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Book reading experience and the ultimate technology

The computer is just a feeble attempt of humankind to replicate the workings of a unique invention, while science is an attempt to understand the craftsmanship of the greatest masterpiece – Nature.

As we all know, scientists can only replicate carbon-based life forms. They cannot literally make from out of thin air any genetic material. They rely on raw materials from resources provided by nature. It is just like trying to simulate the functions of the human brain by inventing the computer. The brain is the fastest and most powerful multimedia computer that exists in the present. It is organic, self upgrading and has high articulation. The computer, on the other hand, cannot help itself without the intervention of humans.

A computer hooked to the internet provides access to all the knowledge of humanity. However, there is a downside about this convenience. It deprives the human brain the necessary thinking skills and training for data hunting and information processing. A student today only needs to access the internet to do research homework. However, the learning experience is defeated since it is not the student who researches the data needed for the school homework but the web browser. So where is the selective learning process?

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Reading books, either printed or the electronic version, provides the learner the essential mental training for data hunting, logical reasoning for information processing and the uncanny ability to differentiate truth from lies, right from wrong, facts from fallacy, real from a hoax and the appropriate from the inappropriate.

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The general theme of the text is the impact of the digital era on the process of knowledge acquisition.

In order to express his point of view, the author bases his argument on the following factor:

- (A) improvement of brain activities
- (B) advancement of genetic research
- (C) superiority of human intelligence
- (D) development of concentration skills

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The use of computers for learning purposes is discussed in the text.

According to the author, the use of computers without any guidance constitutes an obstacle to:

- (A) data collecting
- (B) logical thinking
- (C) knowledge sharing
- (D) quantitative browsing

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Paragraph 5 lists positive results from reading books.

The exemplification offered by the author emphasizes the capacity of:

- (A) synthesis
- (B) distinction
- (C) identification
- (D) memorization

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The strategy of asking questions is often used for rhetorical purposes.

So where is the selective learning process? (l. 13-14)

The question above is intended to:

- (A) express a doubt
- (B) start a discussion
- (C) confirm a viewpoint
- (D) anticipate an objection

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Audio books: all pros, no cons



What is an audio book? An audio book is a recording of the contents of a book read aloud, created and distributed on CDs, cassette tapes or other digital formats. They have become quite popular since first being introduced – roughly 20 years ago – with the CD format in the lead for sales.

5 One of the pros for audio books is the fact that they support multi-tasking, and can also be stored into small devices for easy listening, like an iPod or MP3 Player. For example, you may listen to one and retrieve the information you would from a regular book while exercising, cleaning around the house, or just while in the car driving. You would not be able to do any of those activities while reading a regular book. But while listening to an audio book this becomes possible.

10 Another pro supporting audio books is the effect it has on children's motivation and learning. Teaching them to read has never been any easier or enjoyable in their favor. By using different types of toys from favorite cartoon characters to interact with audio books, children are able to learn a usually difficult subject quite easily while also having a good time.

15 My final pro supporting an audio book is the fact that people who are unable to read regular books, due to certain problems they cannot help such as blindness, are certainly able to listen to audio books to gather the contents they may need from a regular book. This is a major pro that is a big help to a lot of people around the world, with no con to argue against it. So why not go and check out some audio books today and find out for yourself how useful and how fun they are? There are loads of free digital audio books as well. Therefore, you can test the water for free as well.

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In the text, the title and subtitle clearly reflect the author's position regarding audio books. The idea conveyed by the title and subtitle is best expressed in the following statement:

- (A) Their use is considered as a beneficial practice.
- (B) Their efficiency is confirmed in sports activities.
- (C) Their quality is determined by the narrator's voice.
- (D) Their advantage is related to mental concentration.

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Therefore, you can test the water for free as well. (ℓ. 18)

In the fragment, people are encouraged to read audio books to test their efficiency. The major motivation for this course of action consists of:

- (A) courtesy offer
- (B) speedy ordering
- (C) refundable option
- (D) costless download

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