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PAPER 1
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TIME: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

This paper consists of two sections; A and B. It has four examination items.

- ✓ Section A is compulsory
- ✓ Answer one item from section B
- ✓ You must answer two questions in all
- ✓ All answers must be written in the space provided
- ✓ Any additional item answered shall not be scored

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Section	Score	Examiner's Initials
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SECTION A

Item 1. Read the text below and respond to the task.

Social media has become an integral part of our daily lives, revolutionizing the way we communicate, interact, and share information. However, beneath the façade of connectivity and convenience lies a myriad of dangers that threaten our mental and emotional well-being, relationships, and society as a whole.

One of the most significant dangers of social media is its impact on mental health. Platforms like Instagram and Facebook curate a highlight reel of other's lives, fostering unrealistic comparisons and distorted view of reality. This can lead to reeling of inadequacy, low self-esteem, and depression. Cyberbullying, online harassment, and trolling further exacerbate the problem, creating a toxic environment that can have long-lasting effects on individuals.

Social media also poses a significant threat to relationships. The constant stream of information and the pressure to present a perfect online image can lead to addiction, neglecting real-life connections and deep conversations. The loss of face-to-face interaction and empathy can result in isolation, loneliness, and a decline in a meaningful relationship.

Furthermore, social media has become a breeding ground for misinformation and deformation. Fake news propaganda, and manipulated media can spread like wildfire, influencing public opinion and contributing to the erosion of trust in institutions and the spread of conspiracy theories. This has significant implications for democracy, political discourse, and the very fabric of our society.

In addition, social media raises significant concerns about privacy and data security. Platforms collect an alarming amount of personal data, which can be used for targeted advertising, political manipulation, and even sold to third-party companies.

This lack of control over our personal information can have serious consequences, including identity theft and surveillance.

Finally, social media has a profound impact on our attention span, productivity, and creativity. The constant stream of notifications, updates, and distractions can lead to state of continuous fragmentation, making it difficult to focus on tasks, think critically, and engage in meaning activities.

In conclusion, while social media has revolutionized the way we connect and interact, its dangers cannot be ignored. It is essential to recognize the potential risks and take steps to mitigate them. This includes promoting media literacy, encouraging responsible social media use and advocating for data privacy and Security. By acknowledging the dangers of social media, we can towards creating a healthier more informal and more compassionate on-line community.

Task

Today, many adolescents spend most of their time on media especially social media if this not controlled, it is likely to affect them. Explain to them the dangers of social media as shown in the passage our text should not be more than 110 words

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Item 2 Read the passage below and respond to the task after it.

When I told my family that I was thinking of taking a cooking job, the roars of laughter were rather discouraging. No one believed that I could cook at all, as I had never had a chance to practice at home. Our cook aged sixty-five and slightly crouched, had ruled in the kitchen for thirty-five years and had an irritating tendency to regard the saucepans, stove and indeed all the kitchen fittings as her room to try out an omelet. It was the pop of gas that woke her, I think, for I was just breaking the first egg when a pair of slippered feet shuffled round the door and a shriek of horror caused me to break the egg on the door. This disaster, together with the fact that I was using her one very special beloved and delicately cared- for frying –pan, upset her so much that she locked herself in the room with all the food and we had to make our Sunday dinner of bananas.

If the family weren't going to be helpful, I would look for a job all by myself and not tell them about it till I'd got one. I had no idea of exactly what job I would apply for, so I decided to go to an agency. I had seen one advertised in a local newspaper, as soon as there was no one about to say 'where are you going?' I rushed out of the house in search of it. I was wildly excited and as nervous as if I were going to a stage audition. Finding the place quite easily, I climbed up three flights of stairs, and swung breathlessly through a door which said 'enter without knocking, if you please.

The dingy, bottle-green atmosphere of the office sobered me and I sat meekly on the edge of chair and could see my nose shining out of the corner of my eye. I thought perhaps I was a good thing; it might look more earnest. The woman at the desk opposite scrutinized me for a while through rimless glasses, decided and I became absorbed in the question of whether or not she wore a wig. I had just decided that it was too undesirably shabby to be anything but her own hair, when I realized that she was murmuring questions at me. I answered in a hoarse whisper because it seemed to be the thing, because all of a sudden, I started to feel rather pathetic. She hinted in a delicate way that she wondered why I was looking for this kind of job, so I felt impelled to give her a glimpse of a widowed mother and desperate struggle against poverty. I almost made myself believe in the pathos of it, and we had to cough and change the subject. I felt even more pathetic

when she told me that it would be difficult to get a job without experience or experiences. She rustled about among her papers for a bit and I wondered whether I ought to leave, when the telephone on her desk rang. While she was conducting a mysterious conversation, she kept looking at me. Then I heard her say: As a matter of fact, I've got someone in the office at this very moment who might suit. She wrote down a number and my spirits soared as I took the slip of paper, she held out to me, saying; ring up this lady. She wants a cook immediately. In fact, you would have to start tomorrow by cooking dinner for ten people. Could you manage that?

Oh yes, said I-never having cooked for more than four in my life.

Tasks

a) People often describe us by the work we do or are known for. In two sentences, describe the character of the cook, giving evidence from the passage.

b) The narrator never had an opportunity to cook because the cook at their home wouldn't let them. Who do you think is to blame and why?

c) The situation we find ourselves in cause us to develop certain feelings.

Describe how the narrator feels in the passage.

d) "Ring up this lady. She wants a cook immediately in fact you would have to start tomorrow by cooking dinner for ten people", Re-write this as one sentence in reported speech.

e) It's often to learn certain tasks in adulthood if we didn't learn them when we were young. What challenges is the narrator likely to find at her new job?

f) The experiences we go through or see others go through have a lot to teach us.

What lessons can you draw from the narrator's story?

SECTION B

Answer one item from this section.

Either;

Item 3

Item 3, In life, we often make journeys to different places for different reasons, However, there are particular journeys that remain memorable because of the unforgettable experiences.

Task: Write an account for one such memorable journey (use 400=600 words)

Or

Item4 In life, we often make journey to different reasons. However, there are particular journeys that remain memorable because of the unforgettable experiences.

During holidays, you visited your relatives and spent two weeks with them. Your birthday happened to fall during that period and they organized a surprise party for you. Write about it. (Use 400-600 words)

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