

Reading Comprehension Passage 26

This sample text has been prepared for the Master of Electrical Engineering entrance exam by Alpha Consulting Group.

The 'desktop' and current operating systems will be quaint metaphors the same way we look back at 8-track tapes, phones with dials, typewriters, et Shrinking size of computing machines, embedded smartness in everything from clothes to appliances, and more ubiquitous always-on networked devices will mean we have a whole suite of new integrated technologies that allow us to have access to tools and data when/where we need it - not that we need to go to a place or device to do computing. There ought to be an environment of small virtual applications that we easily swap in and out, rather than monolithic-like, closed, boxed software we are currently used to. The network will be the PC for sure. Clouds are only as useful as connections permit. And right now the big cloud utilities (notably Google and Amazon) are way ahead of the carriers at imagining how connected computing needs to grow. For most carriers the Internet is still just the third act in a 'triple play,' a tertiary service behind telephony and television.

Questions

1. The term “quaint metaphors” as used by the text refers to which of the following:

- 1) Old fashioned words
- 2) Attractive analogy
- 3) Vague comparison
- 4) Charming words

2. The author claims rather than monolithic-like, closed, boxed software we are currently using:

- 1) There must be an environment of small virtual applications that easily can be substituted in & out.
- 2) There must be an embedded smartness in everything from clothes to applications.
- 3) There must be an environment of large real applications.
- 4) All above.

3.The term “it” as used by the text refers to which of the followings?

- 1) Tools**
- 2) Data**
- 3) new integrated technologies**
- 4) Tools and data**

4.The author argues the Google and Amazon are way ahead of the carriers:

- 1)You can think how a tertiary service is behind telephony and television.**
- 2) You can think how advanced they are.**
- 3) You can think how connected computing has to grow.**
- 4) You can think how advanced the connected carriers are.**

Answers

1==> 1

2==> 1

3==> 4

4==> 3