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Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	TOTAL
Reading Comprehension	Visual Literacy	Summary	Language Structures and Conventions	/ 50
/ 20	/ 10	/ 5	/15	

GRADE 6

ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

CONTROLLED TEST

NOVEMBER 2025

TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

MARKS: 50

This question paper consists of 11 pages.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

1. This question paper consists of FOUR QUESTIONS:
   - QUESTION 1: Reading Comprehension (20 marks)
   - QUESTION 2: Visual Literacy (10 marks)
   - QUESTION 3: Summary (5 marks)
   - QUESTION 4: Language Structures & Conventions in context (15 marks)

2. Read all instructions carefully.

3. Answer ALL the questions.

4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.

5. Write neatly and legibly.

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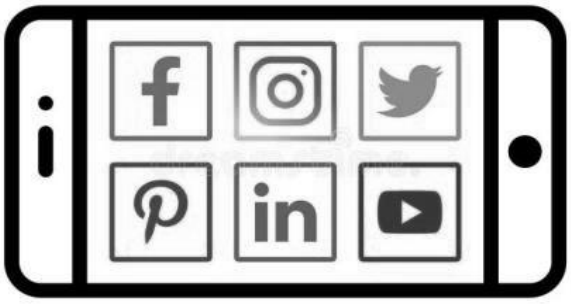
QUESTION 1: READING COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.

How to Stay Safe Online

The internet is a powerful tool that allows people to learn, play, research and stay connected. From watching videos and reading stories to chatting with friends and doing schoolwork, there are many exciting things to explore online. However, it's very important to stay safe while using the internet.

One of the most important safety rules is to **never share personal information**. This includes your full name, address, phone number, passwords, or the name of your school. Once this information is online, it can be misused.



Next, always use a **strong password**. A strong password includes numbers, capital and small letters and special symbols. It should be something that is hard for others to guess. Never share your password with friends or strangers.

Another rule is: **Don't talk to strangers online**. Just like in real life, not everyone online is who they say they are. Avoid accepting friend requests from people you don't know.

If you ever feel scared or unsure about something online, **tell a trusted adult**, such as a parent or teacher. They can help you deal with the problem.

Finally, **don't click on unknown links or pop-up ads**. These could be tricks that lead to dangerous websites or downloading harmful viruses onto your device.

By following these simple rules, you can enjoy the internet safely. Always think before you click!

Source: Unknown

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QUESTIONS

Circle the letter of the correct answer

1.1 What should you do if something online makes you feel scared or uncomfortable? (1)

A Delete your account

B Tell a trusted adult

C Tell your friends

D Ignore it

1.2 Which of the following is considered a strong password? (1)

A yourname2025

B password

C Tr@in!98

D 123456



1.3 Name two things the internet can be used for. (2)

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1.4 What personal information should you never share online? (2)

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1.5 Is the following statement True/False? Tick (✓) the correct box and give a reason for your answer. (2)

It is safe to talk to strangers online if they seem friendly.

True		False	

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1.6 Why is it risky to accept a friend request from someone you don't know? (2)

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1.7 Explain why clicking on unknown links or pop-ups can be dangerous. (2)

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1.8 Do you think it is okay to share your password with your best friend? Tick (✓) the correct box and give a reason for your answer. (2)

Yes		No	

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1.9 Which online safety tip do you think is the most important? Explain why. (2)

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1.10 Imagine your classmate is chatting online with a stranger. What advice would you give them? (2)

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1.11 Why do you think some people ignore online safety rules even though they know the risks? (2)

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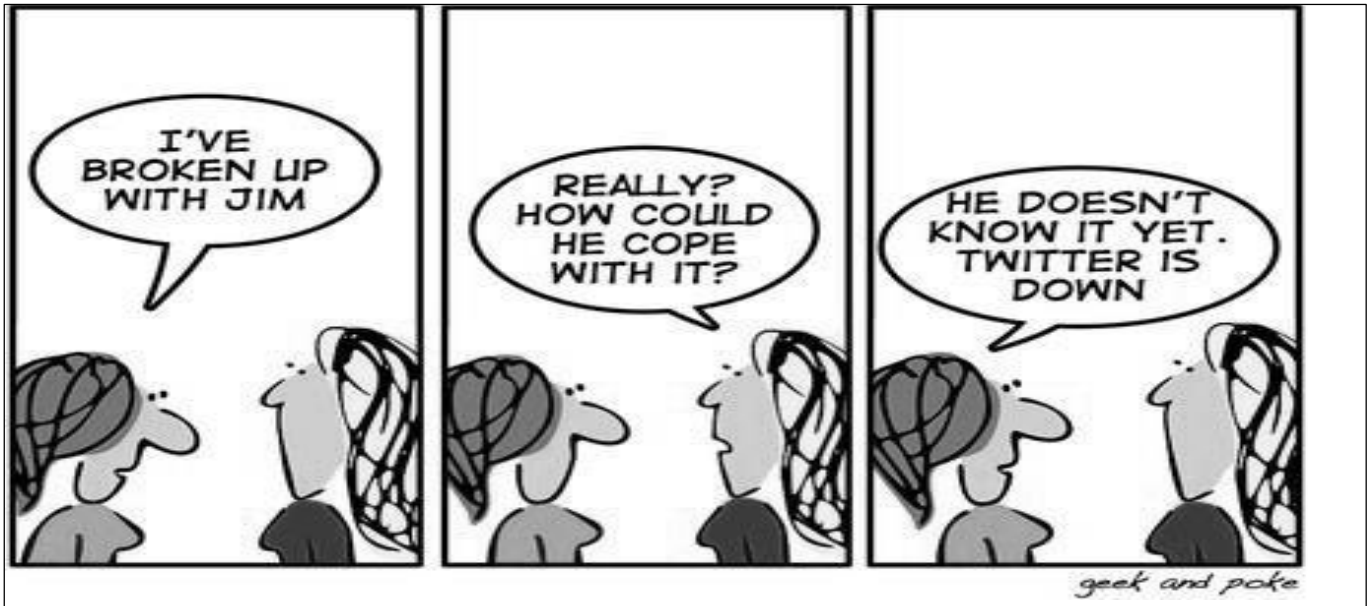
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QUESTION 2: VISUAL LITERACY (10 marks)

Read the visual text below and answer the questions that follow.



Adapted from: https://www.pingdom.com/blog/7-tech-comics-that-will-put-a-big-smile-on-your-face/

QUESTIONS

2.1 What has the girl on the left side done? (1)

A She changed her relationship status on social media
B She posted a photo of herself online
C She blocked Jim on social media
D She sent Jim a message

2.2 Why doesn't Jim know that they have broken up? (1)

A He doesn't follow her on social media
B He doesn't check his messages
C She didn't tell him directly
D He deleted his account

2.3 What does the cartoon suggest about how people use social media to communicate? (1)

A Important news is often shared online instead of in person
B People don't care about communication anymore
C Social media is used for private conversations
D People always talk face-to-face

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2.4 Why is the situation in the cartoon funny or ironic? (1)

A Jim doesn't know they broke up because she only posted it online.

B They are both using different social media platforms.

C The girl told Jim in person, but he forgot.

D Jim is laughing at the joke.

2.5 Do you agree or disagree with using social media to share important personal news? Tick (✓) the correct box and give a reason for your answer. (2)

Agree		Disagree	

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2.6 What lesson can we learn from this cartoon about communication? (1)

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QUESTION 3: SUMMARY (5 marks)

Read the information text below and write a well-structured summary on the topic: *Staying Safe on Social Media*

Remember:

1. Your summary must be between 60–70 words.
2. Focus only on the main ideas from the passage.
3. Use your own words as far as possible.
4. Avoid copying full sentences from the passage.
5. Indicate the number of words used at the end of your summary.

Staying Safe on Social Media



Social media is fun, exciting and a great way to stay connected with friends and family. Platforms like WhatsApp, TikTok, Instagram and YouTube allow us to share our thoughts, photos, and videos. However, using social media comes with responsibilities, and it's important to stay safe online.

First, never share personal information like your address, phone number, or school name with people you don't know. Even if someone seems friendly online, you don't really know who they are. Keep your accounts private and only accept friend requests from people you trust in real life.

Second, think before you post. Once something is online, it can stay there forever—even if you delete it. Avoid posting things that might hurt someone else or that you might regret later. Ask yourself, "Would I say this to someone's face?"

Third, be careful about clicking on links or downloading files from unknown sources. These could contain harmful viruses or lead to scams. If something looks suspicious, tell an adult immediately.

Cyberbullying is another danger. If someone is mean to you online or makes you feel uncomfortable, don't respond. Instead, block the person, take a screenshot, and report them. Always talk to a parent or teacher about it.

Lastly, limit your screen time. Spending too much time online can affect your sleep, mood, and schoolwork. Balance is key!

Social media is a powerful tool, but it must be used wisely. By being careful and kind, you can enjoy everything the digital world has to offer—safely.

Adapted from: https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/social-media-smarts.html

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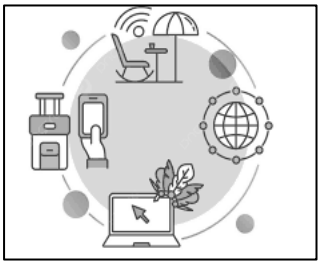
Criteria	3 marks	2 marks	1 mark
Details	Important details are included. (5 main ideas)	Some information is missing (3-4 main ideas)	Contains only 1-2 main ideas.
Paraphrase & conventions		Uses own words to write summary. 1-3 spelling, grammar and conventions errors are found.	Does not use own words to write summary. 4 or more spelling, grammar and conventions errors are found.

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QUESTION 4: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (15 marks)

Refer to the text below and answer the questions that follow.

The Internet: A World of Possibilities



The internet is like a giant digital city. It contains millions of websites, videos, games, articles, social media platforms and communication tools. Children and teens often use the internet to watch YouTube videos, play games, do homework, send messages to friends, or scroll through TikTok, Instagram, or WhatsApp. Schools also use online learning platforms for teaching and homework. The internet allows people to stay connected, learn new skills and discover information on any topic imaginable.

However, just like in a real city, not every part of the internet is safe. Some areas are helpful and educational, while others may be harmful, dangerous, or dishonest. Understanding the difference and learning how to protect yourself is what online safety is all about.

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4.1 Identify the type of adjective used in the sentence below. (1)

Which websites do you visit the most?

A Demonstrative

B Interrogative

C Possessive

D Attributive

4.2 Identify the **type of sentence:** (1)

The internet is like a digital city.

A Exclamation

B Statement

C Command

D Question

4.3 Is the following sentence simple or complex? (1)

Children and teens use the internet to watch videos, play games and do homework.

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4.4 Give an antonym for safe from the text. (1)

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4.5 Give a synonym for helpful. (1)

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4.6 Identify the subject and object in this sentence: (2)

Children use the internet for schoolwork.

Subject: _____

Object: _____

4.7 Rewrite the sentence below in the negative form. (1)

Children use the internet for schoolwork.

_____

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4.8 Underline the correct word in brackets. (1)
The list of websites (is / are) very long.

4.9 Add a suitable pronoun to complete the sentence. (1)
The internet is useful because _____ helps people learn new skills.

4.10 Complete the sentence by underlining the correct conjunction in brackets. (1)
The internet is very useful (because / but) it can also be dangerous.

4.11 Rewrite the sentence with the correct punctuation. (1)
is it safe for children to use the internet
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4.12 Rewrite the sentence in the past tense. (1)
Learners explore different websites for information.
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4.13 Write the correct form of the word in brackets (degree of comparison).
4.13.1 The internet is a _____(safe) place for learning than before. (1)
4.13.2 The internet is the _____(safe) place for learning. (1)

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TOTAL: [50]



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