

**THE CORRECTION OF THE FIRST SEMESTER EXAM (2023/2024)**

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**I) Reading Comprehension Questions**

Social media has become an integral part of modern society, with its influence extending to various aspects of our lives. While some argue that it has a positive impact, the detrimental effects of social media cannot be ignored. The overuse of social networking platforms has led to addiction, the spread of unreliable information, privacy issues, and negative impacts on mental health, self-esteem and relationships. Supporters of social media may argue that it allows for connectivity and the sharing of information, but these arguments fail to address the significant harm it causes. Despite its potential for positive use, the adverse effects of social media outweigh its benefits.

Arguments supporting the positive aspects of social media emphasize its contribution to global connectivity and the rapid sharing of information. However, while these are valid points, they do not negate the harmful consequences of social media usage. The witness supporting the detrimental impact of social media is abundant. For instance, a study revealed that 49% of social media users spread unreliable news, contributing to the prevalence of misinformation. Additionally, the addictive nature of social media is highlighted by the fact that one in five people use social media at least once a day, and 19% of Americans consider it a method of social interaction used daily. In response to the potential benefits of social media, it is important to acknowledge that it can indeed facilitate connectivity and information sharing. However, these benefits do not outweigh the significant harm caused by addiction, misinformation, privacy issues, and negative impacts on mental health.

In conclusion, while social media has its potential for positive use, the evidence overwhelmingly supports the notion that its adverse effects outweigh its benefits. It is crucial for individuals, especially students, to be aware of these negative impacts and to use social media responsibly.

**1/ Give a title to the text (More than two words).**

The Dark Side of Social Media/

**2/ What is the thesis statement presented in the text?**

Although there are arguments in favor of its positive impact, the negative effects of social media cannot be dismissed.

**3/ What are some of the negative effects of social media mentioned in the argumentative text?**

- Some of the negative effects of social media mentioned in the argumentative text are: Addiction, the spread of unreliable information, privacy issues, and negative impacts on mental health.

**4/ What evidence is provided to support the claim that social media has a negative impact?**

The evidence is that a study revealed that 49% of social media users spread unreliable news, contributing to the prevalence of misinformation.

**5/ What are some potential counterarguments to the negative effects of social media?**

Social media contributes to global connectivity and the rapid sharing of information

**6/ Based on the text, what is the author's overall stance on the influence of social media?**

author's overall stance on the influence of social media is that despite its potential for positive use, the negative effects of social media outweigh its benefits.

**7/Identify the rebuttal used by the author?**

However, these benefits do not outweigh the significant harm caused by addiction, misinformation, privacy issues, and negative impacts on mental health.

**Do you agree with the author's overall viewpoint on social media? Why or why not?**

Yes, I do. This statement suggests that although social media has the potential for positive uses, such as connectivity and information sharing, the available evidence strongly indicates that the negative consequences are more significant than the benefits. The author is emphasizing the need for individuals, particularly students, to be aware of the harmful impacts associated with social media use.

**II) Give the correct form of verbs in brackets.**

**(08 pts)**

- a) Jack **was smoking** just when his mother **came** into his room
- b) We **didn't go** outside yesterday because it **was raining** the whole day. Maybe **we'll go** tomorrow.
- c) While my mother **was working** in the garden, she **injured** her back. She **went** to the doctor who told her that she **would** have to rest for a few days.
- d) When I saw him last, he **hadn't been** married for so long.
- e) **Do you sleep** the whole morning? – I **have been trying** to call you for over an hour.
- f) After he **had finished his homework**, John **decided** to take a break and relax.
- g) Yesterday I (**slept**) \_\_\_\_\_ late and (**got up**) Early in the morning.
- h) The human heart (**pumps**) blood throughout the body

**III) “The woman’s main place should be in the home rather than in the work”.**

Based on the statement, write a possible thesis statement, argument, counterargument, rebuttal, and conclusion.

**Thesis statement:**

While traditional societal expectations may have placed a woman's primary role in the home, contemporary advancements and values necessitate recognizing that her place is wherever she chooses to pursue fulfillment and contribute, be it in the home, the workplace, or both.

**Argument:**

The traditional notion that a woman's primary place is in the home is based on outdated stereotypes and does not consider the diverse talents, skills, and ambitions that women possess.

**Counterargument:**

Critics may argue that emphasizing a woman's role in the home is essential for maintaining family stability and fostering a nurturing environment for children.

**Rebuttal:**

However, women should have the freedom to choose their paths based on individual preferences, skills, and aspirations.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, advocating for a woman's main place in the home neglects the progress made in challenging gender stereotypes and limits the potential contributions of women in various spheres.