**Reading Comprehension Grade 10**

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1. My first few logins into Facebook had been cautious and brief. It had been a guilty pleasure - an enjoyable escape. But over two years, I'd turned into a **Facebook beast**, uploading over 30 photograph albums weekly, posting countless ridiculous status updates and acquiring hundreds of fake online "friends." People posted anything and everything, surrendering their own privacy and that of their friends. I’d felt something akin to separation anxiety if I ever found myself offline for more than a few hours.

1. The turning point came when I completely forgot about a long-planned reunion with a friend one evening because I had been engaged into mindless Facebook chatting. This is ridiculous, I thought. Surely social networking was supposed to enhance my social life, not to trash **it**! I should have realized that quite earlier and I told myself that I'd managed perfectly well pre-Facebook and resolved to return to simpler times. I would still keep in touch with people I liked. I had a mobile phone and I was perfectly capable of sending an e-mail or penning a letter. And so I decided to deactivate. It only took a few clicks and was pretty painless.

1. Facebook demanded to know why I'd left; but my mind had been made up. I wanted to see if I could cope without - for at least a week. It gave me the option to return at any time and resurrect my account, but I felt liberated. I was flattered that people cared about me and felt a little ache for the old Facebook camaraderie. Of course, not everyone worried about my departure - or even noticed. One of my Facebook mates was perplexed after seeing that his Facebook friend count reduced by one, but hadn't investigated who might have gone away.

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**From a, b, c and d, choose the correct answer: (8 x 10 = 80) 1- What type of writing is the passage?**

a- Narrative b- Expository c- Descriptive d- Argumentative

1. **What is the main idea of the passage?** 
   1. My life is over without Facebook b- My life is better without Facebook c- My life is boring without Facebook d- My life is meaningless without Facebook
2. **Which best defines the word “Facebook beast” as used in paragraph 1?** 
   1. Facebook hater b- Facebook addict c- Facebook admin d- Facebook messenger
3. **According to paragraph 2, when was Caroline aware of her ridiculous situation?** 
   1. When she chatted with an old friend b- When Facebook asked her to come back c- When she forgot a meeting with a friend d- When she decided to keep in touch with her friends
4. **Which of the following statements is TRUE?** 
   1. It was really hard for Caroline to quit Facebook b- Facebook users pour their personal data into social media c- Caroline denies the fact that she was addicted to Facebook d- Caroline was perplexed to see all her online friends touched by her disappearance
5. **What does the underlined pronoun “it” in paragraph 2 refer to?** 
   1. social life b- turning point c- Facebook chatting d- social networking **7- What can be understood from paragraph 3?**

a- Caroline was ignored by Facebook b- Caroline surrendered to Facebook again c- Caroline used to be enslaved to Facebook d- Caroline’s Facebook mates worried about her decision

**8- The writer’s purpose in writing this passage is probably to:**

a- forget about all the online friends b- encourage people to use Facebook c- persuade people to quit social network sites

d- enhance people to login Facebook through their mobile phones