A new study suggests that social media sites have created a new phenomenon known as "Facebook depression". The American Academy of Pediatrics recently warned parents about the possible dangers of networking websites on their children's mental health. Report co-author Gwenn O'Keefe described the way social interaction is changing: "For some teens and tweens, social media is the primary way they interact socially, rather than at the mall or a friend's house," she said. Ms O'Keefe added: "A large part of this generation's social and emotional development is occurring while on the Internet and on cellphones. Parents need to understand these technologies so they can relate to their children's online world."

The report says it is essential for parents to be aware of how social media sites can affect children and that the Internet is not always a healthy environment for kids. The writers also urged parents to be on the lookout for cyberbullying, sexting and online predators. They recommended parents take an active role and discuss things like bullying, privacy and feeling down because of what's happening on Facebook. A recent poll stated that 22 per cent of teenagers log on to a social media site more than 10 times a day and more than half at least once a day. There are conflicting reports as to whether Facebook helps youngsters, by allowing them to express themselves, or isolates them from society.

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QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)
Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer.
NO marks are given for only true or false.
1. The condition known as “Facebook depression” is a new phenomenon.
   True
2. An American organization for the aged highlighted this condition.
3. The report author said teens preferred to interact at malls, not online.
4. A survey found that 10% of the kids use social media sites 10 times a day.

II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):
A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)
Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.
1. Happening.
2. Harassment via the web.

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)
1. Write two words from the text that include the same sound as “interaction” /ɪnˈtɛrəkʃən/.
2. Write one word from the text that includes the same sound as in “world” /ɜː/:.
3. Write one word from the text that includes the underlined sound in “created” /ɪd/.

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)
Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.
1. That woman's son is my boyfriend.   That is...
2. She forgot to do her homework.   She...
3. My computer is being repaired.   I...
4. I didn't log on because I didn't know you were online.   If...
5. The police managed to arrest the burglar.   The police...

Write the correct question for the underlined words.
6. She reads her email everyday.   ...?

IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)
Write a composition of between 100 and 125 words on the following topic:

- How important are social media sites to you?
Pruebas de acceso a enseñanzas universitarias oficiales de grado (Bachillerato L.O.E.)
IDIOMA EXTRANJERO: Inglés
- No se permite el uso del diccionario ni de ningún otro material didáctico.
- Las preguntas deberán ser respondidas en Inglés.
- Duración de la prueba: 1 hora y 30 minutos.
- Esta hoja no se entrega y hay que responder todos los bloques de la propuesta elegida, A o B.

PROPUESTA B

The Three Sheiks and Queen of Arabia

Maura, who liked to be thought of as the most beautiful and powerful queen of Arabia, had many suitors. One by one she discarded them, until her list was reduced to just three sheiks. The three sheiks were all equally young and handsome. They were also rich and strong. It was very hard to decide who would be the best of them.

One evening, Maura disguised herself and went to the camp of the three sheiks. As they were about to have dinner, Maura asked them for something to eat. The first gave her some left over food. The second sheik gave her some unappetizing camel's tail. The third shik, who was called Hakim, offered her some of the most tender and tasty meat. After dinner, the disguised queen left the sheiks' camp.

The following day, the queen invited the three sheiks to dinner at her palace. She ordered her servant to give each one exactly what they had given her the evening before. Hakim, who received a plate of delicious meat, refused to eat it if the other two sheiks could not share it with him.

This Sheik Hakim’s act finally convinced Queen Maura that he was the man for her. “Without question, Hakim is the most generous of you,” she announced her choice to the sheiks. “So it is Hakim I will marry”.

QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)
Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer.
- NO marks are given for only true or false.
  1. One of the sheiks was younger and more handsome.
  2. Maura cooked dinner for the three sheiks one evening.
  3. The disguised queen stayed at the sheiks’ camp after dinner.
  4. Hakim wouldn’t eat his meat unless the other sheiks shared it with him.

II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)
Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.
  1. Person who desires another.
  2. Easy to cut or chew.
  3. Covered for deception.
  4. willing to give money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is usual or expected

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)
  1. Write two words from the text that include the same sound as the underlined sound in “man” /æ/ (0.5)
  2. Write one word from the text that includes the same sound as the underlined sound in “thought” /ɔː/ (0.25)
  3. Write one word from the text that includes the same sound as the underlined sound in “the” /ð/ (0.25).

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)
Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1. Hakim offered Maura some of the most tender and tasty meat Maura...
2. I won’t eat the meat if you can’t share it with me. Unless...
3. “Hakim is the most generous of you”. Maura announced
4. Her jokes are not as good as his His jokes
5. Despite the fact that it was very hot, she was wearing her winter clothes. Although
6. Write the correct question for the underlined words My favourite TV programme starts at 21.45 ...

IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)
Write a composition of between 100 and 125 words on the following topic:
- Describe your ideal boyfriend/girlfriend.