

Section A: Reading

Answer all questions in this section.

You are advised to spend about one hour on this section.

Read Source 1, 'With friends like these...' by Tom Hodgkinson.

- 1 From reading the article, what do you understand about the issues the writer has with Facebook?

[8 marks]

The writer shows the reader that Facebook actually does the opposite of what it is intended, "it rather disconnect(s) us" where it is meant to bring everybody closer together.

He also shows us that Facebook infect "isolates us" as we become increasingly "chained to my (our) desk(s)" instead of meeting people in person.

He also reveals that Facebook is used to satisfy the "vanity and self-importance" that we have ^{increasingly} in this modern world.

We understand from this article that Facebook is used for many as a reassurance of their ego and character "In order to get approval."

The writer also indicates that the social media site is creating an unhealthy relationship ~~with~~ amongst friends, ^{interpret} creating a "disturbing competitiveness".

We also see that he thinks ~~Facebook~~ that

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many users are being scammed into using it as the facebook creators steal their money and who have "volunteered their ID card information" showing that facebook is just a money stealing organisation.

He then goes on to say that it is "profoundly uncreative" as they are making money and profits out of friendships that already existed.

Finally he shows that people are not spending enough time doing useful things "such as reading books" he believes that facebook is a "waste (of) time".

Clear evidence that text understood.

Range of issues.

Interprets the text.

Approp. qts. throughout.

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