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1 Read the short article. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Mobile phones have developed a lot in recent years.
- 2 Smartphones can be used to take pictures.
- 3 Smartphones don't have many uses.
- 4 Smartphones cost the same as ordinary mobiles.

Smartphones

In little more than a decade, mobile phone technology has changed a great deal. The smartphones of today are nothing like the mobile phones of ten years ago.

First of all, smartphones are not just phones. For example, you can store information on them as well as send emails and browse the internet. Furthermore, they include an MP3 player and a camera. In other words, they can be used for many different things.

On the other hand, smartphones are much more expensive than ordinary mobile phones. As a result, it is much worse to lose a smartphone than an ordinary mobile.

To sum up, smartphones are very expensive. However, they are also very useful.

2 Read the article again and then complete this plan with the main points.

Paragraph 1 (introduction):

- *background information*

Paragraph 2 (advantages):

- used to *store information*

- *have*

Paragraph 3 (disadvantages):

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Paragraph 4 (conclusion):

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- 3** Find synonyms in the article for the connecting words and phrases.

To put it differently:

For instance:

For that reason:

In conclusion:

Moreover:

To begin with:

But:

In contrast:

- 4** Read the writing task and answer the questions.

Look at these notes for an article about tablet computers. Write an article about their advantages and disadvantages. Use connecting words in your article.

Intro:

Tablet computers – can do more things than ordinary laptops

Advantages:

small, easy to carry

the touch screen makes it easy to do many things (e.g. artwork)

Disadvantages:

more expensive than an ordinary laptop – worse to damage

Conclusion:

Very useful

- 1 What are you going to write about?
 - a Why you should buy a tablet computer.
 - b What's good and bad about tablet computers.
- 2 What should you do in the conclusion?
 - a give your final opinion
 - b advise people to buy a tablet PC
 - c point out the disadvantages of laptops

- 5** Write the task presented in Exercise 4.
