



First Term Examination

Instructions: Read the following passage CAREFULLY then do the tasks that follow.

Instagram is an online photo-sharing, video-sharing and social networking service that enables its users to take pictures and videos, apply digital filters to them, and share them on a variety of social networking services such as Facebook , threads, and X, formerly known as Twitter.

Instagram began its journey in October 2010, capturing imaginations with its distinctive square-shaped photographs, like digital snapshots mirroring the nostalgic vibes of Kodak Instamatics and Polaroids.

The service rapidly gained popularity. By December 2010, Instagram had 1 million registered users. In June 2011, Instagram announced it had 5 million users and it passed ten million in September of the same year. In April 2012, it was announced that over 30 million accounts were set up on the social network. Instagram recently made headlines with its efforts to keep the "Insta-universe" as a positive space and has prohibited any photographs that promote self-harm. By May 2012, the total number of photographs uploaded had exceeded one billion. Today, users unleash their creativity through personal photos, videos, live broadcasts, and even long-form IGTV content.

In my opinion, Instagram is a refuge for all of us; young and adults, who want to run away from the adults taking over Facebook. Either way which ever you choose they are both a fun and new way to interact and communicate with old friends and family and to make new friends from all around the world. It is one of the many advantages of the modern technology. If I had to choose one, I would choose Instagram; people are nicer here. However, Facebook was my first love, and who can forget their first love, looks like I am stuck in my love triangle for a long time.

Adapted from the net.

A/ Reading Comprehension:

Task 01: Read the text again then answer the following questions:

1. What technology is mentioned as evoking a nostalgic vibe in connection with Instagram's square-shaped photographs?
 - a) Kodak Instamatics
 - b) Digital Cameras
 - c) Smartphones
2. What milestone did Instagram reach in terms of the total number of photographs uploaded by May 2012?
 - a) 5 million
 - b) 30 million
 - c) 1 billion

3. What is a synonym for "unleash" as used in the text?

- a) Restrain
- b) Release
- c) Constrain

4. What is a synonym for "distinctive" as used in the text?

- a) Common
- b) Unique
- c) Ordinary

Task 02: Read the text carefully then say whether the following statements are TRUE, FALSE or NOT MENTIONED.

1. Taking pictures and sharing them can be done only between Instagram users. _____
2. The author believes Instagram is a refuge from adults taking over Facebook. _____
3. Two years after its creation, the number of Instagram users had decreased. _____
4. Instagram photographs are triangular in shape. _____

B / MASTERY OF LANGUAGE (8pts)

Task 01:

1. The popularity of Instagram _____ (**grow**) rapidly since its creation in 2010.
 - a) 'were growing'
 - b) 'grown'
 - c) 'grew'
2. Before Instagram prohibited certain content, it _____ (**allow**) a wide range of creative expression.
 - a) 'is allowing'
 - b) 'have allowed'
 - c) 'had allowed'
3. At this very moment, many users on Instagram and Facebook _____ (**share**) their latest experiences through live video broadcasts.
 - a) 'had shared'
 - b) 'are sharing'
 - c) 'have shared'
4. Individuals who _____ (**not, take**) proper precautions _____ (**face**) privacy issues on social media.
 - a) 'had not taken', 'faced'
 - b) 'are not taking', 'facing'
 - c) 'have not taken', 'faced'

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Your Teacher of English.*