MENG211-2020: Reading Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer the following questions.

Online Safety in the UK

96% of young people in the UK regularly use the internet to communicate according to a survey of 24,000 British people aged 9-11. A report shows that only 40% of young people know that personal information shared online stays online forever. There are about 250 million tweets generated every day and around 800 million Facebook users - that means lot of information is shared online.

Do you know how to change your privacy settings on social media? For example, you can click on the 'flower' icon or on 'settings' on Facebook to get to your privacy settings. Then you can decide who sees your posts and personal information: friends, friends of friends or everyone. Do you want everyone in the world to be able to see your email address or just friends?

The BBC Share Take Care campaign is all about helping everybody to make their online activity safer and protect themselves on the web. The campaign says adults and teenagers need to be more careful with personal information and images online. An online security expert from the BBC was given only the names and the home town of two pairs of mothers and daughters in the UK and then he searched online for information that they had shared in social media. One mother and daughter pair are keen Twitter users. They had frequent personal Twitter chats that they thought were private but were in fact public! Now they both know that Twitter has a private messaging function and their chats really are private. The other mother was very embarrassed when the security expert showed her a picture of her partner in his underpants! She had forgotten about posting the photograph and quickly removed it. The security expert also found lots of their personal details like dates of birth, addresses, maiden names, favorite football teams and pop stars. Nothing embarrassing, but potentially useful information for a cybercriminal.

Everybody knows that we should be polite and kind to people in real life and online. Unfortunately sometimes this doesn't always happen. Where can you report online abuse or unkind messages to yourself or your friends? Do you know how to report inappropriate content on Twitter? For example, if you see an inappropriate tweet, you can click on 'more' and then choose 'Report tweet'. You can then block all further tweets from that user. Even well-liked celebrities can be targeted by cyberbullies. Tom Daley, the British Olympic diver, was abused online. His father died during the 2012 Olympic Games and Tom received some very cruel tweets.

Here are our top five tips for staying safe online:
1. Be nice! Treat people online as you do in real life.
2. Do not post anything online that you would not want people in real life to see.
3. Check your privacy and security settings on social media sites and keep them as private as possible. Make sure you know exactly who can see your posts.
4. Do not ever post personal information like your home address, your email or your phone number.
5. If you see something online that worries or upsets you, tell an adult about it immediately.

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Topic:

Main Idea:

For the following questions, answer:

T for True, if the statement agrees with the information in the passage.

F for False, if the statement does not agreement with the information in the passage.

N for Not Given, if there is no information mentioned in the passage.

1. It is a good idea to keep privacy settings at maximum.   _____

2. Online security expert says adults are more careful online than teenagers.   _____

3. A mother and daughter pair wanted to have public chats online.   _____

4. A user accidently posted an embarrassing photograph of a family member.   _____

5. The passage was written to encourage people to use social media.   _____

6. Cyberbullying is a problem for all online users.   _____

7. The passage was intended for young adults.   _____