

Part one: comprehension/interpretation

A. Comprehension: (07 pts)

Read the text carefully then do the following activities

Communication technology is invading our life more than ever before. Mobile phones are never farther than a reach of our hands away. Emails, social networks, the internet are more present than ever before. More than 60% of all internet users also communicate via social networks and over 85 % of all teenagers have accounts on social networks.

Psychologists have started to define terms like Facebook addiction in their reports. Social media sites can be so addicting that people, especially youngsters, do not want to spend time with anything else, they live their relationships in a virtual world.

People often choose to talk to each other via mobile phone, Skype or communicate via Facebook because they may be afraid of getting to know each other, face to face. However, by doing this, they are missing out on their partner's facial expressions or the gestures that the other makes. Emotions are reduced to *Likes* or *Dislikes*, smiley faces or other emoticons.

Facebook has defined privacy in a new way. Many things that should be private have become public. Social media has changed the world. Facebook, Twitter and others are omnipresent. They are the last things we worry about when we go to bed and the first things we check on when we get up.

1) The text is about (1 pt)

- Social media .
- Twitter.
- The effect of internet on our life.

2) Say whether the following statements are true or false. (1.5 pts)

- a- Many people use social media
- b- Social media have decreased face to face communication.....
- c- Teenagers don't like social media.

3) Answer the following questions according to the text. (03 pts)

- a- How did communication technology invade our life?
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- b- What is the effect of social media on youngsters ?
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- c- Why do people prefer to communicate through mobiles , Skype or Facebook?
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4) What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to ? (01.5 pts)

Their (§ 2) : they (§ 3)..... b) they (§4) :.....

B. Text exploration: (8pts)

1) Find in the text words that are opposites to: (1 pt)

Distant =(§1)..... sentiments = (§3)

2) Complete the following chart: (01 pt)

Noun	Verb
	To express
	To apologize

