Although, most of them who (**not use to**) love the internet (**create**) an online version of their paper.

Activity three: (2pts)

Complete the following table.

.....	more complicated	the most complicated
easy		
big	bigger	

Activity four: (1pt)

Circle the silent letters in the following words.

Listen – would – while – work

PART TWO**(6pts)****Written expression:**

Today, many people in your country prefer to get the news online.

Write a paragraph of 8 lines in which you can use the following ideas:

- gain time
- different news
- almost free
- get the news where and when you want.