

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
FINAL EXAMINATION YEAR 2020- 2021

SUBJECT : ENGLISH I

CLASS : VIII

TIME : 1 HOUR 15 MINS

MARKS : 40

SECTION I
COMPOSITION

(10)

A] Write an interesting composition (250 words) on any one of the following topics. You must use at least five words provided in the word bank.

Topic 1: Write a story on a funny incident that ends with:

‘ In spite of getting drenched and being covered in mud, it was quite an adventure.’

Word bank: unexpected, breezy, outdoor, relaxed, serene, playful, overwhelmed, exhausted, grateful and experience.

Topic 2: Write a narrative essay on ‘A narrow escape from trouble.’

Word bank: adventurous, experience, exciting, frightened, frantic, courageous, fortunate, sneaky, nervous and dangerous.

Topic 3: Write an essay expressing your opinion on ‘Junk food is bad for health.’

Word bank: digestion, obesity, nutritious, diseases, calories, flavours, finger-licking, tempting, guilt-free and organic.

SECTION II
LETTER WRITING

(10)

You had bought a new washing machine from Vijay Sales. It started malfunctioning within a week of purchase. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of store complaining about the piece and requesting him to change the machine as early as possible.

OR

The manager of Club House Resort has got a complaint from Mrs. Kapoor concerning the terrible room service provided to her during her stay at the resort. Write a letter of apology from the point of view of the manager at the resort.

SECTION III
COMPREHENSION

(10)

Read the passage given and answer the questions that follow.

Social networking implies the use of internet programs to make connections with friends, family, classmates, customers and clients. Social networking can occur for social or business purposes through sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. Social networks are as old as the internet technology that was first developed in the 1960s. After 2003, the social networks became very popular. Currently, internet users have more than two hundred social networks to choose from.

Social networking has many advantages. The biggest advantage is that you can stay in touch with your friends and family from all around the world. These social networks can be used to improve our social awareness. Students can explore topics that they are interested in by using online social networking. This can be done by interacting with people from different parts of the world. Teachers, students and professionals can also create discussion forums, or write blogs and posts to explore different and wide-ranging topics.

Social networking takes place online where people meet and share ideas and experiences. Many companies use social networks such as Twitter and Facebook to connect with customers and clients. This can create opportunities for relationship-building, brand-building, publicity and promotions.

However, there are several disadvantages of social networking sites as well. Cybercrime and cyber bullying have increased because it is hard to identify the offender and it is almost impossible to keep full-time surveillance in such a wide network. As people spend more time on social networking sites, they experience less face-to-face interaction which also makes them more dependent on devices. Addiction to online networking is yet another disadvantage. Fifty per cent of people between the age of 25 and 35 years admitted that they are so attached to social networks that they even use them during working hours.

Q.1) What are the three chief advantages of social networking? (3)

Q.2) How does social networking impact learning? (2)

- Q.3) How do companies benefit from social networking? (2)
Q.4) How do social networking sites increase crime? (2)
Q.5) Write a statement from the passage that shows the growing popularity of the internet. (1)

SECTION IV
GRAMMAR (10)

- I] Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice. (2)
1. Our dog did not bite the cat.
2. Levis Strauss invented the blue jeans.
- II] Rewrite the following sentences in the active voice. (2)
1. This book was written by an Irishman.
2. The President is elected by the people.
- III] Change the assertive sentence into interrogative. (1)
It is useless to cry over split milk.
- IV] Change the exclamatory sentence into assertive. (1)
What a delightful party it was!
- V] Change the affirmative sentence into negative. (1)
Jack always agrees to help his friends.
- VI] Add a question tag to the following sentences. (2)
1. People will catch the thief.
2. Alison likes to play tennis.
- VII] Rewrite the sentence according to the instructions given. (1)
As soon as the headmaster seated himself, he sent for the clerk.
(Begin: Hardly....)