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Part One: Reading Comprehension **(12/20)**

Read the selection below in which the writer highlights the meaning of friendship in an era of technology. Then, answer the questions that follow.

Reflections on True Friendship

1 Is childhood the golden time for making real friends? Can you bring old relationships back? The other day, I read a novel by William Maxwell- "So Long, See You Tomorrow"- and I realized that it reflects the true meaning of friendship; it is the strong bond, the constant availability, and the **everlasting** promise that starts at the age of twelve and remains forever.

2 My great friend at that age was Mark MacDonald. In those early days, Mark was my only companion and support: whatever happened at home, Mark would always be there to make my **gloomy** day a bright one. We would wake up at dawn to wander over the fields, scan the beaches for coins, climb the hills together and sit there comparing our future plans.

3 Having not seen Mark for thirty years, I recently tried to find him again, but in vain. I surfed the internet thoroughly, but I found nothing about him. I even checked death certificates, fearing that my old friend might have died. Eventually, I drove to the neighborhood where we once lived, but he wasn't there. I looked up at the window of my old house, remembering how I used to shine a torch from there to Mark's bedroom. Two flashes meant goodnight. Three flashes meant see you tomorrow.

4 I believe that technology has changed the meaning of friendship. My daughter is twelve and most things that happen to her are photographed and documented. She has over 100 Facebook friends, and she says, as many other youngsters do, she doesn't know half of them. Being an active follower on social media, she and her so-called "friends" get in touch, discuss likes and dislikes, watch and sometimes even share each other's videos and posts on occasions and ceremonies. Unfortunately, this kind of what those youngsters call "friendship" is a **widespread** phenomenon to which they are blindly attached all over the world. Social media has transformed this **pleasant** relationship into terrible shallowness related to one's self-image and status updates.

5 Well, as the late Muhammad Ali said, "Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything." It is something beyond achievement or romance, money or technology, religion or reputation. That's why I miss my old friend Mark MacDonald. I was never photographed with him, but in difficult times, I will imagine him in front of me, a living guarantee that there will always be someone in life who knows the real you. When all the machines are off, and when all the chips are down, I see his light. Three flashes.

Questions

A- Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own.

1- Based on paragraph 2, what two words does the writer use to describe his friend Mark? What reasons does he mention? **(01)**

2- What three actions did the writer take to find his friend? **(1.5)**

3- Based on paragraph 4, how would you describe the writer's attitude towards modern technology concerning friendship? Justify. **(01)**

4- What message does the underlined sentence of paragraph 5 convey? Choose the best answer. **(0.5)**

a-True friendship relies on technology. b-True friendship lasts forever.

c- Friends are missed only in difficult times.

B- Based on the selection, what does each of the following underlined pronouns refer to? (1.5)

1- him (Paragraph 3) 2- they (Paragraph 4) 3- It (Paragraph 5)

C- Use contextual clues to figure out the meaning of each word in the box below. Then, fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the following sentences. (02)

everlasting (Paragraph 1)	**gloomy** (Paragraph 2)
pleasant (Paragraph 4)	**widespread** (Paragraph 4)

1- It was so warm and _____ outside that we all wanted to take a walk.

2- The wrong use of technology might turn our future _____.

3- The happy moments of my childhood have an _____ effect on my life.

4- _____ poverty is causing the death of many children in different countries.

D- The reading selection has 5 paragraphs (1-5) Each of the following extracts(A) and (B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts (A) and (B) carefully and then choose from paragraphs(1-5) the one that correctly fits with each extract. (01)

Extract (A) And that is a change: the thing about friendship used to be that the ideal was shared entirely by the pair of you, or sometimes by a group, yet it remained local, and that was part of its power.

Extract (B) Mark had always dreamt of becoming a pharmacist, and I had had a wish to be a well-known teacher.

E- In each of the following sentences, there is ONE grammatical error. Identify the error and then correct it. (02)

1- Nobody couldn't say what his fault was.

2- Could you please tell me what is true friendship?

3- If Sarah had gone with us last night, she would meet all friends.

4- Mark MacDonald can't been found by his friend.

F- Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated, without changing the meaning. (1.5)

1- Social media has transformed all relationships.

All relationships _____.

2- Tania is a heavy user of social media, but she doesn't have a lot of friends.

Although _____.

3- The internet ruins the real relationships, and it puts its users under pressure.

Not only _____.

Part Two: Writing Choose **ONE** of the following prompts. **(08/20)**

Prompt (A): *Fundamentally, when you're in trouble, you don't want many people, but just one.*
Based on the above statement, discuss the role of friendship in people's life, and its influence on their lifestyles and behaviors. Provide an outline and an appropriate title and then develop your ideas in a well-organized essay .Give examples from real life to support your ideas. Your essay should have a thesis statement that states the main idea(s), topic sentence(s) that you elaborate well by giving sufficient details, and a meaningful conclusion. Revise and proofread your essay.

Prompt (B): *Social networks give people the option of becoming "close friends", or "acquaintances", and, naturally, they always have the option of clicking "unfriend".*
Based on the statement above, write a narrative essay about someone you heard about or met on a social network to become your friend. Unfortunately, you faced a problem(s) which he/she was the main cause of. As you develop your essay, explain what happened, how others reacted, who helped you, and what lesson you learnt. Copy and fill out the chart below. Develop your own narrative by providing sufficient details.

Title	
Setting	
Characters	
Events	
Lesson learnt	

Your essay will be evaluated based on ideas **(2.5)**, language **(2.5)**, chart and title **(02)**, tidiness and handwriting **(01)**

MocksPt2 ANSWER KEY
9BC

Reading Comprehension (12/20)

A.
1. The writer uses the words 'companion' and 'support' to describe Mark. Mark is always there to brighten his days and share activities and future plans. **(01)**
2. The writer surfed the internet thoroughly, checked death certificates and drove to the neighborhood to find his friend. **(1.5)**
3. The writer has a negative attitude towards modern technology concerning friendship. In paragraph 4, the writer states that social media has changed pleasant relationships into terrible ones focusing only on one's self image and status. **(01)**
4. **b). True friendship lasts forever (0.5)**

B. (1.5)
1. Him : Mark
2. They : youngsters
3. It : friendship

C. (02)
1. pleasant
2. gloomy
3. everlasting
4. widespread

D. (01)
1. Extract (**A**) is the correct part that completes paragraph **4**.
2. Extract (**B**) is the correct part that completes paragraph **2**.

E. (02)
1. Nobody ***could*** say what his fault was.
2. Could you please tell me what true ***friendship is***?
3. If Sarah had gone with us last night, she would ***have met*** all friends.
4. Mark MacDonald can't ***be*** found by his friend.

F. (1.5)
1. All relationships ***have been transformed by social media***.
2. Although ***Tania is a heavy user of social media, she doesn't have a lot of friends***.
3. Not only ***does the Internet ruin the real relationships, but it also puts its users under pressure***.

Writing (08/20)
Outline/chart and title **(02)**
Ideas and organization **(2.5)**
Language and style **(2.5)**
Tidiness and legible handwriting **(01)**