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Questions [32 marks]

1. Which of the following is the PRIMARY purpose of a newspaper article about misinformation on social media? A) To entertain readers with funny posts B) To inform readers about the dangers of false information C) To advertise new social media platforms D) To teach readers how to create fake news **(1)**

2. Read this sentence: "Khanyisa scrolled through her feed and saw a post claiming that a local politician had resigned." What is the function of the subordinate clause in this sentence? **(2)**

3. Rewrite this sentence in the passive voice: "Faried shared misleading information about the water shortage in Cape Town without checking the source." **(2)**

4. Which word is spelled INCORRECTLY in this sentence about social media: "The rumour about the celebrety's accident spread rapidily across Twitter, but it was compleetly false." **(1)**

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5. Read this summary attempt: "Social media is where people post things. Many people use it every day. Sometimes fake news happens on social media." Why is this NOT an effective summary of an article on misinformation? Give ONE reason. **(2)**

6. Identify the type of sentence: "Liezel believed the false story about the power cuts in Johannesburg, so she warned all her friends." Is this a simple, compound, or complex sentence? **(1)**

7. Correct the error in this sentence: "The journalist, who investigated the misinformation campaign, were shocked by how many people believed the fake report." **(1)**

8. Which of these headlines from a magazine article BEST shows a critical perspective on social media misinformation? A) "People Share Posts Online" B) "How Fake News Spreads Faster Than Truth: A Deep Investigation" C) "Social Media Exists" D) "Celebrity News Updates" **(2)**

9. Read this sentence: "Rohan claimed that the news about the water crisis in Chatsworth was real; however, three fact-checkers proved it false." Which word or phrase shows CONTRAST between the two ideas? **(1)**

10. Write a ONE-sentence summary of this scenario: "A false story about a school closure in Soweto was posted by a student. Within two hours, 500 people had shared it. Parents panicked. The school issued a statement denying the rumour. By then, thousands had already seen the misinformation." **(3)**

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11. Rewrite this sentence to make it more concise without losing meaning: "In the area of social media platforms, which are used by young people in South Africa, misinformation spreads very, very quickly and causes a lot of harm to people's trust." **(2)**

12. Read this argumentative opening sentence: "Social media companies should be held responsible for misinformation because they profit from engagement, whether the content is true or false." Is this a STRONG argumentative opening? Explain your answer in ONE sentence. **(2)**

13. Identify and correct ALL errors in this newspaper report headline and first sentence: "Fake News Storm Over Coastal Town -- Residents in Sea Point has recieved false alerts about beach closures, witch spread panic among fishermen and tourists." **(3)**

14. Read this magazine article extract: "Tinyiko discovered that a post claiming the government had banned traditional ceremonies was spreading in Limpopo. She traced it back to a satirical website, but thousands of people had already shared it as real news." Write a paragraph (4-5 sentences) explaining how this example demonstrates why critical thinking is essential when encountering social media posts. Use evidence from the extract. **(5)**

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15. Analyse this argumentative claim: "Young people like Marco and Samantha should not be allowed to post on social media because they spread misinformation." Rewrite this claim to make it MORE reasonable and evidence-based, without changing the main topic. **(4)**

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