First English Exam
Keys

I Reading comprehension

1   Read the text and then circle the right answer. **3.5 pts (0.5)**

1 What significant change has social media brought to communication among individuals?

A) The rise of social media has shifted communication from in-person interactions to online platforms, allowing individuals to connect instantly across various geographical locations.

B) Communication has remained largely unchanged, with social media merely supplementing existing methods without fundamentally altering the ways individuals engage with one another.

C) Social media has created a barrier to effective communication by emphasizing physical interactions over digital ones, leading to a decline in interpersonal relationships.

2 Why has social media been described as a democratizing force in the dissemination of information?

A) The rise of social media has resulted in a decline in citizen journalism, as traditional news sources have regained control over the narrative and information flow.

B) Social media platforms have enabled a decentralized approach to information sharing, allowing individuals to report news and events directly, often filling gaps left by traditional media outlets.

C) By limiting the ability of individuals to share content, social media has reinforced the authority of established media outlets, ensuring that only verified information reaches the public.

3 In what way has social media impacted the professional landscape for businesses?

A) Social media has diminished the need for businesses to engage with their customers, as traditional marketing strategies remain the most effective means of communication.

B) The emergence of social media has transformed how businesses interact with their customers, facilitating direct communication and enhancing brand visiblity and loyalty.

C) Social media platforms have created a divide between businesses and consumers, leading to a more impersonal approach to customer service and brand engagement.

4 What complexities arise from the fast-paced nature of social media interaction?

A) Fast-paced interactions on social media allow for extended dialogue, ensuring that discussions are comprehensive and yield thorough understanding.

B) Users often find that quick communication fosters stronger connections with others through the immediacy and responsiveness of online platforms.

C) The rapid exchange of information on social media can overload users, leading to lapses in focus and a decrease in the quality of meaningful interactions.

5 How does social media contribute to the polarization of opinions among users?

A) Social media creates echo chambers through algorithms that prioritize content users already agree with, reinforcing their pre-existing beliefs and increasing polarization.

B) The multi-faceted nature of social media negates the effects of confirmation bias, leading users to naturally seek out differing opinions and perspectives.

C) By facilitating respectful discourse, social media allows for nuanced conversations that bridge gaps between differing political beliefs and reduce divisive rhetoric.

6 What is the comprehensive impact of social media on communication as highlighted in the passage?

A)The rise of social media primarily benefits only certain demographics, while the broader population remains unaffected by its influence on communication practices.

B) Social media's influence reinforces conventional methods of communication, thereby limiting the potential for innovative interaction among users.

C) The diverse nature of social media presents various opportunities and challenges, fundamentally reshaping interactions, information sharing, and societal engagement.

7 In what way can individuals navigate the challenges posed by social media's influence?

A) Individuals should rely on traditional communication methods to bridge the gap created by social media's complexities, ensuring they avoid modern pitfalls.

B) Individuals can reduce the effects of social media by embracing digital literacy and critical thinking, ensuring they approach information thoughtfully and responsibly.

C) A blind acceptance of information circulating on social media reduces the burden of critical analysis, allowing users to enjoy a more relaxed engagement with content.

2 Find in the text words similar in meaning to the following definitions. 1 pt (0.25)

the process of spreading information widely   ..   dissemination

make something more visible and support its growth   promote

expose someone to an excessive amount of something, making it difficult to manage .overwhelm

alleviating the severity of a situation   mitigating

II Language Work

A Complete the table with –ing forms from the text 2.5 pts (0.25)

adjective	participle	gerund
1 growing 2 existing	influencing, breaking down, allowing, creating, allowing, enabling, giving, providing, allowing leading, addressing, including, offering, leading, ensuring, mitigating	1 discerning 2 networking 3 shaping 4 advertising

B Replace the underlined parts of the following sentences with compound a adjective. <mark>2 pts (0.5)</mark>

1 shape-shifting / shape-changing   **2**.self-assembling

3 smart-home   **4** user-friendly

C Complete the following passage with verbs from the box, using the correct form (-ing or infinitive). <mark>3 pts (0.25)</mark>

distract	bypass	crave	rely	reconsider	streamline
motivate	adapt	comfront	implement	focus	embrace

The digital revolution has forced educators **1** to reconsider traditional teaching methods, making them **2** adapt to the growing demands of technology in the classroom. Schools worldwide encourage students **3** to embrace tools such as tablets and online platforms, believing these innovations improve learning outcomes. However, for some learners, adjusting **t**o these new approaches proves difficult, which leave them **4** craving simpler, more familiar techniques.

Teachers often require students to use data-driven tools a practice that many believe fosters creativity. Conversely, others warn that excessive reliance on technology risks **5** distracting students and it also allows them **6** to bypass the development of essential skills. For instance, students who grow accustomed **7** to relying on automatic corrections in writing may begin **to** neglect the importance of grammar and spelling.

Instructors sometimes find it challenging **8** to motivate students who prefer passive activities, such as watching tutorial videos, over engaging actively in discussions. While educational apps can prompt learners **9** to focus on key concepts, they may also let students avoid **10** confronting more difficult material, which undermines critical thinking.

Critics argue that technology has made classrooms overly dependent on screens, with teachers hesitating **11** to implement more tactile, hands-on learning. Despite these concerns, proponents of educational technology highlight its ability **12** to streamline administrative tasks, help educators to personalize lessons, and prevent students from falling behind in rapidly evolving fields.

D Complete the following passage with a word from the box. <mark>3 pts (0.25)</mark>

fully	immersive	interaction	heralds	leverages	fabricated	challenge
overlaying	alternate	realm	navigate	engagement	fosters	barely
~~challenging~~	~~immersion~~					

Virtual Reality vs. Augmented Reality: Redefining Reality

Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) represent two distinct modalities of immersive experience that fundamentally redefine our interaction with reality. VR offers a captivating escape into a digital realm that entirely replaces the real world, engaging users with a fabricated environment designed to evoke vivid emotional responses and cognitive engagement, particularly in applications such as gaming and simulation training. In contrast, AR enhances the tangible world by overlaying digital content upon it, thereby enriching real-world interactions without complete immersion. This juxtaposition generates a unique interaction where AR fosters collaborative experiences through the integration of virtual elements into everyday life, allowing users to navigate their environment while simultaneously engaging with interactive graphics or information. While VR necessitates specialized hardware for a fully immersive experience, AR leverages ubiquitous technologies like smartphones and smart glasses, making it more accessible. Ultimately, both

technologies challenge our perceptions of reality, with VR providing a solitary journey into alternate existences and AR inviting a nuanced interplay between the real and the virtual.

WRITING: 5 pts