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Until the moment **he** relapsed, things were going well for Joe. His vegetarian food stall business was really starting to take off. Despite lockdown, November 2020 had been even busier than the previous year. More importantly, it had been two years and eight months since he last played a video game.

Then, in December 2020, things started to unravel. One of Joe's colleagues tested positive for Covid-19, shuttering the food stall and sending Joe into self-isolation. At home, worrying about the future of his business, Joe's mind drifted towards video games. He downloaded Steam, opened up Medieval II: Total War and got as far as the loading screen. At each step he told himself that – as long as he didn't start playing – he hadn't relapsed.

"I was powerless over that," says Joe, who is 35. "I ended up relapsing for two weeks." Within two days he was playing video games almost constantly, pausing only to sleep for a few hours each day. He stopped eating proper meals and washed only once every three or four days. On phone calls to his girlfriend he would lie about how much he was gaming and try to hurry the conversation.

Joe's relapse recalled some of the worst days of his video game addiction. A couple of months after his mother died, he fell into a three-week-long cycle of compulsive gaming. Some days he didn't eat at all, on others he'd eat a slice or two of a takeaway pizza he'd hastily collect from a delivery driver before running back upstairs. When someone knocked at the front door, he'd worry that his gaming was about to be interrupted. "I was petrified because I didn't want anyone to come in and ruin my using my computer games," he says.

As the pandemic has raged out of control, the pressures of social isolation and lockdown are weighing heavily on our mental health. For people who already suffer from problematic gaming, the effects of the pandemic are potentially even worse on **them**.

<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/gaming-addiction>  
(Adapted)

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**I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks)**

1) Tick  the most appropriate option (1 mark)

The text is mainly about :

a- The worry of self isolation

b- Struggling with addiction

c- The risks of the pandemic

2) For each of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false (4 marks)

a- Joe recognized that he was hooked on gaming. (paragraph 2)

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b- Joe coped well with his alarming state. (paragraph 3)

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c- His mother's death was a wake-up call for Joe to change. (paragraph 4)

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d- During the pandemic, people succeeded at dealing with their life issues. (paragraph 5)

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3) Circle the two adjectives that best describe Joe (2 marks)

dependent – valiant – reliable – obsessive

4) Find words meaning nearly the same as in the text (2 marks)

a- to develop / to grow rapidly (pg 1) : .....

b- to begin to fail (pg 2) : .....

5) What do the underlined words in the text refer to (2 marks)

a- he (pg 1) refers to : .....

b- them (pg 5) refers to : .....

6) Give a personal and justified answer to the following question (1 mark)

**If you were crazy about video games, would you agree to ask for others' support and advice?  
Why or and why not?**

If I were crazy about video games I would / I wouldn't .....  
because .....

## II - WRITING (12 marks)

1) Develop the following notes to obtain a coherent paragraph on some of the benefits of quitting smoking (4 marks)

You have to quit smoking because smoke / interferes / your sense / taste, food tastes good / when you quit.

Your sense of smell also improve /, so get ready / really enjoy / scent of flowers / fresh-cut grass.

You'll be able / make it through a long movie / an airplane flight without / crave / a cigarette.

Within a few weeks after quit /, your smoker's cough / disappear / you'll have / energy.

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2)Topic :

One close member of your family, who is highly qualified, has recently decided to leave his / her country to work in better conditions and earn more money in a developed country . Write him / her an email telling him / her to consider staying in his / her own country and try to help in its progress and development. Give sound arguments. (8 marks)

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### III- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

#### 1) Put the bracketed words in the right Form and / or Tense (3 marks)

When the pandemic started, we quickly pivoted to begin distributing free refurbished laptops to students for distance learning.

We received an **(apply)** ..... from a woman named Hannah, a college student and mom who **(need)** ..... a computer for distance learning. Like so many people, Hannah became a casual **(employ)** ..... of her company in March and was not able to purchase a computer for her family.

Prior to the pandemic, she would visit libraries to use **(they)** ..... computers. But with the libraries closed and both her and her son participating in distance learning, that was no **(long)** ..... an option.

“I am very grateful to have been given this computer – it dramatically increased my ability to connect and complete school assignments. The laptop **(help)** ..... my son maintain social connections with his friends this summer. Nearly all of his extracurricular activities and daycares were canceled, this has helped keep some interactions with his friends and siblings alive.

#### 2) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the following box (3 marks)

ensure – depending – bigger – at – from – sustainably – biggest – to
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There are several reasons that I have come across when asking young people about wanting to move to rural areas. However, usually the most prominent is to reconnect back with the land, move away ..... the stress of the cities and live..... . More and more people are getting familiar with the concept of land stewardship, where individual citizens, either landowners or leasers, can directly act on the land they live in or work to ..... a sustainable use and contribute to the conservation and preservation of the area. Land stewardship and all it implies is strongly linked ..... the preservation of the ecosystems services of the land. Ecosystem services are, according to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA), the “benefits that people receive from ecosystems”. These benefits can be observed in different spheres, ..... on the type of ecosystem service. This makes them one of the ..... drivers for nature to be conserved through land stewardship.