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Section A

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1	Accept any reasonable answer based on the text. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to argue that social networking sites / electronic media can cause problems• argument about the negative effects of social networking sites• to show the negative impact of social networking sites/electronic media	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2	C - decreased since 1987	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3	A - keep in touch with friends	(1)

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4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• make people more isolated/less face-to-face communication (1)• undermines people's ability to learn social skills (1)• unable to read body language (1)• parents and children spend less time (talking) together (1) One mark for each correct answer, up to a maximum of two marks.	(2)

Question Number	Answer		Mark
5		Fact	Opinion
	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 life better.		✓
For 0 or 1 correct – 0 marks For 2 or 3 correct – 1 mark For 4 or 5 correct – 2 marks For 6 correct – 3 marks			(3)

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6	<p>Accept any reasonable answer about how the text might be biased, up to a maximum of two marks.</p> <p>Answers may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only gives Dr Sigman's point of view • exaggerated / dramatic language • limited information about the nature of the research / studies considered • focuses only on negatives • selective use of statistics 	(2)

Section B

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7	<p>Accept any reasonable answer based on the text.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to give advice / tips on how to use social networking sites safely • to tell you how to use social networking sites safely 	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8	<p>Accept any reasonable answer about features that help to convey information based on the text, up to a maximum of three marks.</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bullet pointed section • bold for key sentences / bold topic sentences / bold title / bold heading • use of underlining for emphasis / underlining of 'real world' • use of block capitals to make statement stand out • concluding command • use of 'you' / direct address to the reader • rule of three 	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teasing (1) • bullying (1) • picking on other people (1) <p>One mark for each correct answer, up to a maximum of two marks.</p>	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10	<p>Report them</p> <p>One mark for a correct answer.</p>	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
11	<p>Accept any reasonable answer about protecting your privacy based on the text up to a maximum of three marks.</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• don't give away your date of birth/address/personal details• give as few contact details as possible• don't refer to your school/place of work/favourite café• don't accept every request (to be friends)/make sure you know the person	(3)

Section C

Question Number	Answer	Mark
12	Ian (Essex)	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
13	Peter (Southampton)	(1)

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14	<p>Accept any reasons based on the chosen section of the text. Answers may include any of the reasons based on the contribution linked to the following ideas.</p> <p>Any option may be chosen but all reasons must refer only to the chosen option.</p> <p>Reasons for choosing Kat, New Cross:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social networking sites a way to make new friends • keep in touch with old friends • prevents loneliness • enables social life/talking to people when not face to face • true for all those living in remote places • family abroad <p>Reasons for choosing Ian, Essex:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spent too much time on social networking sites • didn't get out enough • competition to see who has the most friends • people being mean • posting stupid photographs • better to have a few 'real' friends <p>Reasons for choosing Pete, Southampton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • balanced points / sees good and bad points about social networking sites • can lead to bullying • good way to keep in touch with people / organise social life • enjoys seeing friends photos / keeping up with news • careful with privacy settings • keeps password secret • doesn't spend all free time on sites 	(3)

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