

Duration : 2 hours.

THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

PART ONE: Reading and interpreting (15 pts.)

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Can social media impact day to day communication? If so, does it improve it or stall it? The answer is very simple. Studies have shown that we polish our communication skills when we chat online using various social media sites. The online environment can be shaped by the advanced settings found in our social media sites. We decide who gets to talk to us and who doesn't. We are in control of every piece of information that we wish to share and we can create the image that we want when we try to impress somebody or meet somebody for the very first time.

We can simulate a face-to-face conversation quite easily, since we can use a webcam and a microphone. If we have a shy personality, we can easily overcome that by practicing our conversational skills until we reach a point where we feel a bit more confident about ourselves, feeling more capable of engaging in all sorts of conversations.

Social media websites not only enrich the dialogues that we have with people; we can also get in touch with our long distance friends. We can also get other people informed about noble causes or involve in online projects that will help many people benefit from them. We can also promote our business with much more success, if we know how to properly promote our products or services on social media, so as to get people to talk about them.

Using social media websites is a good way of expressing yourself or revealing a part of your personality that you might find difficult to share during face-to-face communication. As long as we do not forget that online communication is not enough and cannot be a real substitute for face-to-face human contact, social media can indeed improve the way we communicate.

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A. COMPREHENSION (8pts)

1. Choose the right answer

A. The text is about :

- a) The importance of social media
- b) The disadvantages of social media
- c) communication technology

B. The text is: Choose the right answer

- a) An email
- b) a web article
- c) a letter.

2. Are the following statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter of the corresponding statement.

- a) Social media help us better our communication skills.
- b) Face to face, communication is becoming difficult.
- c) Businessmen profit from social media.
- d) Social media websites make it easy to express oneself.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a. According to studies, are we affected positively or negatively by social media?
- b. How do social media help shy people?
- c. Can social media replace face-to-face communication?

4. In which paragraph is it mentioned that we can help others using social media?

5. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

a) **That §1**

b) **them§3**

B.TEXT EXPLORATION. (7pts)

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following.

a. develop § 1= _____ b. reasons §3 = _____ c. hard §4 = _____

2. Complete the following table:

Verb	Noun
To addict
To prefer
To inform
To enquire

3. Use the appropriate link word to fill in the gaps. (in order to- so as to -not to)

A) We use facebook _____ chat with friends.

B) We revise our lessons _____ forget them.

C) I use an anti-virus program _____ protect my computer from viruses.

4. Fill in the gaps with the following words. (share – social- largest –students)

Facebook is a _____ (1) _____ networking site that makes it easy for you to connect and _____ (2) _____ with your family and friends online. Originally designed for college _____ (3) _____, Facebook was created in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg . Today, Facebook is the world's _____ (4) _____ social network.

5. Classify the words in the following table according to their vowel sounds

Play – buy – file – mail-rain- write

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PART TWO :Written expression (5pts)

Choose one of the following topics.

Either topic 01: You have heard that a private school in your city is giving extra lessons for high school students.

You want to study there but you need more information about it.

Write an **enquiry letter** to the school asking about:

- School monthly fees.
- The subjects taught.
- Study timetable.

N.B: send your letter to **Success School – Colonel Lotfi street, El Oued , Algeria**

Or topic 02: Internet is said to be a two-edged sword. It has a positive side and a negative one.

Write a short paragraph in which you show **the negative side of internet**