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QUESTION 1 LANGUAGE PRACTICE [42 marks]

1. Rewrite the following sentence in the past perfect tense: "Priya scrolls through Instagram and sees a negative comment about her appearance." **(2)**

2. Identify the grammatical error in this sentence: "After posting her selfie, the comments were overwhelming for Zinhle." **(1)**

3. Complete the Type 3 conditional: If Rohan _____ (realise) the harmful effects of social media earlier, he _____ (spend) less time online. **(2)**

4. Which word is spelled incorrectly in this sentence about Lerato's mental health struggles: "The consistant pressure from peers on TikTok affected her confidence"? **(1)**

5. Rewrite the following sentence to correct the dangling participle: "Scrolling through Instagram for hours, Liezel's grades dropped significantly." **(2)**

6. In the sentence "Murendeni compared his life to others online and felt inadequate," identify the type of conjunction used. **(1)**

7. Rewrite this awkward sentence for clarity and style: "The reason why teenagers use social media is because they want to feel connected with their friends even if they are physically apart." **(3)**

8. Identify and explain the rhetoric device (anaphora) in: "Social media promises connection; social media delivers isolation; social media steals our time." **(3)**

9. Explain why the author might have chosen the word "addiction" instead of "habit" in this sentence: "His social media addiction consumed every waking moment." **(2)**

10. In formal writing, which version is grammatically correct? (a) "If I was Chloe, I would delete my accounts." (b) "If I were Chloe, I would delete my accounts." Explain why. **(2)**

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11. Correct and explain the error in this sentence: "Having received thousands of likes, the teenager's self-worth became dependent on social validation." **(2)**

12. Identify the antithesis in this sentence and explain its effect: "Social media connects us globally yet isolates us locally." **(3)**

13. Rewrite the following paragraph for coherence, grammar, and style (3-4 sentences minimum): "Tshepiso posted a video online. The video got negative comments. She felt bad. Social media is harmful. She deleted the app." **(4)**

14. Analyse the rhetorical question in this sentence and explain its purpose: "How can teenagers maintain healthy self-esteem when every image they see is filtered and fake?" **(3)**

15. Identify the tense used in this sentence and rewrite it in present perfect continuous: "Aryan struggled with social media anxiety for six months." **(2)**

16. In the context of discussing social media's effects on mental health, explain why the sentence "Gadija's constant comparison of herself to influencers has been destroying her confidence" is more effective than "Gadija compares herself to influencers and this destroys her confidence." Use at least two language terms in your explanation. **(4)**

17. Edit the following paragraph for grammar, syntax, punctuation, and style. Rewrite it completely: "Suffering from cyberbullying on WhatsApp, Kavya's parents didn't know how to help her. The impacts of online harassment is serious. If she would have told them sooner, they could have intervened quicker. Social media -- it's both a blessing and a curse, isn't it?" **(5)**

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