

1. Lesson 1. Teacher: After the student reads the instructions, help the student generate ideas and write an outline before writing an essay as described in the instructions. Correct any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes.

#### 4[A] – Technology



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- Write an essay on the given TOPIC covering three of the POINTS below the space provided on your answer sheet.
- **Structure:** Three or more paragraphs, including an introduction and conclusion.
- **Length:** Around 200 words.

### TOPIC

Has modern society become too dependent on technology?

### POINTS

- Interpersonal communication
- Health and medicine
- Traditional skills and crafts
- Leisure activities
- Workplace efficiency
- Environmental issues

#### 2. Example Answer



3. *Technology has certainly provided modern society with many benefits, such as effective medicine. Nevertheless, I believe that, on balance, our current reliance on technology is damaging to society.*
4. *In the past, skilled craftsmen were an integral part of any community. Consumers could depend on them to produce high-quality goods. Now, machine technology and mass-production methods have put such local craftsmen out of business, and product quality has declined.*
5. *The development of cell phones and the Internet has transformed the way people communicate. One problem, however, is that people tend to communicate just with their close friends. People no longer meet face to face with their neighbors or people in the local community—there are too busy text messaging their friends.*
6. *Finally, many people believe that the developments in technology such as hydrogen energy will save us from the problems of climate change. The scientists will figure it out, they say. I believe this misses the point. Humans should learn to live in harmony with the nature environment in the first place. This is surely better than having to find ways to halt the damage our destructive behavior causes.*
7. *Ultimately, quality of life is the issue at stake here. Perhaps we should think about that before extolling the virtues of every new technological development.*