29.Computer & Internet

Throughout civilized history, mankind has devised tools to help them accomplish their purposes. But has any device been more flexible or useful than the computer? In a few decades it has revolutionized the way we live and work. It is not only a calculator but a communication device, a graphics instrument, a recorder/transmitter of music/photos/ text, and a gaming machine as well.

In addition to the addiction problem that has developed, another concern has emerged. As computerized systems become more complex and more ubiquitous, what would happen if they failed? Would there be a worldwide catastrophe? How long would it last? Could we recover?

Comprehension

1. Why do people use computers?
2. What do people do with computers?
3. Concerning computers, what do people worry about?

Your opinion

1. What do you use computers for?
2. How long could you live without turning one on?
3. What effect has the internet had on your life?
4. Do you think the internet widens or narrows the gap between rich and poor?
5. What bad effects has the computer had on your life? What are the dangers in general?
6. How can we end computer illiteracy in our society? Should we?
7. What would he the result of a sudden crash of all computer systems? (Discuss in detail)