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### The Text

(1) Marcolini, 60, an Italian businessman, fell ill after using a handset at work for up to six hours every day for 12 years. Now Italy's Supreme Court in Rome has blamed his phone saying there is a "causal link" between his illness and phone use, the Sun has reported. Mr Marcolini said: "This is significant for many people. I wanted this problem to become public because many people still do not know the risks."

"I wanted it recognised that there was a link between my illness and the use of mobile and cordless phones." "Parents need to know their children are at risk of this illness."

(2) British scientists have claimed there is insufficient evidence to prove any link to mobiles. But the oncologist and professor of environmental mutagenesis Angelo Gino Levis gave evidence for Mr Marcolini — along with neurosurgeon Dr Giuseppe Grasso. They said electromagnetic radiation emitted by mobile and cordless phones can damage cells, making tumours more likely. Prof Levis told The Sun: "The court decision is extremely important. It finally officially admits the link."

(3) Mr Marcolini's tumour was discovered in the trigeminal nerve — close to where the phone touched his head. **It** is non-cancerous but threatened to kill him as it spread to the carotid artery, the major vessel carrying blood to his brain. His face was left paralyzed and he takes daily morphine for pain.

(4) Alasdair Philips of Powerwatch, which campaigns for more research on mobile use, said : "This is an interesting case and proves the need for more studies. "People should limit mobile and cordless use until we know more."

The World Health Organisation urged limits on mobile use last year, calling them a Class B carcinogen. But a spokesman for Britain's Health Protection Agency said : "The scientific consensus is that mobile phones do not cause cancer." International radiation biology expert Michael Repacholi said : "Studies show no evidence of cancer. But if you are worried, use a headset, hands-free or loudspeaker." Media lawyer Mark Stephens said the verdict could "open the floodgates" — even though there is no direct obligation on British courts to follow the Italians' lead. He said : "It is possible people will begin legal action here, but **I** think the chances of success are less. I think they'll join any class action in Italy."

**THE TELEGRAPH**  
(Adapted)

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### I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1) For each of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false (3 marks) :

a- According to Mr Marcolini, mobile phones only can cause brain tumours. (Paragraph 1)

b- Both British and Italian researches admitted that mobile phones are likely to cause cancer. (Paragraph 2)

c- The court in Italy is still trying to find the connection between mobile phones and brain cancer. (Paragraph 2)

2) Fill in the following table with focus on paragraph 3 (2 marks) :

Disease	Effect on the patient	Treatment
Brain tumour	.....	.....

3) Complete the following table with reference to pg 4 (2 marks) :

International Bodies	Recommendations
1- Powerwatch campaigns	a- .....
2- International radiation biology expert	b- .....
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4) Find in the text words meaning nearly the same as (2 marks) :

a- accepted as real or true (pg 1) : .....

b- a medical practitioner qualified to diagnose and treat tumours (pg 2) : .....

5) What do the underlined words in the text refer to (2 marks) :

a- It (pg 3) refers to : .....

b- I (pg 4) refers to : .....

6) Give a personal and justified answer to the following question (1 mark) :

Would you agree to stop using your mobile phone if it can cause brain tumours? Why or and why not? I would / I wouldn't .....  
because .....

## II - WRITING (12 marks)

1) Develop the following information to write a paragraph, to be published on your school magazine, about the reasons behind a successful school year (4 marks) :

Revise lessons / do homework daily	Home / school environment value education / hard work	Parents offer warmth / support	Teachers give clear ideas / weaknesses / strengths
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2) Topic :

“Mobile phones are a blessing to the people of the 21<sup>st</sup> century”.

Do you agree with this statement? Why? OR Why not?

Write an article, to be published on your school website, in which you give solid arguments that support your point of view. **(8 marks) :**

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Adherence to task and content adequacy	3 marks
Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy	3 marks
Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling)	2 marks

### III- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1) Fill in the gaps with 06 words from the box. There are 2 extra-words : (3 marks)

such – heat – on – extent – in – due – temperature - like

In case of humans, global warming will affect our food and water supplies as well as our health conditions. Changes in precipitation will affect basic necessities such as agriculture, power production etc. Increase in the ..... of ocean waters will hamper fisheries. The sudden change in climate patterns will have a hazardous effect ..... the human body which won't be able to endure the extreme conditions, a hint of which can be seen in form of frequent ..... waves and cold waves. Increase in natural calamities ..... as storms, will lead to heavy human casualties. Infectious diseases will rise to a great ..... as disease transmitting insects will adapt to wet, hot conditions. Many people will die of malnutrition as food production will decrease ..... to frequent droughts and floods.

2) Put the bracketed words in the right Form and / or Tense (3 marks) :

Pollution has become one of the most discussed topics of all time. Seriously speaking it looks like people **1-(interest)** ..... in debating than taking some solid step toward protecting the environment. Every day, The population issue **2- (go)** ..... worse and worse, it is more like a slow poison which is hardly visible through **3-(we)** ..... naked eyes. It may be categorized by various names like air pollution, land pollution etc. It has only one role, it is to destroy the ecosystem and the environment **4-(slow)** ..... with time. Researchers have found that every living from unicellular to multicellular organism and from single cell organism to brainy people like human almost every tangible thing **5-( affect)** ..... by pollution. Human life span has been reduced by a couple of years because of contaminated food which is another flaw of land pollution. Another curse of the pollution we **6-(see)** ..... in a recent year is the drastic changes in the environment giving rise to the tornado, Tsunami, earthquakes etc ..