Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth & Information

Primary Exit Profile (PEP 6)

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Performance Task - Language Arts

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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Name of Student

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The Development of Smartphones

General Instructions:

This task has two parts: Part 1 has six questions; Part 2 has an essay.

Instructions to Begin:

There are three sources. Read the sources carefully then use them to answer the questions in Part 1, as well as to write your essay in Part 2.

Introduction to Task

Your class was asked to get information on the development of smartphones. In conducting this research you found three (3) sources.

Read the sources on pages 3, 4 and 5 carefully then use them to answer the questions that follow in Part 1 and Part 2.

Part 1

Part 1 has three (3) Sources. Read them carefully then use them to answer the questions in this section.
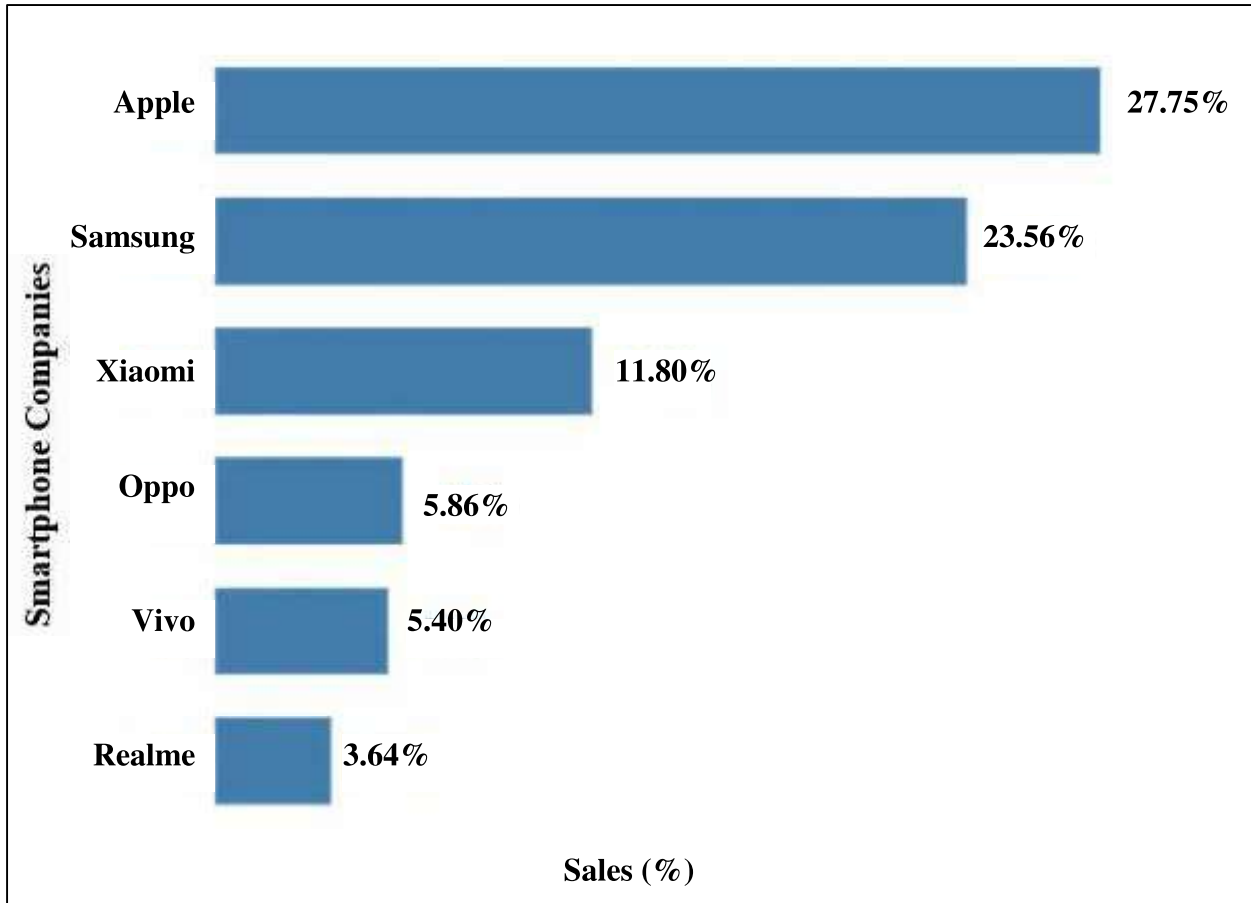
Source 1

Table comparing four early smartphone models

Smartphone	Number of Users	Cost in US$	Advantage	Developer
BlackBerry	85 million in 2006	$650	• Designed specifically for texting and email • 8 to 10 hour battery life • 2 megapixel camera	Research in Motion
Motorola Razr	130 million in 2007	$500	• Slim design • 0.3 megapixel camera • Voice dialing	Motorola
iPhone 1	6 million in 2007	$499	• 2 megapixel camera • 8 hour battery life	Apple
Samsung Galaxy	20 million in 2009	$645	• 5 megapixel autofocus camera	Samsung

Source: EAASB

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Source 2

Bar Chart Showing Some Smartphone Companies with Highest Sales Worldwide in 2024

Smartphone Companies	Sales (%)
Apple	27.75%
Samsung	23.56%
Xiaomi	11.80%
Oppo	5.86%
Vivo	5.40%
Realme	3.64%

Source: (Adapted) www.oberlo.com/statistics

Source 3

> ## The Smartphone
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> The smartphone is a mobile device that enables communication in various ways. This includes the use of apps to access different platforms. The term "smartphone" was first used in 1994. Since then, smartphone technology has become more advanced and sophisticated.
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> BlackBerry released its first smartphone, the BlackBerry 5810, in 2002. BlackBerry smartphones gained immense popularity, particularly among business users, due to their focus on email and messaging and excellent security features. This phone did not have a camera. A later model with media player and camera was released in 2006.
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> But it wasn't until 2007, when Apple released the iPhone, that the smartphone became a game-changer. It featured a sleek design, a large touchscreen, and a user-friendly operating system that allowed users to download and use various apps through the App Store. *The iPhone's innovative design, and advanced features revolutionised the smartphone industry and set the standard for future devices.*
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> Lastly, the Android operating system, developed by Google, was released in 2008 with the launch of the T-Mobile G1. The Android system allowed manufacturers to develop a wide range of smartphones with various features and designs. These smartphones were made available at different prices, leading to the rapid growth and adoption of Android-based smartphones worldwide. Smartphones have made a significant impact on our daily lives in many ways. These include:
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> - Education
> - Entertainment
> - Communication
> - Health
> - Security
> - Using the camera to record videos and take pictures
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> Overall, the future of smartphones is bright and full of possibilities. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now available on smartphones through apps such as *Chat GPT* and *Gemini*. We can expect to see more advancements in smartphone technology, and new features that will make our lives easier and more connected than ever before.

Source: (Adapted) https://interestingengineering.com

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Use the sources on pages 3, 4 and 5 to help you answer the questions in this section.

1. According to **Source 1**, which of the early smartphones was **MOST** popular?

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2. Which smartphone is credited with making **major advancements** in the smartphone market?

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3. Which source has the **most recent** information?

    A. Source 1 only
    B. Source 2 only
    C. Source 2 and 3
    D. Source 1 and 3

4. What was ONE **main feature** of the *first* BlackBerry smartphone?

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5. Identify **TWO** text features used in Source 3.

1: _____

2: _____

6. A conclusion is given below. Read it carefully. Then, using information from Source 1 and Source 2, provide details to support the conclusion.

CONCLUSION: Apple and Samsung have, over time, become the most successful smartphone companies.

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Part 2

Instructions:

Read the task below, and the information about what to include in your essay. Then begin your work.

<u>**Task**</u>

Write an essay explaining **THREE** ways smartphones have improved people's lives. Your essay **MUST** include evidence from at least **ONE of the sources**. You may also include your own experiences.

When you write your essay remember that it should:

- *have an introduction and conclusion*
- *stay on the topic*
- *use details from **at least** one of the sources to support your opinion*
- ***give details from the sources in your own words***
- *follow the rules of writing (spelling, punctuation, and grammar usage)*

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Write your essay on the lines provided.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Read the instructions below before answering the questions in the booklet:

1. Write your essay and the answers to all the questions in your test booklet.

2. Read each instruction carefully, before responding to the questions in each part.

3. Ensure that all questions are answered.

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