Essay
(Test 1, Part 1, Question 1)
Script A: Good answer

Most people today probably wonder what we did in the good old days without the technology we now have. I imagine that I might be in the minority but I feel that we would all be better off without technology!

First of all, technology has had a massive impact on the way we communicate with others. It is not uncommon for people to go out to dinner with friends and have smartphones on the table bleeping with text messages or ringing with calls that are often answered during the meal. This behaviour gives a clear message to the other people at the table, which is that whoever is at the other end of the phone is more important than them. In such cases, technology has affected communication negatively.

Secondly, technology has had a negative effect on relationships. Many people think that social networking websites and phones with surfing capabilities have brought people closer. I disagree. While you may know what your friends are doing on a more regular basis, people seldom sit down and spend time focussing on their friend by getting together for coffee or even stopping off at the friend's house uninvited.

Thirdly, even working life has been negatively affected by technology. While it might seem easier to send documents to colleagues by email, people are now so inundated with voice messages, emails and requests that people have to spend more time sorting through these than doing their job. People also rely on the computer keeping information and make little effort to remember it themselves.

To sum up, technology has negatively affected communication, relationships and working life almost in equal measure. I think we would all be better off without it.

Examiner comments

This is an excellent answer, and all the **content** points are covered. There are details provided to support the writer's argument, which is clear and easy to follow. There is a good **range of language**, which is accurate, and the style is appropriate for an essay. It is **organised** into clear paragraphs with a different topic for each, and the linking words are clear and effective which makes it very **communicative**. The target reader would be well-informed.

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Script B: Satisfactory answer

We had a debate, that is why I am going to tell my point of view about how our daily lives have been affected by technology.

As we all know, technology improves everyday and has made considerable changes in daily life. In what follows, I will see how everyday life has changed because of all these progresses; communication has developped, relationships are different and so is working life.

First of all, the developement of communication; in the past, people had no phone, no televsion, no Internet. If they wanted to talk to someone they visited or wrote a letter. Nowadays, people rarely do that. SMS is the most popular way to communicate, and it is true it is practical and fast but it is not so well writen as a letter. Almost everyone has television, which is useful because you can see what is going on in the world anytime of the day and be entertained as well.

You can see that relationships between people have changed, especialy with the Internet. People use public chat, which means that sometimes they are talking to people without having met them in real life which can be dangerous.

My last point is the impact of technology on working life. As far as I am concerned, technology creates jobs; for example, someone researches a product on the computer, someone else realises it and another person repairs it.

To conclude and make my opinion clear, I would say technology is often a good thing, but it can also be bad. I think that technology has the biggest impact on communications, and I think once we have tried these things we cannot quit any more.

Examiner comments

This is generally **well-organised** in paragraphs and is coherent. The reader can follow the argument and the conclusion is clear. The **content** is relevant to the task. The style is semi-formal which is appropriate for an essay, although the word *quit* in the conclusion is too informal. There is a range of **language,** and although there are a lot of mistakes with spelling these do not impede **communication.**

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Script C: Unsatisfactory answer

In my text I'll write about the following statement: 'Which aspect of our daily lives has been affected most by technology'. There are both advantages and disadvantages, first of all, I want to write about the advantages the technology gives us. In my opinion the internet is a great achievement of human beings! In a very short time we can afford a lot of different information, it's amazing. We can use the internet to learn for the school or for learning in freetime. The problem is, that you can find a lot of rubbish in the internet about which you're not sure, if it's true or not. On the other hand the mail service is connected with the internet and gives us the ability to write to somebody who lives far away from you in a short time. Also the TV is a great achievement in the modern epoch. It helps us to send a lot of new information around the world, so that almost everybody knows the news, sometimes it's very important to inform the people. But connected with the technology is not only the media, but also the technical transport like cars, buses, trains, tubes and airplanes. We're able to travel around the world without a lot of our own force. In this context I want to mention the pollution that these 'objects' cause. It's a big problem of all the human beings. In my opinion every advantage causes a disadvantage. Not only the big pollution is a problem, also the internet involves a lot of problems. For me the internet is 'helpful to terrorists and hackers'. They spread their information in a few seconds and threaten a lot of people. Technology make work much simpler because of automation, but it also cases a lot of unemployed people. A great achievement is also the mobile phone! You're able to inform your friends and if you're lost you can call the and you can agree an appointment. Or it something happened and you're not able to go home you can give a call to calm down the parents or friends.

With the technology are connected as much good things as bad things. In my opinion you can't say, that we would be better without it, because then would be a lot of very different. But on the other hand we wouldn't know how it would be without technology if we never had it, maybe we would be happy, because we don't know how it would be with the technology. But in this stadium of the human beings, we couldn't be able to do without technology.

The best thing would be, if we could build or invent more things to prevent the pollution of our world, that would be great, and you never know what the future brings ....

Examiner comments

This answer is much too long, which means it is badly **organised** and is often difficult to follow; it would also have been better if ideas had been organised into paragraphs. The **content** is appropriate but ideas are repeated which makes it confusing and incoherent, and the internet is mentioned several times. This means that the ideas are not **communicated** effectively. The conclusion does not seem to follow the argument. The style is appropriate and there are suitable connectors– *first of all, on the one hand, not only*, but the **language** is spoiled by mistakes in grammar and punctuation.