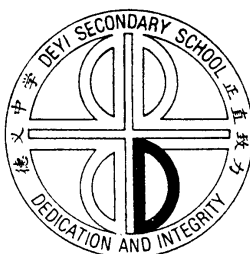


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**Combined Humanities
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Paper 1

15 August 2019

0800 – 0945h
1 hour 45 min

Candidates answer on Writing Paper.
Cover Pages for Answer Script included.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Section A: You must answer **all parts** of Question 1.

Section B: You must answer **all parts** of Question 2.

Write the question numbers on the Cover Page provided and fasten your answer scripts to the Cover Page.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks for each part-question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question.

Total: 50 marks

This question paper consists of 7 printed pages including the separate cover page.

Section A (Source-based Case Study)

Question 1 is **compulsory** for all candidates.

Study the background information and the sources carefully, and then answer all the questions.

You may use any of the sources to help you answer the questions, in addition to those sources which you are told to use. In answering the questions, you should use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources.

1 Citizenship and Governance**(a) Study Source A.**

What does the source tell you about how social media is used?
Explain your answer. [5]

(b) Study Source B.

Why was this infographic published? Explain your answer. [6]

(c) Study Sources C and D.

Do you think the author of Source C would agree with the author of Source D about influence of social media on society? Explain your answer. [7]

(d) Study Source E.

Are you surprised by the news featured in Source E? Explain your answer. [7]

(e) Study all the sources.

How far do the sources in the case study show that citizens in the United Kingdom use social media responsibly? Explain your answer. [10]

Issue: Do citizens in the United Kingdom use social media responsibly?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Read this carefully. It may help you answer some of the questions.

The use of social media is a common part of life in the United Kingdom(UK). At the beginning of 2017, the total number of social media users in the UK had reached over 39 million users. They enjoy the freedom of browsing and communicating through social media as the government does not have extreme censorship restrictions.

Social media platforms are a key means for individuals in the United Kingdom to search for, receive, share and impart information, ideas and opinions. More importantly, in a digitalized world, citizens use social media as a platform to exercise their right to freedom of expression.

While freedom of expression in social media has the potential to increase awareness about societal issues and impact change within society, some argue the opposite. They explain that social sharing has encouraged people to be bold with hate speech targeted at minority groups. It has also led to an increase in online harassment and cyber bullying.

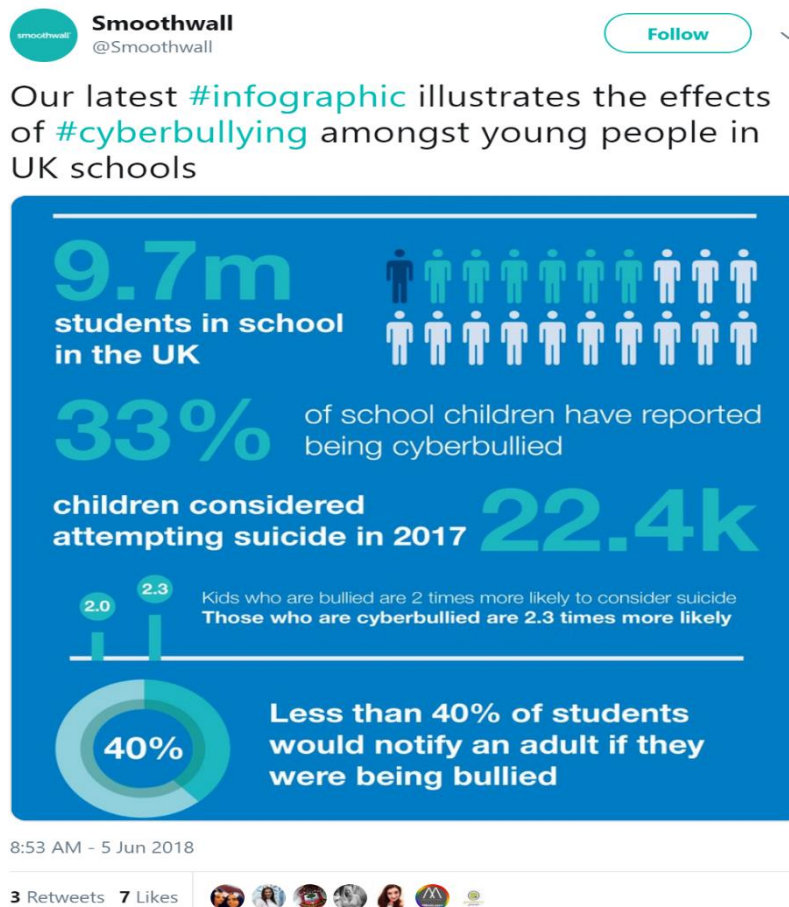
Study the sources to understand if citizens in the United Kingdom use social media responsibly.

Source A: Adapted from a news article published on a French online news website in 2017.

According to statistics released by the Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford, approximately three quarters of people in Britain are in favour of reducing immigration. There has also been a rise in anti-migrant sentiments in the UK.

The “I am an Immigrant” campaign features posters with photos of immigrants, along with their home country and their job in the UK. Some of the highlighted professions include a teacher and nurses. The campaign encourages immigrants to submit their photos and stories to create their own poster. This poster can be tweeted using the hashtag #IAmAnImmigrant.

Source B: A tweet that presents statistics about cyberbullying in the UK in 2018.



Source C: Adapted from an article featured on an UK based online magazine named 'Evening Standard' in 2018.

The main takeaways were that 64 per cent of young people in the UK regard social media platforms as an essential part of achieving social change. Young women were twice as likely to use social media to campaign on social issues, whereas young men were twice as likely to use the platforms to communicate with politicians and political groups. Amika George, age 16, founder of campaign group *Free Periods, has used social media to highlight the issue of **period poverty. Following protests outside Downing Street - organised through social media - the government pledged £1.5 million in funds to tackling it.

* Solution to the period poverty problem by providing free pads and tampons in schools

**Lack of menstrual supplies to girls

Source D: Adapted from an article published on an International Edition of news website 'The Guardian' in 2017.

Almost half of all girls in the UK have experienced some form of harassment or abuse on social media, according to a survey of more than 1,000 young people. The poll also showed that 40% of boys have received harassment online. Lucy Russell, campaign manager at Plan International, said: "What we did find is the nature of abuse differs, and if you look at what girls are experiencing offline, for example, street sexual harassment, that is being echoed in the online world. So girls are being told what to wear, how to look, to shut up about their opinions ... That really stood out for us."

SOURCE E: Extract from a *Business Insider SG* (Singapore based online news portal) article published in April 2019.

A UK regulator, the Information Commissioner's Office, has proposed a rule that would restrict people under 18 from using the "like" button on Facebook or Instagram. The proposal, part of a 16-rule code, was introduced to better protect minors on social media platforms. The code aims to limit efforts by social media platforms to keep people on their apps for longer periods of time and thus limiting the opportunity to give out personal information online.

SECTION B (Structured - Response Question)

Question 2 is **compulsory** for all candidates.

2 Living in a Globalised World

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

Extract 1

The Government will continue to expand a current initiative to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) transform digitally to stay in business amid disruptions to their business models brought about by new technologies. The scheme has helped about 4,000 out of 200,000 SMEs in Singapore in basic automation.

Extract 2

A vibrant and innovative economy provides our people with the opportunities to realise their potential and to have a better life. Our efforts to transform our economy are bearing fruit. In tandem with the global expansion, the Singapore economy grew by 3.2 per cent in 2018.

Extract 3

Competition for jobs has shifted in a globalised world. From one largely restricted within clearly defined national boundaries to a global auction open to competition across borders. Many university graduates in developed economies, including Britain and the United States, are confronted with a reverse in which they are competing with much cheaper graduates in countries like India and China.

(a) Extract 1 shows how the government supports local SMEs to remain competitive in a globalised world.

In your opinion, what do you think local SMEs can do to thrive in an increasingly competitive global economy. Explain your answer using one strategy. [7]

(b) Extract 2 and Extract 3 are about the economic impact of globalisation on individuals and countries.

Explain the positive and negative impact on individuals because of the global economy. [8]

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