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SECOND SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026

(FYUGP)

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CC24UENG2FA103(2) - ADVANCED ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR SCIENCES

(English - AEC)

(2024 Admission onwards)

Time: 1.5 Hours

Maximum : 50 Marks

Credit: 3

Part A

Read the provided passage/poem and answer the following questions.

Each question carries 2 marks.

The Impact of Social Media on Mental Health.

Social media has become an integral part of modern life, with billions of people around the world using platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to connect with others, share their experiences, and consume information. However, a growing body of research suggests that excessive social media use can have a negative impact on mental health.

Studies have shown that social media use is associated with increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and loneliness. This is particularly concerning for young people, who are more likely to use social media and are also more vulnerable to mental health problems. One reason for this link is the way that social media platforms showcase the highlight reels of other people's lives, making it easy to compare and feel inferior.

Another factor is the constant stream of information and notifications, which can create a sense of perpetual alertness and stress. Furthermore, the anonymity of online interactions can lead to a lack of empathy and deepened social divisions. Despite these risks, social media also has the potential to be a positive force for mental health, providing a sense of connection and community for people who may be isolated or marginalized.

To mitigate the negative effects of social media on mental health, individuals can take several steps. Firstly, setting boundaries around social media use, such as limiting screen time or taking regular breaks from platforms, can help to reduce feelings of overwhelm and anxiety. Secondly, being more mindful of the content that is consumed, and actively seeking out positive and uplifting material, can help to promote a healthier online environment.

Finally, using social media in a way that promotes real-world connections and activities, such as joining online groups or clubs that align with interests, can help to build a sense of community and purpose.

1. What is the central idea of the passage? [Level:1] [CO4]
2. What are some negative effects of excessive social media use on mental health? [Level:1] [CO4]
3. Why are young people particularly vulnerable to the negative effects of social media on mental health? [Level:1] [CO4]
4. How do social media platforms contribute to feelings of inferiority? [Level:1] [CO4]
5. What is the effect of the constant stream of information and notifications on social media? [Level:1] [CO4]
6. How can social media be a positive force for mental health? [Level:1] [CO4]
7. What steps can individuals take to mitigate the negative effects of social media on mental health? [Level:1] [CO4]
8. Why is it important to set boundaries around social media use? [Level:1] [CO4]
9. How can individuals use social media in a way that promotes real-world connections? [Level:1] [CO4]
10. What insight is the passage attempting to communicate? [Level:1] [CO4]

(Ceiling: 16 Marks)

Part B (Paragraph questions/Problem)

Answer *all* questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

11. Evaluate how the documentary *Only an Axe Away* highlights the conflict between human greed and environmental conservation. [Level:5] [CO1, CO2]
12. Assess the role of imagination and wonder in the poem *All Palaces are Temporary Palaces*. [Level:5] [CO2]
13. Explain various images used in the poem by Wisława Szymborska. [Level:2] [CO3]
14. Analyse the concept of dark energy and its impact on the accelerated expansion of the universe in the documentary *A Trip to Infinity* [Level:4] [CO1]
15. Analyze how Arthur C. Clarke uses symbolism in *The Star* to deepen the story's philosophical themes. [Level:4] [CO1, CO2]

(Ceiling: 24 Marks)

Part C (Essay questions)

Answer any *one* question. The question carries 10 marks.

16. Examine how the poem *Relativity* increases with the concept of blackhole both as a physical entity and the metaphor for the unknown. [Level:4] [CO2]
17. Summarize the main themes of *A Love Poem for Lonely Prime Numbers* and explain how the poem uses math as a metaphor for human relationships. [Level:2] [CO2]

(1 × 10 = 10 Marks)
