TECHNOLOGY IN THE SCHOOL AND WORKPLACE

Technological innovations and the internet have enormously changed the way we work and study. Consider for example a kid of the secondary school that has to write a paper. In the past he used the encyclopedia that he found in his house, and if he did not have one, he would go to the library, choose some books, and write his paper. Nowadays many kids just connect to the internet, look up in Wikipedia, and copy everything on a Word document, ready to be printed and given to the teacher. It is not always like that, obviously, and if you use all the possibilities that internet gives you, not stopping at the easiest solution, the web becomes an unlimited source of news and information. However, this does not mean that books have to be forgotten: on the web you might find more and more varied pieces of information, but very often these pieces of information are also less exhaustive.

Even more than to school, computer science has brought many changes to the workplace. Without software like Office or hardware like the Intel processors, nowadays offices would be impossible. Just think about all the things that you can make with the office automation software: you only need to install it to have all the instruments to write texts, but also to surf the internet and to use e-mails, etc. It seems impossible to be able to work without a PC, and if we think about the instruments that our parents used to do their job, we can easily realize that technology has revolutionized also the way we work.

Glossary:
Source: fuente, recurso

1. **Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.** (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)
   a. With the internet you do not need books.
   b. Working in an office nowadays is possible with our parents’ instruments.

2. **In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer these questions. DO NOT copy from the text and be careful with your grammar.** (Puntuación máxima: 6 puntos)
   a. How can children use the internet for their studies?
   b. Why do we need computer science at work?

3. **Grammar.** (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)
   Fill in the gaps with the appropriate form of the words in brackets.
   a. Thanks to technology, nowadays we (be able) __________________________ get information and news (fast) __________________________ than we did in the past.
   b. If we (not have) __________________________ computers, our work wouldn’t be so efficient.