

(For partial students whose first two digits of registration number starts from 79, 80 and 81)

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

Time: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 75

Attempt all questions

1. Read the following text and do the tasks that follow.

Social media has become almost a necessity for us, in today's world. It's become so important and **evolved** so much, that we carry our social media with us throughout the day, on our phones.

One of the major benefits of social media is that you can connect with people all over the world, for free. This comes in handy if you have friends who have travelled abroad. You can send them messages on Facebook or Twitter or Instagram, and they can respond quickly from wherever they are. Social media helps to fortify and **maintain** your personal relationships, even with people who are far away from you. If you have a family member that's travelling, you won't have to wait until they return to hear about their adventures. Just hop on Facebook or Instagram and start chatting and exchanging pictures.

This ability to communicate quickly and easily with people overseas is also very convenient for those who do business, in foreign lands. Social media platforms provide a cheap, easy way to quickly communicate your point to your customers or clients, who are across the world. You can send a private message, publicly share something or video chat, for free. Using social media for a company is very **cost-effective** and time efficient. Staying connected to these people is important to improve your business relationship, and keep your company running properly.

Staying connected to your social networks on the **platforms** that you use can be vital to your professional success. Through social media sites, you can find jobs, inform your community of business opportunities and career openings, and you can even **monetize** your accounts. Keeping a well-maintained network will help you achieve success in your career. A good site to look at, if you're trying to create a professional network, is LinkedIn. The site is designed specifically to help you advance in your career. You'll open up plenty of new opportunities that you didn't have, before.

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Being an active participant in social media is a great way to learn new things. News outlets are constantly using social media, to help keep people in the loop. Social media is the way that news is heard, and it's the way that news is spread. You can make the argument that staying connected to social media is, in fact, staying connected to life. It's not only good for sharing and spreading news, it's a great place to find out about people's opinions on various topics. For example, if you've built a sports **community**, you'll learn about the sports that you love. You can build communities around politics, business, cars, family, education and pretty much whatever other topic you'd like. Social media will enhance your life. It will provide you the chance to communicate, connect and be involved like never before. You'll stay connected with news outlets, family, friends and **virtually** whatever else you'd like to connect with.

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

- It is essential to a healthy balance between work and personal life for overall well-being .
- The simple machines of the past have into advanced technologies that shape our modern world.
- Using renewable energy sources like solar power is a way to reduce electricity bills and environmental impact.
- You should fulfill the required legal procedure to.....your social media like YouTube.
- Martin Chautari is one of the good.....for discussion on social issues.

B) Read the text again and write: [5×1=5]

- TRUE if the statements agree with the information given in the text.
 FALSE if the statements contradict the information given in the text.
 NOT GIVEN if there is no information in the text.
- People from abroad give us information about social media for free.
 - People cannot maintain privacy as messages are shared freely in public.
 - One important feature of LinkedIn is to help people grow in their profession.
 - News channels regularly take the help of social media to spread the news.
 - Social media prevent people from building a community of their interest in learning.

C) Answer the following questions. [5×1=5]

- What role does social media play in people's relationships?
- What is the benefit of social media for job seekers?
- According to the author, how do active users benefit from social media?
- Is the author positive about social media? Why? Give a reason.
- Do you agree with the writer that staying connected to social media is staying connected to life? Give a reason.

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2. Write short answers to the following questions in about **75 words** each. [5×2=10]
- Describe the image of Gouvernail Mrs. Baroda had before she met him.
(*A Respectable Woman*)
 - Briefly describe the scene of Rakesh's home when they first learnt about his success. (*A Devoted Son*)

OR

- Describe Hooker's effort and its result to treat himself, near the end of the story. (*The Treasure in the Forest*)
- Mention the indications of experience in the poem 'A Day'.
 - Why do you think 'comprehensiveness' is important for a wise man?
(*Knowledge and Wisdom*)

OR

What is the effect of ironic tone of the poet in the poem 'Soft Storm'?

- Would you respect the Famous Actress if you meet her suddenly? Give a reason. (*A Matter of Husband*)
3. Write long answers to the following questions in about **150 words** each. [2×5=10]
- Do you think that Mr. Durand's step for the family was appropriate? Support your answer with reasons. (*Facing Death*)

OR

The bull died and you, as Laxminarayan Dahal, had to face the problem. Now, give reasons for how you would act – differently or in the same way as he did. (*The Bull*)

- With reference to the essay *Human Rights and the Age of Inequality*, give your opinions about the situation of child rights in Nepal.
4. Write a news story in about **150 words** using the clues given below. [7]
- more than 771,000 youthsabroad foreign employment in 2022/23.....labor permits approved..... the highest number till date.....Department of Foreign Employment (DoFE).....verifies a total of 609,705 youths in 2023-24.....destination for Nepali youth the UAE, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and South Koreaamong the Gulf countries.....the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as the top destination for employment
5. Many business houses and shops in cities have started to adopt QR code payment system. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 180 words including its growing trend, some challenges and the ways to make it easier to use in Nepal. [8]

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6. Write, in about 300 words, a biography of a successful person from your country/community. Include an introduction, important events of life, causes of popularity, major contributions to society, and recognitions he/she has received. [10]
7. Do as instructed in the brackets and rewrite the sentences. [10×1=10]
- Students did well in the final exam. (*Underline the adverb in the sentence.*)
 - My fingernails (will/may/need/must be) cutting. They are so long.
(*Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal verb.*)
 - He usually(go) to Raithane Bazar.
(*Fill in the blanks with the correct verb to complete the sentence.*)
 - She goes to office foot.
(*Complete the sentence using a suitable preposition in the space.*)
 - She spoke very fast. I understood what she meant to say.
(*Join the given sentences using 'although'.*)
 - The house, I spent many years, is ruined now.
(*Complete the sentences using the correct relative pronoun.*)
 - She said, "Could you tell me where the market street is?"
(*Report this question into indirect speech.*)
 - She is being given treatment by the organizers. (*Change into active voice.*)
 - The man loves (roll) over the grass.
(*Write the correct gerund or infinitive form of the word in the brackets.*)
 - Neither the tracksuit nor the pajamas (fit) me perfectly.
(*Use the correct form of the verb 'fit'.*)
8. Choose and copy the correct alternatives. [5×1=5]
- The tranquility of this lake attracts us all. What is the word class of the word 'tranquility'?
(i) noun (ii) adjective (iii) adverb (iv) verb
 - Which one of the following words falls between the guide words: 'name' and 'narcissism'?
(i) narcissus (ii) naive (iii) narcosis (iv) nanny
 - His father told him to *break a leg* as he fetched him to the examination centre. What is the meaning of the idiom '*break a leg*'?
(i) to avoid an accident (ii) to take care of his health
(iii) not to take a break (iv) not to panic and do it well
 - Which one of the following is the antonym of 'impaired' ?
(i) faulty (ii) perfect (iii) short (iv) scarce
 - Which of the following pairs of words has same vowel sound?
(i) all, saw (ii) taste, ten (iii) twist, feast (iv) pen, pain

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