Tichy High School *Stream: First Literary*

Academic Year: 2023/2024 *English First Term Test* *Duration: 02 hours.*

Read the text carefully, and then do the activities.

The internet is really useful and offers numerous benefits for young people. To begin with, it regularly helps teenagers learn and find information easily. It also enables them to communicate with friends and family on social media. In addition, it gives them an opportunity to showcase their talents and skills online and feel amazing about themselves for it is extremely funny and entertaining with so many videos and games to enjoy. Moreover, it allows them to attend online classes to learn new languages, enrich their knowledge and do their homework and projects.

However, the internet has some dreadful pitfalls that can be devastating and negative for young people. So, the young users should be very careful and mindful when using it. Some people very often use platforms to bully, harass and be unkind to teenagers, and this will surely make them feel terrible and stressed. Others hack, spy on and steal personal and private data in order to destroy the lives of their owners. Moreover, some users sometimes put information that is not true and misleading. They spread fake news in order to shape wrong opinions and ideas in young people's minds. Last but not least, a lot of teens regularly spend too much time glued to their smartphones, and forget to live their lives and do other fun things in real life.

To conclude with, it's very important to use the internet for learning, having fun and connecting but it is also crucial to be aware of its hidden dangers, and do one's best to balance one's time and be always safe.

Adapted from the internet.

Section One: Reading Comprehension. 15 points

A/ Comprehension & Interpretation.

I. *Circle a, b or c that best completes A, B & C.*

A.	This text is an…	a- e-mail	b- article	c- letter
B.	This text is taken from a…	a- schoolbook	b- website	c- newspaper
C.	This text deals with the… of the internet	a- pitfalls	b- both sides	c- benefits

2. *Say whether the following statements are true or false.*

a- Young users should believe every news they get and every people they meet on the net. ----------

b- Many young users waste their time and become very addicted to the internet. ----------

c- The internet is informative, entertaining and educative to young users. ----------

d- The internet has either positive or negative effects on teenagers. ----------

3. *Complete the table below as indicated.*

The drawbacks	*The advantages*
-	-
-	-
-	-

4. *In which paragraph in it mentioned that teenagers can become very much addicted to the internet?*

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5. *Choose the suitable title to the text. Circle a, b or c.*

a- The Internet, a Double-edged Sword.

b- The Internet and its Dangers.

c- The Internet and how to Use it.

B/ Text Exploration

6. *Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following:*

- Advantages §1= ----------
- Information §2= ----------
- At all times §3= ----------

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7. Find in the text non- gradable adjectives that best match the ordinary ones.

Ordinary Adjectives	*Non-gradable Adjectives*
- extremely good	-
- extremely important	-
- extremely dangerous	-
- extremely bad	-

8. Rewrite sentence b so that it means the same as sentence a.

A1- The purpose of writing the letter is introducing myself to you.

B1- I ----------.

A2- It is obligatory to have an e-mail address to send and receive messages.

B2- I ----------.

A3- At no time in my life, I will post pictures of myself on Instagram.

B3- I ----------.

A4- It is necessary to have access to the internet to use the social media platforms.

B4- You ----------.

9. Replace the underlined items by an appropriate adverb of frequency. Insert it in the right place.

a- ***Most of the time***, the internet is slow in my house.

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b- An addicted internet user connects himself ***twenty-four seven***.

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c- Young users should disconnect themselves from the net ***From time to time***.

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d- ***Once a week*** , my sibling chats with her English friend.

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10. Classify the following words according to the stressed syllable.

- Useful
- Allows
- Platforms
- Social
- Forget
- Balance

First Syllable Oo	Second Syllable oO

Section Two: Written Expression 05 points

Topic: Write a short e-mail to a friend in which you talk about the reasons why you connect yourself to the Net, and how often you are on the social media platforms.

Use the following:

- Purpose markers
- Sequencers
- frequency adverbs
- gradable adjectives
- non-gradable adjectives
- Grading adverbs

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