Answers to A for and against essay about online communication – exercises

Preparation
1. g
2. a
3. b
4. e
5. d
6. h
7. c
8. f

1. Check your understanding: grouping

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2. Check your understanding: reordering

1. In today’s world, we find ourselves communicating more and more through online channels.
2. Which begs the question: is online communication preferable in today’s world?
3. One of the main arguments in favour is that it opens up the possibility of long-distance communication.
4. Another point is that written online communication gives us the option of responding either immediately or later.
5. Some experts are concerned that a lack of face-to-face interaction impedes the development of vital social skills.
6. So, we’re running the risk of losing the art of real conversation.
7. On balance, I believe that there are several advantages to online communication.
8. However, we should take care not to overlook the benefits of face-to-face dialogue.

3. Check your writing: gap fill

1. unavoidable
2. converse
3. preferable
4. benefits
5. response
6. over-reliance
7. empathy
8. embellished

4. Check your writing: multiple choice

1. but
2. Furthermore
3. Another point is that
4. such as
5. On the other hand
6. However