

# SMARTWIZ

## GRADE 9 ENGLISH EXAM

**MARKS: 100**

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**TIME: 2 hours**

**SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS (e.g. 4A)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SURNAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Instructions for Students:

- > Read all instructions carefully before beginning the exam.
- > Write your name and student ID clearly on the answer sheet/booklet.
- > Answer all questions unless otherwise stated.
- > Show all your work/calculations where applicable.
- > Write clearly and legibly.
- > Use blue or black ink only. \* Do not use correction fluid/tape.
- > No electronic devices (calculators, phones, etc.) are allowed unless explicitly permitted.
- > Raise your hand if you have any questions.
- > Do not talk to other students during the exam.
- > Any form of cheating will result in disqualification.

**This test consists of 8 pages, excluding the cover page.**

## SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

(35 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.



### Passage:

#### *The Impact of Social Media*

Social media has become an integral part of modern life. It allows people to stay connected, share information instantly, and express themselves creatively. However, excessive use of social media can have negative effects, such as reducing face-to-face interactions and increasing feelings of loneliness. It is important to find a balance and use social media responsibly to benefit from its advantages without suffering its drawbacks.

### Questions:

1. List two positive effects of social media mentioned in the passage.

(2)

2. What are two negative effects of social media mentioned?

(2)

3. Explain what the author means by “find a balance.”

(2)

4. Find a word in the passage that means the same as “important.”

(1)

5. How can social media reduce face-to-face interactions? Give your own explanation.

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(3)

6. Write 'True' or 'False' and correct the false statements:

a) Social media always makes people happier. \_\_\_\_\_

b) Responsible use of social media is advised. \_\_\_\_\_

(2)

7. Suggest a suitable title for this passage.

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(1)

## SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURE AND CONVENTIONS (40 MARKS)

1. Identify the parts of speech for the underlined words:

a) The **bright** stars shone in the sky. \_\_\_\_\_

b) He **runs** every morning. \_\_\_\_\_

c) The **quickly** flowing river was cold. \_\_\_\_\_

d) Her **laughter** was contagious. \_\_\_\_\_

(4)

2. Rewrite the sentences correctly:

a) Him and me is going to the cinema.

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b) She don't have enough money.

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c) Its a nice day today.

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d) They was late for school.

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**3. Choose the correct word:**

a) You should take (their / there / they're) books.

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b) There are (less / fewer) cars on the road today.

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c) (It's / Its) raining outside.

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d) She sings (good / well).

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(4)

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**4. Change the sentences into questions:**

a) He is reading a book.

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b) They have finished the project.

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(2)

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**5. Add commas where necessary:**

a) My sister who lives in Cape Town is visiting us next week.

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b) After the movie we went out for dinner.

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(2)

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**6. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form:**

a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) that movie last weekend.

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b) She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very happy now.

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(2)

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**7. Write the plural forms:**

a) Woman — \_\_\_\_\_

b) Leaf — \_\_\_\_\_

c) Tomato — \_\_\_\_\_

d) Baby — \_\_\_\_\_

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**8. Change direct speech to reported speech:**

He said, "I will visit my grandmother tomorrow."

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## SECTION C: WRITING (25 MARKS)

Choose **one** of the following and write a paragraph of about 100 words.

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**Topic 1:** Describe a memorable event in your life and explain why it was special.

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**Topic 2:** Write a formal email to your teacher asking for help with your homework.

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**TOTAL : 100**

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## SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (35 MARKS)

1. Two positive effects of social media:
  - Allows people to stay connected ✓
  - Share information instantly ✓
  - Express themselves creatively (also acceptable) ✓
2. Two negative effects of social media:
  - Reduces face-to-face interactions ✓
  - Increases feelings of loneliness ✓
3. “Find a balance” means:
  - Use social media in moderation ✓
  - Don’t spend too much time on it ✓
  - Balance online and offline life ✓
4. Synonym for “important”:
  - Integral ✓
5. How social media reduces face-to-face interactions:
  - People spend more time on phones instead of meeting face-to-face ✓
  - Social media can replace personal contact ✓
6. True/False:
  - a) Social media always makes people happier. → False ✓
  - b) Responsible use of social media is advised. → True ✓
7. Suggested titles:
  - The Impact of Social Media ✓
  - Advantages and Disadvantages of Social Media ✓

## SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURE AND CONVENTIONS (40 MARKS)

1. Parts of speech:
  - a) bright — Adjective ✓
  - b) runs — Verb ✓
  - c) quickly — Adverb ✓
  - d) laughter — Noun ✓

2. Corrected sentences:
  - a) He and I are going to the cinema. ✓
  - b) She doesn't have enough money. ✓
  - c) It's a nice day today. ✓
  - d) They were late for school. ✓
3. Correct words:
  - a) their ✓
  - b) fewer ✓
  - c) It's ✓
  - d) well ✓
4. Questions:
  - a) Is he reading a book? ✓
  - b) Have they finished the project? ✓
5. Add commas:
  - a) My sister, who lives in Cape Town, is visiting us next week. ✓
  - b) After the movie, we went out for dinner. ✓
6. Verb forms:
  - a) saw ✓
  - b) is ✓
7. Plural forms:
  - a) Women ✓
  - b) Leaves ✓
  - c) Tomatoes ✓
  - d) Babies ✓
8. Reported speech:
 

He said that he would visit his grandmother tomorrow. ✓

## SECTION C: WRITING (25 MARKS)

Marks awarded based on:

- Relevance to topic
- Clarity and organization
- Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation
- Length approximately 100 words

**TOTAL : 100**