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### Instructions

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- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
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### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 25.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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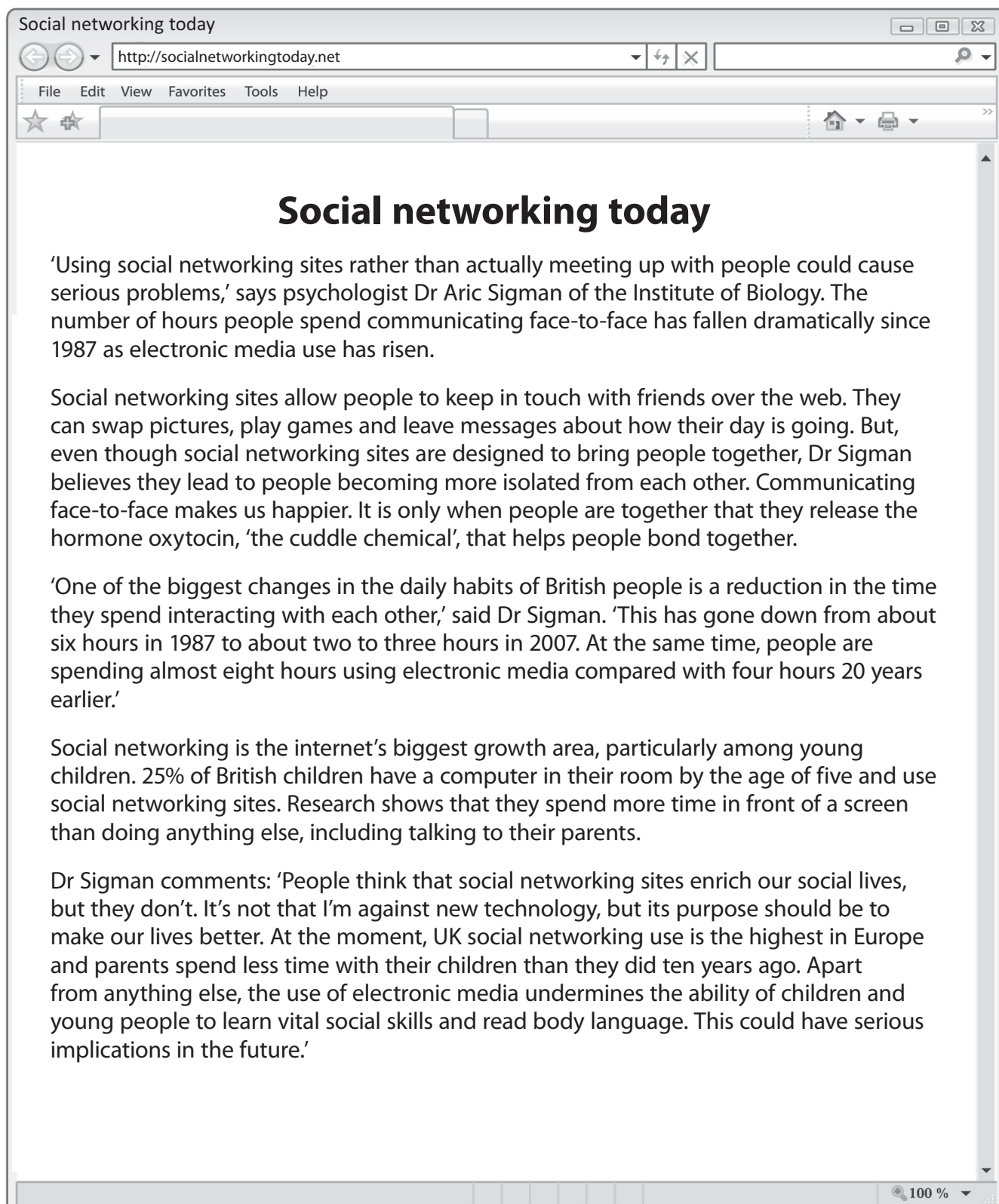
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## SECTION A

Read Text A and answer questions 1 – 6.

### Text A

You read this article on the internet.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Social networking today' and the URL 'http://socialnetworkingtoday.net'. The browser interface includes a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favorites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The article content is displayed in a large, clear font. The title 'Social networking today' is centered at the top of the article. Below the title, there are four paragraphs of text discussing the impact of social networking sites on face-to-face communication and children's social skills.

## Social networking today

'Using social networking sites rather than actually meeting up with people could cause serious problems,' says psychologist Dr Aric Sigman of the Institute of Biology. The number of hours people spend communicating face-to-face has fallen dramatically since 1987 as electronic media use has risen.

Social networking sites allow people to keep in touch with friends over the web. They can swap pictures, play games and leave messages about how their day is going. But, even though social networking sites are designed to bring people together, Dr Sigman believes they lead to people becoming more isolated from each other. Communicating face-to-face makes us happier. It is only when people are together that they release the hormone oxytocin, 'the cuddle chemical', that helps people bond together.

'One of the biggest changes in the daily habits of British people is a reduction in the time they spend interacting with each other,' said Dr Sigman. 'This has gone down from about six hours in 1987 to about two to three hours in 2007. At the same time, people are spending almost eight hours using electronic media compared with four hours 20 years earlier.'

Social networking is the internet's biggest growth area, particularly among young children. 25% of British children have a computer in their room by the age of five and use social networking sites. Research shows that they spend more time in front of a screen than doing anything else, including talking to their parents.

Dr Sigman comments: 'People think that social networking sites enrich our social lives, but they don't. It's not that I'm against new technology, but its purpose should be to make our lives better. At the moment, UK social networking use is the highest in Europe and parents spend less time with their children than they did ten years ago. Apart from anything else, the use of electronic media undermines the ability of children and young people to learn vital social skills and read body language. This could have serious implications in the future.'



1 What is the **main** purpose of Text A?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

**Answer questions 2 to 3 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.**

2 The number of hours people spend communicating face-to-face has:

- A increased since 1987
- B increased since 2007
- C decreased since 1987
- D decreased since 2007

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 According to Text A, social networking sites allow people to:

- A keep in touch with friends
- B upload videos of friends
- C edit pictures of friends
- D send emails to friends

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



4 Identify **two** negative effects of using social networking sites, according to Text A.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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2 .....

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**(Total for Question 4 = 2 marks)**

5 Place a tick in the correct column for **each** of the six statements to show which are presented as facts and which are opinions.

	<b>Fact</b>	<b>Opinion</b>
Social networking is the internet's biggest growth area.		
Parents spend less time with their children than they did a decade ago.		
25% of British children have their own computer by the age of 5.		
Social networking sites enrich our lives.		
Use of electronic media is higher in the UK than in the rest of Europe.		
New technology should make our lives better.		

**(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)**



6 Text A is about social networking sites.

Based on the information in Text A, give **two** reasons how this text might be biased.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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2 .....

(Total for Question 6 = 2 marks)

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS**



## SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 7 – 11.

### Text B

You read this article.

## Keeping in touch

Social networking sites enable you to chat with your friends or communicate with other users who have the same interests as you. They let you create your own blog, upload photos and videos for others to see and add people to an online friends list.

Social networking sites are a great way to keep in touch but you need to make sure you enjoy socialising online without getting into difficulties.

- **Be careful about what confidential information you give out.** It's common sense to reveal as little contact information about yourself as possible. Don't share the name of the place you work at, your school or even your favourite cafe on your page. It's fine to tell trusted friends how to find your profile but keep your date of birth, address and other identifying information off your page.
- **Your page is a public space, so think carefully about what you put on it.** Here's a good tip: if you'd be embarrassed for your parents, teacher or boss to see it, it probably doesn't belong on your page!
- **Think whether you know someone well enough before accepting them into your group of friends.** You don't have to accept every single request. Make sure you really do know the person who wants to be your friend.
- **Treat other people with the same respect that you would at school, college or work.** Avoid teasing, bullying or picking on others. Report any abuse or bullying you come across straightaway.

Taking quizzes, writing comments and posting videos on your site or your friends' sites is a lot of fun, but it can easily take up an entire afternoon. Set aside a specific amount of time to check your messages, write some comments and maybe play a game or two and then get back to the real world!

**TAKE CARE AND STAY SAFE ONLINE!**



7 What is the **main** purpose of Text B?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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**(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)**

8 Give **three** features of Text B that help to convey information.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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2 .....

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**(Total for Question 8 = 3 marks)**

9 According to Text B, what **two** types of behaviour should be avoided on social networking sites?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

1 .....

2 .....

**(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)**



**10** According to Text B, what should you do if you think someone is behaving inappropriately on a social networking site?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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**(Total for Question 10 = 1 mark)**

**11** Your friend wants to join a social networking site but is worried about privacy.

Using the information in Text B, what **three** pieces of advice would you give your friend?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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**(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 10 MARKS**





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## SECTION C

Read Text C and answer questions 12 – 14.

### Text C

You read these three contributions on an online forum about the advantages and disadvantages of using social networking sites.

#### **Kat, New Cross**

Our family has had to relocate to a different part of the country and I am really missing my friends. Social networking sites let me make new friends and keep in touch with my old friends in a way that I couldn't otherwise. I guess I would rather see people face-to-face when I can but this enables me to have a social life and feel less lonely. I am sure this is true of other people who are shy or live in remote places – or have family who live in other countries.

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#### **Ian, Essex**

I have just closed down my account on a social networking site because I was spending far too much time on it and not getting out enough. It becomes a competition to see who has the most 'friends' and people can be quite mean on these sites – saying things they wouldn't say to people's faces and posting stupid photographs. I think I'd rather have fewer friends that I really want to see and not bother with the rest.

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#### **Peter, Southampton**

There are two sides to the argument over social networking sites. Yes, they can lead to people not bothering with 'real' relationships, and they can also lead to bullying – I have seen that happen among my friends. But at the same time, it is a good way to keep in touch with people and organise your social life. I love seeing my friends' news and their photographs and keeping up with what's going on. I find you can use the sites fairly securely as long as you update your privacy settings regularly and keep your password secret. If I thought I was spending all my free time on one of these sites, I would start to get worried.



**12** Your friend does not like using social networking sites.

Which contribution supports his view?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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**(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)**

**13** Your friend is worried that social networking sites are not very safe.

Which contribution should she read to reassure her that social networking sites can be used securely?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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**(Total for Question 13 = 1 mark)**

**Question 14 begins on the next page.**



**14** Consider the ideas in the three contributions in Text C. Based on this information, which contribution do you support?

Give **three** reasons. Your reasons **must** refer **only** to the contribution you choose.

My chosen contribution is .....

Reason 1

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Reason 2

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Reason 3

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**(Total for Question 14 = 3 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 25 MARKS**

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