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Answer all questions

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Question 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct relative pronoun from the list below:

(*who, whom, whose, which, that, where, when, why*)

(1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

1. The teacher _____ teaches grammar is very patient.
2. The house _____ grew up is near the beach.
3. The girl _____ essay won first place is very talented.
4. The time _____ we visited Kandy was during the Perahera.
5. The reason _____ she left early was not explained.
6. The laptop _____ bought last week is already broken.
7. The person _____ you met yesterday is my cousin.
8. The film _____ the award was produced locally.
9. That's the café _____ students usually meet after class.
10. The man _____ helped me was very kind.

Question 2

Fill in the blanks with a suitable conjunction from the list:

(*although, because, whereas, although, unless, while, therefore, however, so that, in addition*) (1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

1. _____ it was raining, the match continued.
2. He was late _____ there was heavy traffic.
3. She studies hard _____ she can pass the exam.
4. I enjoy reading, _____ my brother prefers watching TV.
5. _____ waiting for the bus, he read a magazine.
6. The test was difficult; _____, most students passed.
7. _____ he had little money; he bought a gift for his friend.
8. You won't succeed _____ you work hard.
9. The meeting was cancelled; _____, we went home early.
10. Reading improves grammar; _____, it builds vocabulary.

Question 3 – Reading Passage (20 marks)

Over the past decade, social media has transformed how people communicate and access information. Platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter) allow users to share opinions, photos, and news instantly with people around the world. For many users, social

media has made communication faster, easier, and more interactive. It has also helped small businesses promote their products to large audiences at low cost.

However, experts warn that social media can spread misinformation, invade privacy, and reduce meaningful face-to-face interactions. Studies show that people who spend too much time online often feel isolated and distracted. Teachers encourage students to limit their screen time and verify facts before sharing information. Overall, experts agree that social media has both advantages and disadvantages, and users must learn to use it responsibly.

Retrieved from: eLearning Industry (2023). "Advantages and Disadvantages of Online Learning." <https://elearningindustry.com/advantages-and-disadvantages-online-learning>

Questions:

1. What is the main idea of the passage? (3 marks)

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2. Mention two benefits of social media. (2 marks)

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3. Mention two problems caused by excessive social media use. (2 marks)

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4. What advice do teachers give to students about using social media? (3 marks)

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5. What evidence is given to show that social media affects people negatively? (3 marks)

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6. In your opinion, why do experts describe social media as having both advantages and disadvantages? (4 marks)

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7. Give a suitable title for this passage. (3 marks)

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Question 4 – Reported Speech (10 marks)

(1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

Change the following sentences into **reported speech**.

1. She said, "I am reading a novel."

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2. He said, "I went to the market yesterday."

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3. They said, "We have finished our project."

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4. The teacher said, "Be quiet!"

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5. She asked, "Where are you going?"

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6. He said, "I will call you tomorrow."

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7. My mother said, "Don't be late."

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8. The manager said, "You must submit the report today."

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9. "Do you like coffee?" she asked.

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10. He said, "I can't attend the meeting."

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