

**A/Part one : Reading**

**A.Comprehension ( 7pts)**

Instagram is an online photo-sharing and social networking service **that** enables its users to take pictures, apply digital filters to it, and share them on a variety of social networking service. Such media sites include Facebook or Twitter. A distinctive feature is that it confines photos to a square shape, similar to Kodak Instamatic and Polaroid images,

Instagram was created in October, 2010. The service rapidly gained popularity. By December 2010, Instagram had 1 million registered users. In June 2011 Instagram announced it had 5 million users and it passed ten million in September of **the same year**. In April 2012, it was announced that over 30 million accounts were set up on the social network. Recently made headlines with its efforts to keep the "Insta-universe" as a positive space and has prohibited any hashtags or photographs that promote self-harm. There are basic Terms of Use that Services. By May 2012 58 photographs were being uploaded and a new user was being gained each second. The total number of photographs uploaded had exceeded one billion. In my opinion Instagram is a refuge for all of us young adults who want to run away from the adults taking over Facebook.

Either way which ever you choose they are both a fun and new way to interact and communicate with old friends and family and to make new friends from all around the world. It is one of the many advantages of the modern technology. If I had to choose one I would pick Instagram people are nicer here and it is a lot less drama, I mean have you ever heard of a couple breaking up over Instagram? I did not think so. But Facebook was my first love, and who can forget their first love, looks like I am stuck in my love triangle for a long time.

**1. Choose the letter that corresponds to the right answer. (0.5 pt)**

- a. The text is about a) how to create an Instagram account b) the evolution of Instagram c) facebook.
- The text is about.....

**2. Are the following questions true or false according to the text? (1.5pt)**

- a. Taking pictures and sharing them can be done only between Instagram users .....
- b. Two years after Instagram creation, its users had been decreased. ....
- c. Instagram numbers increased due to the Prohibition of any photographs that promote self-harm .....

**3. Answer these questions according to the text: ( 3pts)**

- a. What makes Instagram different from other social networking?
  - .....
- b. Why do youth consider Instagram as a refuge?
  - .....
- c. . What does the term "Insta-universe" mean?
  - .....

**4. In which paragraphs is it mentioned that facebook remains the social networking that people can't forget? (1pt)**

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**5. What or who the underlined words in the text refer to? (1pt)**

- a. That → ..... (§1)
- b. The same year → ..... (§1)

**B/Text exploration: (8pts)**

1. **Find in the text words that are synonyms to:** (1pt)
  - a. Different = ..... (§1)
  - b. declared = ..... (§2)
2. **Find in the text words that are opposites to:** (1pt)
  - a. Lost=/. .....(2)
  - b. permitted=/. ..... (§2)
3. **Complete the following table.** (1pt)

verb	noun	adjective
To create	.....	.....
.....	Communication	.....

4. **Combine the following pairs of sentences using the words below.** (1pt).
  - Both.....and / to / not to/ either .....or/
  - a. Instargam is a social networking. Facebook is a social networking
  - b. People use Instargam .they want to take picture but, not not for interaction
5. **Rewrite sentence b so that it means the same as sentence a .** (1 pt)
  - a. Instergam users are prohibited to use any hashtags or photographs that promote self-harm.
  - b. Instergam users.....
  - a. To communicate with your friends you are not obliged to use only facebook.
  - b. To communicate  
.....

6. **Classify these words according to their stressed syllable.** (1pt)
  - a. Share b. Photo c. Shape d. like.

Stress on 1 <sup>st</sup> , syllable	Stress on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , syllable

7. **Choose only four words from the list bellow to fill in the gaps so that the text form makes sense.** (2pts)  
 Updated / comments / internet / websites /communication/ account.

In today’s world, Facebook, twitter, MySpace, are common .....for people to meet and make acquaintances. It has become a part of our daily lives. With the fast developing world and the increasing use of..... it has led us to a point where we prefer ‘liking’ photos, writing ‘.....’ and wishing our friends over the social networking sites. Using the social networking sites is quite easy; moreover, it keeps us..... about what is going on in other people’s life, it reminds us of their important days as well as helps us keep a check on our exes.

**PART TWO: Written Expression: Choose one of the following topics.** (5pts)

**Topic one:** In your daily life which social networking do you appreciate lot to use? Facebook or instagram.write a short paragraph in which you express your preferences.

**Topic two:** As a new graduated in computing science, you have seen an advertisement in which a company looks for a computer operator. Write a short letter of application to apply for a job .you can use the following notes.

- Omega import and Export Company.
- Introduce yourself and some of your qualifications.
- Persuade them that you are the most suitable for the job.
- Close your letter

*Good luck*