

THE READING PASSAGE

A former Facebook executive has said social media is doing great harm to society around the world. The executive is a man called Chamath Palihapitiya. He joined Facebook in 2007 and became a vice president. He was responsible for increasing the number of users Facebook had. Mr Palihapitiya said he feels very culpable about getting more people to use social networks. He said the networks are destroying society because **they** are changing people's behavior. Twenty years ago, people talked to each other face to face. Today, people message each other and do not talk. People also really care about what other people think of them. They post photos and wait to see how many people like the photo. They get very sad if people do not like the photo.

Mr Palihapitiya said people should take a long break from social media so they can experience real life. He wants people to value each other instead of valuing online "hearts, likes, and thumbs-up". Palihapitiya also points out how fake news is affecting how we see the world. It is becoming easier for large websites to spread lies. It is also becoming easier to hurt other people online. Anyone can hide behind a fake user name and post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said **this** was a global problem. He is worried about social media so much that he has banned his children from using it. However, he did state that Facebook was a good company. He said: "Of course, it's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly does good in the world."

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Name of the Student :

Duration : 2 H

I - READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1) 1) Tick the most appropriate option (1 mark) :

The text is mainly about :

- a- Social media which is a blessing
- b- Social media which is a curse
- c- Social media which is a gift

2) Correct the following False statements with details from the text (3 marks) :

a- An ex-Facebook boss said social media is not damaging society. (pg 1)

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b- Now it is easier and easier for big websites to diffuse real news. (pg 2)

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c- The ex-boss said that Facebook is to a very great degree bad. (pg 2)

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3) Fill in the blanks with words from the text (paragraph 2) (3 marks) :

Mr Palihapitiya said that a should be taken from social media so that people can experience real life. He adds that people should each other and not appreciate "hearts, likes, and thumbs-up".

4) Find in the text words meaning nearly the same as (2 marks)

a- guilty (pg 1) :

b- prohibited (pg 2) :

5) What do the underlined words refer to in the text (2 marks) :

a- they (pg 1) : refers to :

b- this (pg 2) : refers to :

6) Give a personal and justified answer to the following question (1 mark) :

Would it be good to take a break from social media? Why/ Why not?

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II- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1) Put the words in parenthesis in their right tense/form (3 marks) :

Technology has led to big changes in economic and business systems .
Businesses now have to be **(use)** cloud services or
machine learning or risk failure. Consequently, every big corporation **(base)**
..... its operations on computing, regardless of which sector
they are in. For instance, Coca Cola, the BBC and Levi's market and sell
(differ) products and services, yet they all share one
basic property – without advanced computing services their operations would
collapse. New technologies **(be)** a generator of
economic dynamism. China and India and many other **(develop)**
..... countries have large IT sectors which drive their
economies. Furthermore, the **(many)** advanced
economies, including Germany, the United States, Japan and Korea are moving
from an industrial-based economy to a computing and IT-based one.

2) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box below (3 marks) :

of - powerful - launched – recognize - like – from – diseases – increased

A Nigerian engineer and neuroscientist has created a revolutionary new
computer that has artificial intelligence. Dr Oshi Agabi has spent many years
trying to make a computer that can smell. He his start-up
project last year and called it Koniku. He has raised over \$1 million in funding.
Dr Agabi said his project is already making profits of \$10 million. Technology
giants Google and Microsoft are very interested in it. The
security industry is also keeping a close watch. Koniku could smell bombs and
explosives. It could also be used in airport security systems to smell explosives.
An additional use could be in hospitals to smell in humans.

Dr Agabi did not base Koniku on silicon chips. Agabi said computers have
used silicon for decades, but it is not enough to deal with the
maths needed to smells. Instead, he based his device on
neurons the brain of a mouse.

III- WRITING (12 marks)

1) Use the following information in the table to write a paragraph about Spain (4 marks) :

Location	Constituents	Total population	Characteristics
the southwest corner of Europe	two archipelagoes : the Canary Islands / the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean Sea.	2018 estimate : 46,733,038	- Many islands - a mountainous country - a Mediterranean climate

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2) TOPIC : (8 marks)

You have recently spent the holiday of your dreams. Write an email thanking the representative of the travel agency, who was responsible for organizing your package tour, and stating the good services and facilities offered.

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