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Vinted

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So, in 2008, she started Vinted. It’s now the largest pre-loved fashion marketplace in the world. Today 4 million women are actively buying, selling, and swapping² clothes on Vinted each month. “It’s a platform that opens all the closets in the world,” says Mitkute. Its fans —or “Vinties,” as they’re affectionately known— simply upload photos of items which can be bought and collected or shipped. You can search by seller, brand, size, or color to find exactly what you want —whether that’s a red cocktail dress or leopard print shoes. “Our members say using Vinted is like a treasure hunt,” notes Mitkute. If you think this sounds a little like eBay, you’d be right. Except Vinted’s fashion focus gives it more of a community edge, says Mitkute, and it’s this “social” vibe that keeps customers coming back.

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2. Vinted ...
 - A. ... has 4 million female users, and it's growing each month.
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 - C. ... has virtually anything you want —except red cocktail dresses and leopard print shoes.
3. *Vinties* is ...
 - A. ... an affectionate nickname for women who use Vinted.
 - B. ... what women who are in charge of uploading clothes photos to Vinted are called.
 - C. ... another term for the closets of those women who buy, sell, or swap clothes on Vinted.
4. Vinted became more profitable ...
 - A. ... after it stopped charging its users for every item they sold.
 - B. ... since it imposed mandatory fees on its products, including closet promotion.
 - C. ... in 2016, when Germany and France became its two largest markets.

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Videos of some of the robots —especially those that look like animals when they move— have been popular (4) ___ the Internet in the past. But the company's latest video to (5) ___ viral shows a group of robots dancing to the 1962 hit song "Do You Love Me?" by The Contours. The video received more than 23 million (6) ___ during its first week. The performance shows two humanoid robots, called *Atlas*, (7) ___ several dance moves —such as the twist, the mashed potato, and (8) ___. The two are joined by *Spot*, a dog-like robot, and *Handle*, a wheeled robot designed for lifting and moving boxes.

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- 4.5. If you don't get to the theater on time, you'll miss the beginning of the play.
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SECTION III: WRITING (4 marks)

5. Choose **ONE** of the four options below (a, b, c, or d) and write the corresponding text (150-175 words). Write your PARAGRAPH or TEXT on your answer sheet. [Score: 1 x 4 = 4 marks]

a) **Argumentative writing.** *Online teaching is not as effective as face-to-face teaching. Discuss.*
WRITE AN ARGUMENTATIVE TEXT including arguments in favor of and against online teaching. Make sure you provide a balanced discussion of the topic.

b) **Descriptive writing.** *Your favorite smartphone app.*
WRITE A PARAGRAPH describing your favorite smartphone app. (You must include name, function, target audience, price, operating system, ease of use and popularity. You can also add any other feature you think would convince somebody else to install this app on their phone).

c) **Opinion writing.** *International tourists must present a COVID-19 vaccine passport to enter Spain. Do you agree?*
WRITE AN OPINION PARAGRAPH/TEXT. Make sure you adopt a position and then provide the necessary arguments to convince your reader of it.

d) **Email writing.** *"Vote for me, please!"*
WRITE AN EMAIL to your classmates asking them to vote for you in the next class representative voting. You must tell your classmates, at least, (a) why you deserve to be their class rep; (b) why you think you will do your job better than the other candidates; and (c) the different things you will do for them if you finally get elected.

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