Nowadays the internet has become familiar to many families, in general, and children, in particular, especially at school-going age.

In fact, some kids have easy access to the internet and they use it on a daily basis. For this particular reason, parents should be in close touch with their children as they surf the net and visit new web sites. Teachers also need to help their students use the internet appropriately and safely. Besides, other community groups such as libraries, after-school programs and youth clubs should help to raise the public awareness about safe surfing.

Kids and teenagers need to learn how to be responsible for their behaviour on the internet with guidance from their family members. It is not all uncommon for some gifted kids to know much more about the internet than their parents, older brothers or even their teachers. If that is the case in your home or classroom, don’t despair or panic. You can still use this as an opportunity to turn the tables by having your child teach you something new about this rapidly developing high tech device.

Get your child to discuss with you some of the advantages and disadvantages of the internet, or even let you know about his/her internet experience. Just as adults need to help kids stay safe while using the net, they also need to learn not to overreact when they find out that their kids or teenagers have been surfing inappropriate material or strayed from the rule. Don’t blame or punish them if they tell you about an uncomfortable online encounter. Your best strategy is to explain, clarify and advise...

Questions: (fill in the answer grid)

A- Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F):

1- All web sites are not suitable for children.
2- The internet has become part of our world so children need to use it.
3- Children don’t need to be taught how to use the internet properly and safely.
4- The internet is a great learning tool for children.
5- It is better for children to surf the net on their own.
6- All parents know about the internet better than their children.
7- It is really a shame if your child knows about the net better than you do.
8- After the age of ten, children shouldn’t be supervised when surfing the net.
9- Children who visit unsuitable web sites should be punished.
10- Overreaction is not the best strategy in such cases.

B- Fill in the blanks with the appropriate branches of engineering:

11- ........................................ 12- ........................................ 13- ........................................ 14- ........................................

C- Choose the right answer:

15- I am afraid, I can’t come to your graduation party.
   a- What a pity!             b- How wonderful!             c- How disgusting
16- The vet treats............
   a- women                b- children                c- animals
17-Dogs and cats make wonderful ......................... .
   a-combanions     b- companions    c-campanions

18-E-mail has become so popular because it is ........ than sending a letter and .......... than a telephone conversation.
   a-faster/cheaper b-slower/more expensive c-cheaper/faster

19-Engineering is largely a ...................... activity.
   a-theoretical b-practical     c-mathematical

20-Mining and medical engineering belong to ............................. .
   a-mechanical engineering b-electrical engineering c-both, electrical and mechanical engineering

21-Body scanners, X-ray machines, life support systems and other high-tech equipment result from:
   a-medical experts b-mechanical and electrical experts c-all of them

22-“I have already met him” the student said.
   a-The student said that he has already met him.
   b-The student said that he had already meet him.
   c-The student said that he had already met him.

23-“Do not exceed the speed limit” the policeman told me.
   a- The policeman told me to exceed the speed limit.
   b- The policeman told me not to exceed the speed limit.
   c- I told the policeman to not exceed the speed limit.

24-“Where will you spend your holiday?” my friend asked me.
   a-My friend asked me where he will spend his holiday.
   b- My friend asked me where I will spend my holiday.
   c- My friend asked me where I would spend my holiday.

25-“Are you for or against children surfing the net on their own?” she asked him.
   a-He asked her if she was for or against children using the internet on their own.
   b-She asked him if he was for or against children using the internet on their own.
   c-She asked me if I were for or against children using the internet on their own.