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Written Assignment 1: Social Media

Topic: The power of government in economic growth.

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In this assignment, you will write an essay that discusses two views about social media and assesses their significance. To complete this assignment, you can think of the readings and language points you have learnt in unit 1.

A. Writing Structure:

- Introduction (50 words)
 - general to specific
 - a paraphrased question along with your thesis statement
- Body Paragraph
 - Paragraph 1: Discuss the first view
 - Provide details or evidence, examples or implications,..etc
 - Paragraph 2: Discuss the second view
 - Provide details or evidence, examples or implications,..etc
 - Paragraph 3: Evaluate its significance
 - Provide comparison/contrast along with justification
- Conclusion
 - restate your thesis statement
 - offer a final thought or implication

B. Choose a topic and conduct brainstorming

(1) Some people believe that social media has improved communication and strengthened relationships. Others think it has weakened face-to-face interaction and led to isolation.

Discuss both views and assess their significance.

(2) Many argue that social media platforms empower individuals to express themselves freely. Others believe they encourage superficiality and discourage meaningful dialogue.

Discuss both views and assess their significance.

This section is for your brainstorm:

C. Assign part(s) for your group members. Stick the chunk writing(s) in the correct order.

Chosen Topic: 1

Introduction

Throughout the years, social media has been a key part of our daily lives. However, in recent years, social media has become the topic of debates around the world for its impact on our social lives, both positive and negative. This essay will therefore do an in-depth dive into both sides and assess their importance.

Body Paragraph

Paragraph 1

People argue that social media has improved communication and strength relationships. Through platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Massager allow people to stay connected with each other. It allows us to connect across the distances or countries, share important life events, and maintain friendships despite busy schedules. For example, families living apart can communicate instantly through video calls or group chats, which would have been difficult in the past.

Paragraph 2

Even though social media has improved communication between individuals significantly, it has also come up with some side effects of its own. Researchers have found that excessive use of social media can cause antisocial behavior, which can lead to repercussions. For instance, adolescents who are hyperconnected to social media with their friends or classmates have to deal with the loneliness they feel after their friends being absent. Another instance being that isolation can lead to severe cases like suicide, which have happened in real life. As a result, social media is a double-edged sword with little to no differences between both the benefits and the detrimental effects.

Paragraph 3

After a thorough consultation among the group members, we have come to an agreement that the benefits of social media outweigh the preventable side effects. Its advancement allowed us to communicate on a global scale and met different people around the planet. On the other hand, isolation can be resolved through aid from friends and families.

Conclusion

To sum up, there is no denying that social media has played a necessary role as a means for connection and a factor in isolation. Although our group agrees that the pro outweighs the con, it is still important to note that we should use social media in moderation to maximize the gains and limit the negative effects.

D. Write your revised paragraph below. Check (E) to see what your essay must include.

Throughout the years, social media has been a key part of our daily lives. Social media's positive and negative effects on our social lives have recently been debated globally. This essay will therefore do an in-depth dive into both sides and assess their importance.

People argue that social media has improved communication and strengthened relationships. Platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Messenger allow people to stay connected with each other. It allows us to connect across distances or countries, share important life events, and maintain friendships despite busy schedules. For example, families or acquaintances can communicate instantly through video calls or group chats, which would have been difficult in the past.

Social media has greatly improved communication between individuals; **though**, it also brings notable negative effects. Researchers have found that excessive use can lead to antisocial behaviour and feelings of loneliness, especially among adolescents who are constantly online with friends or classmates. When these connections fade or friends become absent, many are left feeling isolated, which can sometimes escalate to severe consequences such as suicide. Therefore, social media remains a double-edged sword, offering meaningful benefits while also posing significant risks.

Our group has come to agree that the benefits of social media outweigh the preventable side effects. Its advancement allowed us to communicate on a global scale and meet different people around the planet. On the other hand, isolation can be resolved through aid from friends and families.

To sum up, there is no denying that social media has played a necessary role as a means for connection and a factor in isolation. **Even though** everyone in our group agrees that social media has more benefits than drawbacks, it's crucial to remember that we should use it sparingly in order to maximize the benefits and minimize the drawbacks.

E. Criteria

	YES	NO
1.I have used at least 8 vocabulary words from unit 1. All the words are <i>UNDERLINED</i> in the writing. Here they are:	✓	
2.I have made at least 2 concessions or contrastive structure. The sentences are BOLD .	✓	
3.The essay contains 5 paragraphs (an introduction-three body paragraphs-a conclusion)	✓	
4.Each paragraph centers around one main idea and/or fulfill all the required purposes.	✓	
5.The essay is free from mistakes in spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	✓	

F. Deadline

- (1) Submit A-F in paper-based format in **Week 5, 17th-21st November 2025**.
- (2) Receive the feedback
- (3) Revise, save, and upload onto your E-portfolio.