

# MIIT Entrance English Sample Paper

## READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

### Internet

The **Internet** is the global system of interconnected computer networks that use the Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP) to link billions of devices worldwide. It is a *network of networks* that consists of millions of private, public, academic, business, and government networks of local to global scope, linked by a broad array of electronic, wireless, and optical networking technologies. The Internet carries an extensive range of information resources and services, such as the inter-linked hypertext documents and applications of the World Wide Web (WWW), electronic mail, telephony, and peer-to-peer networks for file sharing.

The origins of the Internet date back to research commissioned by the United States government in the 1960s to build **robust**, fault-tolerant communication via computer networks. The primary precursor network, the ARPANET, initially served as a backbone for interconnection of regional academic and military networks in the 1980s. The funding of a new U.S. backbone by the National Science Foundation in the 1980s, as well as private funding for other commercial backbones, led to worldwide participation in the development of new networking technologies, and the merger of many networks. The linking of commercial networks and enterprises by the early 1990s marks the beginning of the transition to the modern Internet, and generated a sustained exponential growth as generations of institutional, personal, and mobile computers were connected to the network.

Although the Internet has been widely used by academia since the 1980s, the commercialization incorporated its services and technologies into virtually every aspect of modern life. Internet use grew rapidly in the West from the mid-1990s and from the late 1990s in the developing world. In the 20 years since 1995, Internet use has grown 100-times to over one third of the world population.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices.**

1. Which of the following protocol is used by the internet to link billions of devices worldwide?
  - a. **TCP/IP**
  - b. HTTP
  - c. REST
  - d. None of the above.
2. Internet carries which of the following information resources and services
  - a. Electronic mail
  - b. Inter-linked hypertext documents

- c. **Both of the above.**
  - d. None of the above.
3. 'robust' in Para 2 means?
- a. **strong**
  - b. weak
  - c. colorful
  - d. None of the above.

4. He \_\_\_\_\_ in wearing the old fashioned coat in spite of his wife's disapproval.  
(Choose the most appropriate choice that applies.)

- a. insists
- b. **persists**
- c. desists
- d. resists

5. Although it does contain some pioneering ideas, one would hardly characterize the work as \_\_\_\_\_. (Choose the most appropriate choice that applies.)

- a. orthodox
- b. eccentric
- c. **original**
- d. conventional

6. By the mid-1700s the French government had begun a concerted effort to prevent famine and plague, having fully realized that the success of its ambitious state-run building projects \_\_\_\_\_ the welfare of its people, particularly the labor-providing lower class. (Choose the most appropriate choice that applies.)

- a. threatened
- b. **depended on**
- c. promoted
- d. prevented

7. The luggage was \_\_\_\_ heavy for him to lift. (Choose the option which will make the sentence grammatically correct.)

- a. much
- b. as
- c. so
- d. too**

8. Fate smiles \_\_\_\_\_ those who untiringly grapple with stark realities of life. (Choose the option which will make the sentence grammatically correct.)

- a. with
- b. over
- c. on**
- d. round

9. There are some people who think that only the poor and less educated people use slang, but this idea is \_\_\_\_\_. (Choose the most appropriate choice that applies.)

- a. accurate
- b. popular
- c. erroneous**
- d. widespread