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NEL 2210 INTERMEDIATE GENERAL ENGLISH -II

Time: 02hours

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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

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Question Number	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1	25
2	10
3	30
4	15
5	20
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Q1. Read the text given below and answer the questions that follow:

The internet and social media provide young people with a range of benefits, and opportunities to **empower** themselves in a variety of ways. Young people can maintain social connections and support networks that otherwise wouldn't be possible, and can access more information than ever before. The communities and social interactions young people form online can be invaluable for **bolstering** and developing young people's self-confidence and social skills.

The use of social media and networking services such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat have become an integral part of Australians' daily lives. While many associate social media with a degradation of young people's social networks and communication skills, a literature review published by the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre found that social networking services actually play a **vital** role in young people's lives - delivering educational outcomes; facilitating supportive relationships; identity formation; and, promoting a sense of belonging and self-esteem.

Social networking services can provide an **accessible** and powerful toolkit for highlighting and acting on issues and causes that affect and interest young people. Social networking services can be used for organising activities, events, or groups to showcase issues and opinions and make a wider audience aware of them. E.g. Coordinating band activities, fundraisers, and creating awareness of various causes.

Social networking services can be used to **hone** debating and discussion skills in a local, national or international context. This helps users develop public ways of presenting themselves. Personal skills are very important in this context: to make, develop and keep friendships, and to be regarded as a trusted connection within a network. Social networking services can provide young people with opportunities to learn how to function successfully in a community, **navigating** a public social space and developing social norms and skills as participants in peer groups.

[Source: <https://schools.au.reachout.com/articles/benefits-of-internet-and-social-media>]

1. What is this text about?

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(2 marks)

2. Mention at least four main benefits, being listed in the text by having access to Internet and the Social media?

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(3 marks)

3. What country does this article refers to in terms of the research being spoken of?

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(2 marks)

4. Whose research, according to the article provides support that social networking is useful?

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(3 marks)

5. How do social networking sites help one to improve debating and speaking skills of a person?

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(3 marks)

6. According to the text mention some of the social networking sites that have become an important part of an Australian's daily life?

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(3 marks)

7. How does a toolkit provided by a social networking help someone to initiate desired activities?

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(3 marks)

Give similar words for the following:

1. empower
2. bolstering
3. accessible
4. hone
5. navigating
6. vital

Marks: 6 x 1 = 6

Total 25 Marks

Q2: Translate the following from Tamil to English

சிறிய நடுத்தர அளவிலான தொழில் முயற்சியாளர்களுக்கும் வங்கிகளுக்குமிடையிலான என்டர் பிரைஸ் ஸ்ரீ லங்கா கடன் திட்டம் தொடர்பான விழிப்புணர்வுக் கலந்துரையாடல் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை காலை மட்டக்களப்பு மாவட்ட செயலக மாநாட்டு மண்டபத்தில் நடைபெற்றது.

மாவட்ட சிறிய தொழில் முயற்சி அபிவிருத்திப்பிரிவின் ஏற்பாட்டில், மாவட்ட மேலதிக அரசாங்க அதிபர் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்ற இந்தக் கலந்துரையாடலில், உதவி மாவட்டச் செயலாளர், சிறிய தொழில் முயற்சி அபிவிருத்திப்பிரிவு மேற்பார்வை உத்தியோகத்தர், உத்தியோகத்தர்கள், பிரதேச செயலக ரீதியான உத்தியோகத்தர்கள், மாவட்டத்தின் தொழில் முயற்சியாளர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

இக்கலந்துரையாடலில் 1 மக்கள் வங்கி, பிரதேச அபிவிருத்தி வங்கி, இலங்கை வங்கி, கொமர்ஷல் வங்கி ஆகியவற்றின் முகாமையாளர்கள், பிரதிநிதிகளுக்குமிடையிலான என்டர் பிரைஸ் ஸ்ரீ லங்கா கடன் திட்டம் தொடர்பான விளக்கங்களை வழங்கியதுடன், இக்கடன் திட்டம் மற்றும் செயற்பாடு குறித்த தொழில் முயற்சியாளர்களின் சந்தேகங்களுக்கும் விளக்கங்களை வழங்கினர்.

[Source: <http://www.tamilmirror.lk>]

Marks: 10

Q3: A) Change the following sentences in to passive voice.

a) The Government is planning a new secretariat near the tsunami village.

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b) My grandfather built this farmhouse in the late 90s at Batticaloa.

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c) The cleaner has cleaned the office according to the work allocated .

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d) He had written three books before he died.

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e) The manager will tell you what to do later.

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Marks: 5 x 2 = 10

B) Fill the gaps with the correct tenses.

1. I(learn) English for seven years.

2. But last year I..... (not / work) hard enough for English, that's why my marks..... (not / be) really that good then.

3. As I..... (pass / want) my English exam successfully next year, I..... (study) harder this term.

4. During my last summer holidays, my parents..... (send) me on a language course to London.

5. It..... (be) great and I(think) I..... (learn) a lot.

6. Before I..... (go) to Colombo, I..... (not / enjoy) learning English.

7. But while I..... (do) the language course, I..... (meet) lots of young people from all over the island.
8. There I..... (notice) how important it..... (be) to speak a link language such as English nowadays.
9. Now I..... (have) much more fun learning English than I(have) before the course.
10. At the moment I..... (revise) English grammar.

Marks: 10 x 2 = 20

Q5: Write a letter to the Deputy Registrar of the Faculty of Arts and Culture, complaining about the irregular water supply available at the Student common room and the canteen at the faculty. Words 100.

Do not write any addresses and follow the format given in the space below.

Marks:15

Dear Madam,

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Q5: Write a composition on one of the followings in about 250 words:

(Give a suitable introduction and conclusion for the composition in addition to the discussion of the topic)

English Language skills for securing better employment opportunities

Marks: 20This image shows a full page of a handwriting practice worksheet. It consists of approximately 20 horizontal rows. Each row is defined by two parallel dotted lines, creating a series of uniform gaps for letter height. The paper is otherwise blank, with no margins, text, or other markings.

