## TEXT A

## Would you let your employer implant a microchip in your hand? These workers have

When we talk about a cashless society, we usually mean using contactless
bank cards or smartphones to make everyday purchases. But what if you
didn't need to carry a device at all? This is the tantalizing prospect leading
some employees in Europe to be voluntarily "microchipped" with a radio
frequency identification (RFID) tag. And now Americans are getting in on
the act.

07 US tech company Three Square Market (32M) hosted a summer party with 80 a difference at the start of August. The River Fall, Wisconsin-based 09 company hosted a "chip party" inviting its employees to voluntarily have 10 their hands injected with an RFID chip the size of a grain of rice. The chip 11 uses electromagnetic fields to identify electronically stored information. It is 12 a form of near-field communications (NFC) which is the same as the technology used in contactless credit cards and mobile payments. A chip is 13 14 implanted underneath the skin between the thumb and forefinger within 15 seconds. 32M claims it is the first company in the US to offer implanted 16 chip technology to employees.

## 17 **Passport for everything**

Speaking ahead of his company's "chip party", 32M CEO Todd Westby 18 19 said he envisioned RFID implants being used for a range of activities and 20 transactions in the workplace and beyond. "We foresee the use of RFID 21 technology to drive everything from making purchases in our office break 22 room market, opening doors, use of copy machines, logging into our office phones, 23 computers. unlocking sharing business cards. storing 24 medical/health information, and used as payment at other RFID terminals," 25 said Westby.

"Eventually, this technology will become standardized allowing you to use
this as your passport, public transit, all purchasing opportunities, etc."
32M, which operates workplace food vending systems called "micro
markets", already allows cashless use of their facilities via a smartphone
app. The company stated that implanted chips were "the next evolution in
payment systems".

The technology being used by 32M was developed by Stockholm-based company Biohax Sweden. Biohax's RFID chip was first offered to workers at Swedish tech hub Epicenter in January 2015. Since then the use of Biohax's chip has expanded from simple office tasks such as opening doors and operating printers to payment for train journeys with one of Sweden's largest rail operators.

## 38 Chip risks

39 For some, the ever-growing advantages of RFID implants come at too high

40 a cost. While data on RFID tags can be encrypted, Ben Libberton, a
41 microbiologist at Stockholm's Karolinska Institute, has warned that hackers
42 could conceivably gain huge swathes of information from embedded
43 microchips.

Fears over privacy and political freedom have led several US states – including 32M's home state of Wisconsin – to pass laws banning the forced microchipping of humans against their will. Concerns over human microchipping have existed in the US for well over a decade, with the Wisconsin anti-microchipping bill introduced in 2005. Negative public sentiment forced US company PositiveID in 2010 to abandon its VeriMed project for a medical records microchip.

51 Fears over microchipping extend beyond privacy to the potential negative
52 health effects of implanting an RFID tag – a device that transmits radio
53 waves – into human tissue.

54 While at present little evidence exists as to the health effects of inserting 55 microchips, the World Health Organization has classified Radiofrequency 56 Electromagnetic Fields as "possibly carcinogenic" to humans. Research 57 into the effects of microchipping animals has found a small percentage 58 suffer from tumours in the area where the microchip was inserted.

Adapted from: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/08/microchip-in-your-hand-rfid-32m/

## TEXT B

# Using emojis makes other people think you are incompetent, research finds

#### By Hayley Dixon

01 In a world where face to face conversations are becoming increasingly 02 rare, it may be tempting to try and soften the blow of a harsh message or a 03 difficult request with a "smiley". But you might want to think twice before 04 you try and lighten the tone, as the digital image of a smiling face can have 05 the opposite effect to an actual smile for the person on the receiving end, 06 researchers have found. Emojis, a popular way to replicate non-verbal 07 communication, are used six billion times a day and have been described 08 as the fastest growing language in history.

Now it seems that like so many jokey messages that have gone down like
a lead balloon, the sender could simply make themselves seem less
competent. Concluding that "a smiley is not a smile", academics have even
warned that peppering an email with emojis could harm your job prospects
by making colleagues less likely to share information with you.

The effect can be so damaging that people are advised to avoid them at work all together, especially the first time you talk to someone. Dr Ella Glikson, an expert in business and management at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel, said: "Our findings provide first-time evidence that contrary to actual smiles - smileys do not increase perceptions of warmth and actually decrease perceptions of competence."

The study, published in Social Psychological and Personality Science, was
based on a series of experiments involving 549 people from 29 different
countries. In one test they were asked to read a work-related e-mail and
then evaluate the competence and warmth of the person sending it.

24 The participants all received the same message, but some of the emails 25 included smileys while others did not. The smileys in an e-mail had no 26 effect on the perception of warmth and in fact the participants judged the 27 sender as less competent, the study concluded. Dr Glikson said: "The 28 study also found when the participants were asked to respond to e-mails 29 on formal matters their answers were more detailed and they included 30 more content-related information when the e-mail did not include a smiley. 31 "We found that the perceptions of low competence if a smiley is included in turn undermined information sharing," In contrast, when a photograph of a 32 33 smiling person was sent with a message they were perceived as more 34 competent and friendly than a person with a neutral face. When the gender 35 of the e-mail writer was unknown recipients were more likely to assume it 36 was sent by a woman if it had a smiley.

Adapted from: http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/14/using-emojis-makes-people-think-incompetent-research-finds/

Questions 1 to 5 are related to the **TEXT A**. Choose the correct answer.

- **1**. The word 'if' (line 02) expresses
  - a- consequence.
  - b- result.
  - c- condition.
  - d- opposition.
- 2. According to the text, all statements below are correct, **<u>except</u>** for.
  - a- encryption is a feature of the chips.
  - b- the chip can be used in the future only in the workplace.
  - c- the technology was developed by a non-American company.
  - d- 32M affirms to be the pioneer using this technology with employees in the US.
- **3.** The abbreviation 'CEO' (line 18) stands for
  - a- chef executive officer.
  - **b- chief executive officer.**
  - c- chief enhanced officer.
  - d- chief executive one.
- 4. The word 'Eventually" (line 26) means
  - a- sometimes.
  - b- every other day.
  - c- usually.
  - d- at the end.
- 5. According to the text,
  - a- all US states have already passed laws about the chips` implant.
  - b- many studies show the health effects of the chips` implant.
  - c- the World Health Organization believes the microchip may cause cancer.
  - d- data is secure from hackers.

### Questions 6 to 10 are related to the TEXT B. Choose the correct answer.

- 6. The word 'request' (line 03) means
  - a- have something.
  - b- provide a requisite
  - c- give something.
  - d- ask for something.
- 7. The pronoun 'it' (line 23) refers to
  - a- competence.
  - b- test.
  - c- email.
  - d- study.
- **8.** According to the text, people should
  - a- use emojis in emails at work.

b- not use emojis at work, especially if they have not met the receiver of the email yet.

- c- choose the best emojis for each occasion.
- d- soften a difficult message using emojis.

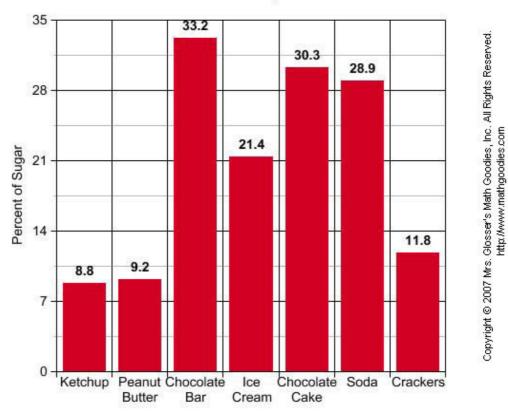
**9.** Without changing the meaning, the words 'In contrast' (line 32) **can** be substituted by

- a- Likewise.
- b- Meanwhile.
- c- On the other hand.
- d- Furthermore.
- **10**. According to the text, all statements below are false, **<u>except</u>** for.

a- People who use emojis in business email could be considered as stupid.

- b- The researcher said smileys in business emails are like real smiles.
- c- People who use emojis are considered to be warmer.
- d- all the emails considered in the study contained emojis.

## **11**. Look at the chart below.



Amount of Sugar in Certain Foods

Which sentence describes the graph?

#### a- The amount of sugar in chocolate cake is nearly the same as in soda.

- b- The amount of sugar in chocolate cake is highly the same as in soda.
- c- The amount of sugar in chocolate cake is nearly same as in ice cream.
- d- The amount of sugar in chocolate cake is highly the same as in ice cream.

#### Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

- **12.** Smoking is not \_\_\_\_\_ inside the office.
  - a- aloud
  - b- according
  - c- allowed
  - d- agreed

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**13**. You can see the \_\_\_\_\_ about the sale in the local paper,

a- announcement b- warning c- notice **d- advertisement** 

14. The reason there are no buses is because the drivers are on \_\_\_\_\_.

- a- hit.
- b- stop.
- c-leave.
- d- strike.

**15**. They should have \_\_\_\_\_ those shares when they were cheap.

- a- taken out.
- b- sold off.
- c- bought up.
- d- taken over.

#### **GRADE DE RESPOSTAS QUESTÕES OBJETIVAS**

Questão	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Resposta	С	В	В	D	C	D	C

Questão	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Resposta	В	С	A	A	С	D	D	С

## ATENÇÃO !

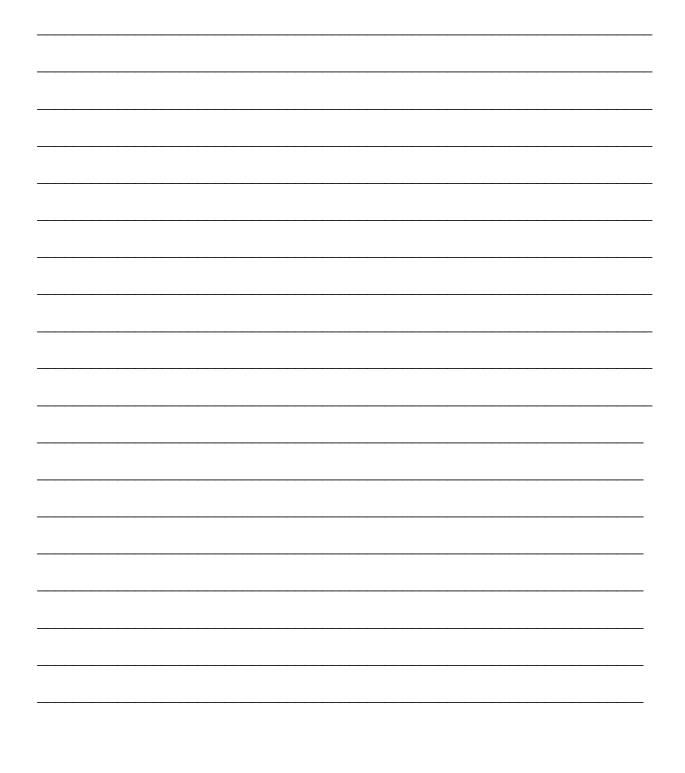
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## Writing:

#### I. Write a formal email.

Your company has won this year's Business Award which will be presented at a reception at The Swan Plaza Hotel on September 02. Write an email thanking for the award, suggesting a topic for your talk, stating the equipment you will need and whether other members of the staff can also attend.

## (Write at least 80 words and <u>do not</u> use <u>contractions</u>)



## II. Write a formal e-mail.

Your office printer has stopped working and you need a new one. Write an email to the Head of Purchasing describing why it is not a good idea to repair it, explaining what you need from a new one (colorful or not, size of paper, etc) and suggesting where to buy it.

# (Write at least 50 words and <u>do not</u> use <u>contractions – only the body of the e-</u> <u>mail will be counted</u>)

To:

From:

Subject: