Speaking and Listening – Level 7

Sample 1 Oral presentation: Are we too dependent on technology?

STUDENT Will there ever be a day when no-one in the world will use ICT?

And I am here today to talk about why I believe our generation is too dependent on … our society is too dependent on ICT.

Shopping online is fine, unless that shop is near you. Most people feel like going to a shop is much more difficult than when you can order items from the comfort of your own home online. In 2018, it was said that there were 1.78 billion digital buyers worldwide. Most of us are too lazy to go to the shops some days, but do we really need to buy essentials online all the time?

I believe that going to the shops is better … going to the shops rather than online shopping is better because you get the item immediately, there are no shipping costs, and you might meet some new people. Go outside for some time and rethink your possibilities. Try socialising.

Socialising now is just sending messages and playing together online. How ironic, before the times of technology, the entertainment you received was from outside, while your parents would be forcing you to come inside, but now the entertainment you get is inside, with your parents forcing you to go outside.

You’ve probably heard someone tell you that you shouldn’t be looking at screens for too long, and that’s true. It will ruin your vision. Try some new sports every once in a while and go to places you’ve never been before. Sports will make you fit and you can meet some new friends there, maybe some people that you can train with regularly.

Travelling to new places is also great, as looking at the images isn’t as interesting as experiencing the excitement for yourself.

Directions are now all on a GPS - global positioning system. It’s possible that some people don’t even know how to read paper maps because of how they're easily served by a GPS. On average, 54% from people ranged from 18 to 64 years old use a GPS while driving. I am one of the people who have never ever needed a GPS in my life. Rather than looking at a screen and risking having a crash, you can memorise the roads and be able to travel to places without looking at a screen all the time. If your GPS ever stopped working or it had system issues, you’d have nothing to guide you, so you’d be stuck. Would you want to be stranded in the middle of nowhere?

This is why I believe our society is too dependent on ICT. Rather than using regular daily items for normal uses, people use technology substitutes to fix the problems.

Thank you for listening.