Guess the score

The essays below were all written from the same prompt, but received four different scores: 3, 5, 9 and 10. Analyze the texts and try to guess which one received which score (3, 5, 9, or 10). Underline or circle the elements which, in your opinion, helped determine the score. Afterwards, discuss with a partner.

**A**

I believe telecommunications is a very important advancement in technology in the past 100 years. It has provided us with the internet, emails, teleconferencing, mobile phones, instant messaging services and so on. This has allowed people to have a greater ease in maintaining relationships with family members, friends or loved ones whether locally or internationally. Similarly, this has also allowed people to venture farther and collaborate with people from other countries, whether this be in for example academia or business. Moreover, access to the internet also meant that information was more easily disseminated and accessible to people all over the world. This is especially beneficial for those who lack access to resources such as the library, a formal education and other learning opportunities. Indeed, this trend of globalisation has the individual advantages of greater communication which strengthens relations between people, and allows greater access to information that would otherwise be denied. Moreover, on a global view this increases awareness and understanding of people from other countries and of different ethnicities. This gives us the opportunity to learn from each other and improve. By learning more about other people, we are then able to improve ourselves and hopefully grow to be more tolerant and accepting. SCORE \_\_\_\_\_\_

**B**

What is the most important invention of the past 100 years? "Computer!" - I will answer the question immediately. As we all know, computers can compute many kinds of sophisticated math models which involved construction of tall buildings, designing a complicated machine and some other industries. Just because of computer, there are many human works you can reduce. For example, when computer is applied to math field, it can solve a problem in several minutes which may spend many hours, even days , to solve it for our people. It is obvious that computer can reduce human's work. Because of the computer, we can surf on the internet easily. We can know the news which happens in time on the internet. Connecting with our friends and our parents become conveniently. That's all because of the computers. SCORE \_\_\_\_\_\_

**C**

The most important invention of the last 100 years is the internet. Not only does the internet allow the average person access to the largest collection of human knowledge ever assembled, but the internet also allows a level of communication that would have been previously unimaginable. The average person today has the ability to communicate with virtually anyone, anywhere in the world, easily and instantly. The sheer amount of information available on the internet can be overwhelming. Virtually any subject, from history, to science or math, can be researched on the internet. One can read the days news and current events, and discuss them with people from all over the world. Before the internet came into common use, this would have been impossible. Of course, because anyone can publish anything on the internet, there is much misinformation as well. but the benefits of the internet far outweigh any disadvantages. SCORE \_\_\_\_\_\_

**D**

I believe that Internet is the most important invention in the past century. The reasons can be drawn from the huge developments human beings made thanks to the Internet. Internet makes our life more colorful and our work more convenient. Making the world much more smaller, the Internet connects people from every corner on earth even in a face to face way. Just imagine that you can speak, listen to and even see your far-away relatives because of the Internet. People have limited methods of gaining information in the days without Internet. But now Internet gives us a brand new way of searching the information instead of indulging yourself in the sea of books, paper files or any other heavy dusty and inconvenient way information storage. Thanks to Internet, we may now open the computer, enter the key words, click and find whatever you want. What is more, Internet is also a good way for sharing. In the years of information, sharing is a vital part of the information development. We can just consider Internet is big room for information storage, a room that almost everyone has the access to enter, that anyone knows how to find the things they want in a easy way. With the internet, the world enters a new era. SCORE \_\_\_\_\_\_