

ANSWER KEY**I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)**

- A. **(2 marks)** 1. = trendier, 2. = smarter, 3. = painstaking, 4. = addictive
B. **(1 mark)** 5. = b 6. = a
C. **(3 marks)** 7. **False** : 'the older generations preferred spending their weekends out of town'
8. **False**: 'Nowadays parents often ... to keep their children quiet in one place for a period of time'.
D. **(2 marks)** 9. = gaming / networking / email and calling / sending text message / communicating on mobile phones
10. = Addictive/ distraction from studies / disruption in their learning abilities / cause eye and hearing problems
E. **(2 marks)** 11 & 12. Spending weekends out of town / Engaging in various competitions (or taking part in sports)
13 & 14. Indoor activities like internet, surfing, watching videos, computer games, communicating on mobile phones

II. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (6 marks)

- F. **(2 marks)** 15. = has been going 16. = will end 17. = should 18. = haven't been taken.
G. **(1.5 marks)** 19. = However 20. = Besides 21. = Therefore
H. **(1.5 marks)** 22. = achievement 23. = useful 24. = addiction
I. **(1 mark)** 25. = from 26. = on

III. WRITING (6 marks)

Understanding of topic **(1 mark)**, Relevance of ideas **(1 mark)**, Clarity of ideas **(1 mark)**, coherence **(1 mark)**, Originality **(1 mark)**, Accuracy **(1 mark)**