

HISSAN CENTRAL EXAMINATION – 2080 (2024)

Grade : XII

F.M. : 75

Time : 3 hrs

ENGLISH (0041 M1)

Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figure in the margin indicates full marks.

Attempt **ALL** the questions:

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The Evolution of Internet Communication

In the early days of the internet, communication was limited to email and basic instant messaging services. With the advent of Web 2.0 technologies, however, the landscape of online communication underwent a **dramatic** transformation. Social media platforms emerged as powerful tools for connecting individuals across the globe in real-time. Features such as status updates, photo sharing, and video calls revolutionized the way people interacted online.

One of the **pioneers** of this shift was Mark Zuckerberg, who founded Facebook in 2004. Initially **launched** as a platform for college students to connect with each other, Facebook quickly expanded its user base and became a global phenomenon. Other platforms like Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat soon followed suit, offering unique features and catering to different aspects of social interaction.

The rise of smartphones further accelerated the **evolution** of internet communication. Mobile apps provided users with instant access to their social networks, enabling them to share moments from their lives anytime, anywhere. The concept of "going viral" took on a new meaning as content spread rapidly across platforms, reaching millions within minutes.

As internet communication continued to evolve, so did the challenges and opportunities it presented. Issues of privacy and data security became major concerns, prompting calls for greater **regulation** and transparency from tech companies. At the same time, the internet also served as a catalyst for social movements and political activism, allowing individuals to mobilize and express their views on a global scale.

Today, the landscape of internet communication is more diverse and **dynamic** than ever before. From messaging apps to live streaming platforms, the options for connecting with others online are virtually endless. As technology continues to advance, it's **clear** that the way we communicate will continue to evolve, shaping the future of human interaction in the digital age.

- A. Complete the following sentences using the words highlighted in the text. Two of those words are not necessary. [5 × 1=5]

- a. His performance in the competition was quite.....
- b. Many scientists believe that climate change is caused by human.....
- c. She was about the outcome of the experiment.
- d. The actor was..... as the next big Hollywood star.
- e. The company finally..... the new software.

- B. Read the text again and write. [5 × 1=5]

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text. FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text.

NOT GIVEN if there is no information in the text.

- a. Facebook was founded in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg.
- b. Twitter was one of the first social media platforms to emerge.
- c. Mobile apps had little impact on the evolution of internet communication.
- d. Privacy and data security were not concerns in the evolution of internet communication.
- e. The internet has only served as a platform for entertainment, not for social movements or activism.

- C. Read the text again and answer the following questions in ONE SENTENCE each. [5 × 1 = 5]

- a. What sparked the dramatic transformation in online communication?
- b. Who founded Facebook, and what was its original purpose?
- c. How did smartphones contribute to the evolution of internet communication?
- d. Besides challenges, what opportunities did the evolution of internet communication present?
- e. What does the text emphasize about the future of internet communication?

2. Write short answers to the following questions based on the textbook [5 × 2 = 10]

- a. How does the narrator help Runtu before leaving his old home? (*My Old Home*)
- b. Why is Gaston surprised with his wife's expression towards the end of the story? (*A Respectable Woman*)

OR

Write the character sketch of Rakesh. (*A Devoted Son*)

- c. Who are the old guards? Why did they grow desperate? (*I Was My Own Route*)

- d. What message does the writer try to convey with the example of technician? (*Knowledge and Wisdom*)

OR

What are the claims made by the Chinese regarding the origin of history and civilization? (*Humility*)

- e. Why does Monsieur Durand tell a lie about his birthplace? (*Facing Death*)

3. Write long answers to the following questions. [2 × 5 =10]

- a. Is "The Bull" a satire against the feudal system of the Rana Period? How? Justify your answer. (*The Bull*)
- b. Does the essay give ways on how to stigmatize inequality? (*Human Rights and the Age of Inequality*)

OR

Do you think the narrator of the story is racist? If yes, what made him feel superior to other races? (*The Treasure in the Forest*)

4. Write a paragraph elaborating the idea of 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) in garbage management within 150 words. [7]
5. "With the rise of online misinformation and fake news, what role do you believe social media platforms should play in combating the spread of false information while preserving freedom of speech?" Write a letter to the editor expressing your idea in about 180 words. [8]
6. The global refugee crisis continues to be a humanitarian challenge of immense proportions. Explore the ethical implications of immigration policies and the responsibilities of nations in providing assistance to refugees. How can international cooperation and solidarity be fostered to address the needs of displaced populations? Write an essay expressing your opinions in approximately 300 words. [10]

7. Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences. [10 × 1=10]

- a. The cat jumped to catch the mouse. (Complete the sentence with an appropriate adverb.)
- b. She is allergiccats. (Put the correct preposition in the blank.)
- c. You always wear a helmet while riding a bike. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)
- d. The cake, baked by my grandmother, (is/was/were) delicious. (Choose the correct verb from the bracket to complete the sentence.)
- e. The teacher the students how to solve complex equations. (Complete the sentence using the correct form of the verb 'teach'.)
- f. He preferred to the movie rather than watching it alone. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence: "going" or "to go").

- g. She didn't have enough money; she decided to save more. (Put the correct conjunction in the blank to complete the sentence.)
- h. This is the book cover is torn. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)
- i. They have built a new bridge over the river. (Change into passive.)
- j. "Where is the nearest bus stop?" (Report this with the reporting clause: She asked.....)

8. Choose and copy the correct answer. [5 × 1=5]

- a. Which of the following words has a different final sound?
(i) rough (ii) though (iii) tough (iv) calf
- b. The initial sound in the word 'Money' is transcribed as
(i) /i/ (ii) /p/ (iii) /m/ (iv) /n/
- c. Which one of the following word has a prefix?
(i) unity (ii) under (iii) union (iv) unfair
- d. In Which quarter of the dictionary do you find the following words?
(i) discipline (ii) narrative (iii) tragedy (iv) ginger
- e. I'm sorry. They aren't staying in this hotel any more. They _____ this morning.
(i) checked in (ii) checked off
(iii) checked out (iv) checked on

THE END