Talbi Boutaleb Secondary School

Level: 1st Year scientific stream
Timing: 02 hours

First Term English Exam

Part one: reading (15 pts.)

Read the text carefully then do the activities

Facebook is a social networking website where users can chat, share pictures, music, videos, and articles, as well as their own thoughts and opinions with any one they like. It became the most popular social media platform in the world.

This networking website began in February, 2004 as an educational social network at Harvard University. It was created by Mark Zuckerberg along with Edward Savarin, both of **them** are students at the college. It was not until 2006 that Facebook get opened to anyone who is 13 years or older.

Facebook has many interesting features that led to **its** success. For example, it supports online chat and the ability to comment on friends' profile pages or share information. It, also, allows its users to maintain a friends list and choose privacy settings to decide who can see the content on their profile. In addition to that, people can advertise their products so as to buy or even sell them.

On the other hand, a former responsible for increasing the number of Facebook users called Chamath Palihapitiya says he feels very guilty about getting more people to use social networks. He adds the networks are destroying society because **they** are changing people's behaviours and he points out how fake news is affecting our view to the world.

Mr Palihapitiya says people should take a long break from social media so they can experience real life. He wants people to value each other instead of valuing online "hearts, likes, and thumbs-up".

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A/ Comprehension: (08 pts.)

1. **Are these statements true or false? (02 pts.)**
   a. Facebook is as famous as any social networking website. f
   b. Facebook was initially created for educational purposes. t
   c. In 2006, Facebook became accessible to anyone who is less than 13 years old. f
   d. Mr Chamath declares that the social media are damaging the society. t

2. **Reorder the following ideas according to their appearance in the text: (02 pts.)**
   a. 3 The different characteristics of Facebook
   b. 4 The advice Mr Chamath gives to the social media users.
   c. 2 The history of Facebook
   d. 1 The drawbacks of Facebook

3. **Answer the following questions according to the text. (02, 50 pts.)**
   a. How is Facebook defined in the text?
   b. Do social media influence our society? → yes, it do
   c. What are the mentioned negatives of social networking websites?

4. **What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (01, 50 pts.)**
   a. Them (§2) = ... b. Its (§3) =.....
   c. They (§4) = ...

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B/ Text Exploration: (7 pts.)

1. *Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following:* (01 pt.)

a- started (§2) = ……..…… b- growing (§4) = ……

2. *Complete the following table* (01 pt.)

Verb	Noun
to succ……	success
To create	……
….to inform…	information
To decide	….decide……

3. *Combine the pairs of sentences below using the link words in brackets:* (03 pts.)

a. M. Zuckerberg created Facebook b. Edward Savarin created Facebook (both…..and)

a. People use Facebook b. They want to share photos and videos (so as to)

a. My father doesn't use Facebook b. My father doesn't use Instagram. (neither…nor)

4. *Underline and mark the stressed syllable in the following words* (02 pts.)

decide – social – network – maintain

Part two : written expression (5 pts.)

Choose only one topic

Topic One:

The Internet has made the world like a small village by sharing global information. Its users think that this network is dangerous, while other believe it is the best invention that man created. Write a paragraph in which you talk about the advantages of the Internet.

Use the following notes:

- Search for information / save time
- Correspond with key pals / chat
- Send and receive messages / read electronic messages
- Listen to music / watch films / play games

Topic Two:

Imagine that you have received an email from an English keypal, write a short reply to him/her in which you introduce yourself, your routine, your family and your country.

There are no secrets to success

It is the result of preparation, hard work & learning from failure

Good Luck

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