

Passage 2

Read the text about friendship and complete the tasks below.

A new study into how the Internet is changing the nature of friendship has found that social networking sites like Facebook and Myspace don't help people make more close friends. Although people (especially young people) using these sites claim to have thousands of 'friends', this research suggests that face-to-face contact is usually needed to form genuine relationships.

Many previous studies of friendship have established that the maximum number of people in a standard friendship group is 150, with about five of these regarded as close friends. This new study has found that, in terms of how many people we keep in regular contact with, these figures remain roughly the same for online friends. What's more, the five closest friends of regular Internet users are likely to be people they have actually met. 'To form close friendships, we need to be able to trust the other person,' explains Dr Samuel Holliday, one of the report's co-authors, 'and with people that you only know through the Internet, you can't even be sure they're who they say they are.'

1. Answer the questions. (5 marks both vocational and academic)

1. What is the Internet having an effect on?

The internet is having an effect on the nature of friendship

2. What kind of websites are Facebook and Myspace?

They're social networking sites

3. How many close friends do most people have?

a) in real life Five b) on the Internet Five

4. What word or phrase tells us that Dr Holliday didn't write the report on his own?

"one of the report's co-authors"

2. Complete the summary with words or phrases from the text. These are in the same order as they appear in the text.
(7 marks vocational, 3.5 academic)

Researchers believe people have fewer friends than they claim to have. They say that in order to make real friends, you need to meet them face to face. It seems that 150 is the maximum number of friends most people can have. This number is roughly the same for "real" friends and online friends. Your very close friend are probably people you have actually met, because you can't be close friends with anyone if you don't trust the other person. On the Internet, it isn't possible to be sure about someone's real identity.

Section 2: Vocabulary

1. A Complete the sentences with words from the box (5 marks)

point remote mention routine reward guarantee factor initial boast field

- His parents gave him some money as a reward for passing his exams.
- You can start work after you've completed the initial training period.
- Don't forget to mention my name when you talk to him.
- I need a break from my regular daily routine.
- Of course I'm proud of what I've done but I don't want to boast about it.

B Replace the underlined parts of the sentences with words from the box. (5 marks)

- She doesn't know much about this subject as it's not really in her area of knowledge. field
- I don't see the purpose of doing this; it will never work. point
- The village where we live is very far away from other places so it's not easy to get to by bus. remote
- There's no way to be sure that you'll make a profit but there's a good chance. guarantee
- There are several reasons for the problem but one part of the cause is the economic situation. factor

2. Match the adjectives in the box with their meanings below. (5 marks)

like-minded creative stuck confident convinced disappointed reluctant genuine impatient inflexible

sure of yourself, not shy

how you feel when something isn't as good as you expected

not really wanting to do something

having similar opinions or interests

real, not false

not willing to change

good at art, poetry etc

certain

unable to move

unwilling to wait

confident

disappointed

reluctant

like

genuine

inflexible

creative

convinced

stuck

impatient

3. Complete the sentences with correct prepositions (5 marks)

1. This is a good chance to participate in university life.
2. We need to put them on show so that people can see them.
3. He can't stop eating chocolate. I think he's addicted to it.
4. There might be another one like this but if so, I'm not aware of it.
5. I'm telling you this in confidence so don't tell anyone else.

4. Complete the sentences with phrasal verbs (verb + particle) from the box, changing the tense if necessary. (5 marks)

VERB	PARTICLE
turn	up
run	into
put	across
come	up
catch	out

1. It was good to catch up with some old friends at the party.
2. I didn't expect to like it but it turned out to be very enjoyable.
3. While I was in Jordan I ran into someone I was at school with.
4. There's no need to book a hotel. We can put you up.
5. I didn't intend to buy a shirt but I came across this really nice one in the market.

Total marks for section = 25