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1-2E: Persuasive “PEEL” Paragraph (25 marks)

Should Students' Textbooks Be Replaced by Notebook Computers or Tablets?

With the advent of modern technologies, replacing textbooks with computers or tablets is a foreseeable future and has obvious reasons to back it up. First of all, I think textbooks consume natural resources inhumanly: Imagine the bright green hills and deep forest turns into a yellow arid desert; imagine the roaring chainsaws and heavy machines that contribute to it; the forest painted by sawdust, and animals fled that deserted place once called home. This happens more often than we can ever imagine worldwide. Using existing technologies, we will be able to reduce such harmful exploitations, and less damage will be done. Moreover, for the benefit of the classroom, digital devices would be of great help for both students and faculties. My high school used tablets to replace all printed materials. All tablets are reusable for the next cohorts, and they have features to take notes with markers, pencils, rulers, erasers and so on. For most classes, teachers will sync their tablet's screen to our tablets, and are able to monitor our devices at the same time; they can assign quizzes and homework via tablet as well. Besides, we all get updates to the latest version of

textbooks without having to pay more book fees. There are just too many advantages for replacing textbooks with digital devices. This does not signify that we should completely abolish papers in classrooms. It must be done for the sake of next generations. However, it is a gradual process that takes time to get accustomed to. All in all, mother nature deserves better and so does our kids and teachers. Choosing tablets or other electronic devices as an alternative for textbooks and other printed materials can kill two birds with one stone. So why not?