

ENGLISH EXAM Tecnicatura
Escuela Superior de Informática

Western newspapers are reporting that Russia is to start using typewriters to stop computer leaks. However, Russian newspapers say this is not true. Western media says the Kremlin wants to keep its secrets secret by using the old-fashioned machines. The BBC wrote that Russia's intelligence service (FSO) bought the typewriters because of the leak of information on WikiLeaks and recent leaks by former U.S. intelligence worker Edward Snowden. The FSO reportedly told the Russian press that these scandals, plus reports about Russia's Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev being listened in on at the G20 summit in London, means it has "decided to expand the practice of creating paper documents".

A Russian government department said the Kremlin bought 20 electric typewriters for around \$14,800. The FSO told reporters that: "This purchase has been planned for more than a year now." It also said the order has nothing to do with WikiLeaks or Edward Snowden. An FSO official told Russia's RT news agency that the FSO has always used typewriters. He said that it was simply time to buy new ones because the old equipment was out of date. He said: "It's not something unusual...The time came to change them. All the special services use them, including the Ministry of Defense." A reader of the RT website suggested: "A \$5 padlock is often more effective than a \$24,000 surveillance system."

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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| a. Asian newspapers are saying Russia will use typewriters. | T / F |
| b. The BBC said Russia has bought typewriters because of WikiLeaks. | T / F |
| c. Russia said someone spied on its prime minister in London. | T / F |
| d. Russia said it would start using paper documents more. | T / F |
| e. Russia has bought 2,000 typewriters for its security services. | T / F |
| f. The typewriter order happened earlier this year. | T / F |

1. stop
2. not true
3. media
4. recent
5. expand
6. department
7. official
8. equipment
9. effective
10. surveillance

- a. agent
- b. fresh
- c. successful
- d. prevent
- e. section
- f. the press
- g. spying
- h. wrong
- i. enlarge
- J. stuff
- k. look after

5 marks (1/2 each)

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1. start using typewriters to
2. the Kremlin wants to keep its secrets
3. former U.S. intelligence
4. told the Russian
5. creating paper
6. government
7. planned for
8. nothing to
9. the old equipment was
10. surveillance

- a. press
- b. out of date
- c. more than a year now
- d. stop computer leaks
- e. department
- f. secret
- g. do with WikiLeaks
- h. documents
- i. system
- j. worker Edward Snowden

5 marks (1/2 e)

4. Report these words said by technology specialists using : say-ask and tell

1. "All of those single use devices – MP- players, digital camera, GPS- are collapsing onto the phone."

A specialist

2. "We are going past the point where this was a phone with a few other things".

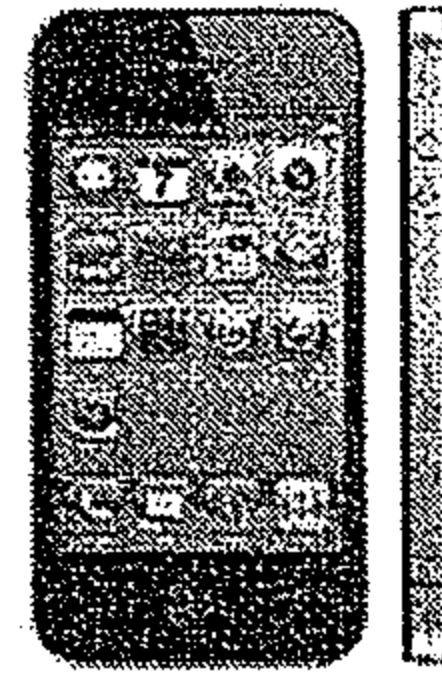
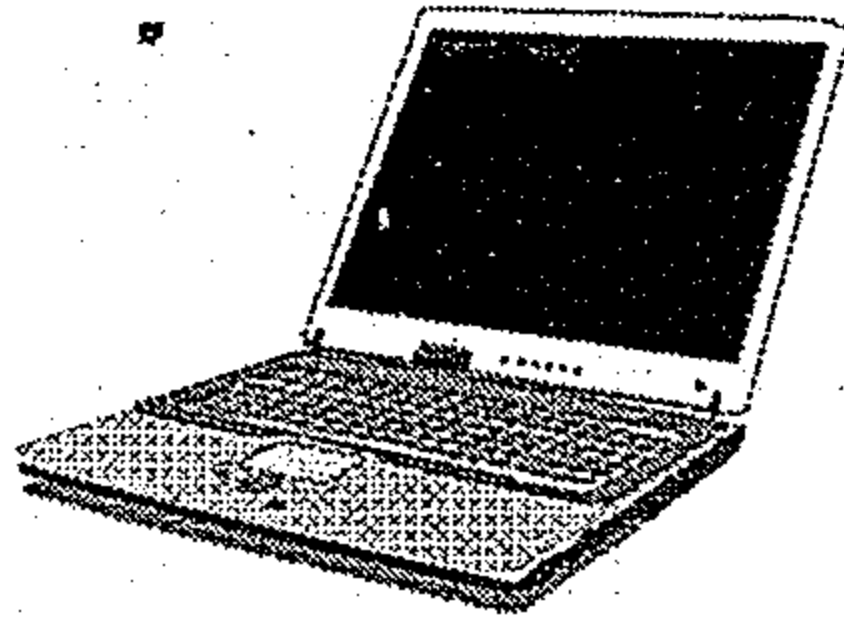
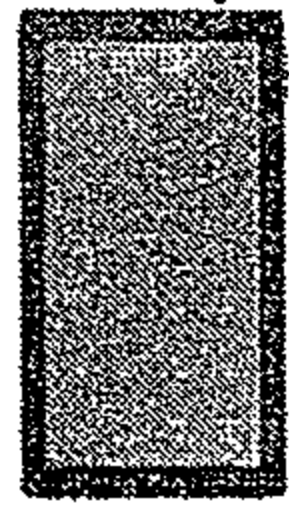
Another expert

3. "Will mobile phones evolve into multi-functional devices?"

Some time ago Luis Pineda

6 marks (2 each)

5. Complete these sentences with only one word from the box.
There is an extra word.



appliances - invention - MP4 - frequency - electronics - technology - hardware

0. Kyle loves machines of all kinds. He has many of the latest household **appliances**.

1. The 20th century had more advances in _____ than any other century.
2. Lee has had a difficult time trying to market his new _____.
3. If a sound is at a high enough _____, dogs can hear it, but humans can't.
4. Keyboards, monitors and towers are examples of computer _____.
5. The store is having a sale on digital music players, cameras, tablets, cell phones, and other consumer _____.

/ 5 marks (1 each)

6. Finish these sentences.

- If technology hadn't evolved so much
- If you had the chance to have a multimedia computer in your pocket,
.....?
-, people wouldn't use them so often.

3 each (1 each)

1. Who said Russia has bought typewriters?

2. Who said Russia didn't buy typewriters for security reasons?

3. What does the Kremlin want to keep?

4. What is the FSO?

5. What will the FSO do more of?

6. How much did the typewriters cost?

7. For how long has the FSO used computers?

8. What was wrong with the old typewriters?

9. Which government ministry did the article mention?

10. What did someone say was better than a surveillance system?

10 marks
(1 each)

8. WRITING

Choose one of these topics to write a composition of about 100 words.

- Is technology always the right answer?
- Which is in your opinion the most useful technological gadget and why?
- Security in Internet.

10 marks