

Cognome, Nome: _____

Matricola _____

Dictionaries are not permitted. Time allowance: 2 ½ hours.

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Open Cloze*a) Fill each gap with ONE word.*

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Social media has become an increasingly important part of students' daily lives, and many educational institutions are now considering how it affects learning. Recent studies suggest that social media can have both positive and negative effects, depending (1) _____ how it is used.

Some teachers argue that social media helps students keep (2) _____ with current events and provides opportunities to share ideas with classmates outside the classroom. Educational content can be passed (3) _____ quickly, allowing learners to access information from a wide range of sources.

However, others are concerned that students may become too caught up in online activity and struggle to concentrate (4) _____ more demanding tasks. Critics point (5) _____ that constant notifications can interrupt learning and make it difficult (6) _____ focus on complex problems for extended periods.

There are also concerns about the reliability of information shared online. Students are often encouraged to check facts carefully rather than take information (7) _____ face value. In addition, they should learn how to tell the difference (8) _____ trustworthy sources and misleading content.

Supporters of social media in education argue that it can help students come (9) _____ with creative ideas and carry (10) _____ collaborative projects more effectively. Online communities may also enable learners to reach out to experts and exchange opinions (11) _____ people from different backgrounds.

Nevertheless, researchers warn that spending too much time online may result (12) _____ reduced attention spans and poorer study habits. They also stress that students should make the most (13) _____ opportunities for face-to-face interaction.

Although concerns about social media are unlikely to disappear completely, many experts believe that the key lies (14) _____ teaching students how to use these platforms responsibly. After all, technology itself is rarely the problem; what matters is the way it is put (15) _____ use.

Word Formation

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b) Use the word given in capitals next to the gap to form a word that fits the gap in the same line.

Social media has changed the way students communicate and learn. Many (EDUCATE) _____ believe that online platforms can increase classroom participation and encourage greater (ENGAGE) _____ among learners.

One advantage of social media is that it allows the rapid (SHARE) _____ of information and ideas. Students can also develop their communication skills by taking part in online (DISCUSS) _____.

However, some experts have raised concerns about the (SPREAD) _____ of inaccurate information online. They argue that students need to think (CRITICISE) _____ about the content they encounter.

Teachers must ensure that learners use social media (RESPONSIBLE) _____ and understand the importance of protecting their privacy. There are also concerns about cyberbullying and the potential (EFFECT) _____ of excessive screen time.

Despite these challenges, social media offers exciting (POSSIBLE) _____ for collaboration and global learning. Used effectively, it can become an extremely (VALUE) _____ educational tool.

Key Word Transformation

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c) Write the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first using the word given in brackets at the end of the sentence. Do NOT change the word. You must write between TWO and FIVE words, including the word given.

1. There is no question the student used some kind of AI software to complete this assignment.

The student _____ AI to complete the assignment.
(MUST)

2. It is widely considered that starting a new activity or sport is beneficial for ones mental health.

Many believe that _____ a new sport or activity is good for overall mental health.
(TAKE)

3. I'd rather postpone the meeting until a later date.

I'd prefer _____ the meeting for another day.
(CALL)

4. Many users often struggle to stay up-to-date with the continuous upgrades to their software.

A lot of users find it difficult _____ the constant software updates.
(KEEPING)

5. Many developing countries are still behind developed nations in terms of technological advancements.

In terms of tech, developing nations are yet to _____ developed countries.
(CATCH)

Error Correction

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d) Circle and correct the ONE error in each sentence.

1. She's absolutely tired after studying all night.

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2. Nowadays, a lot of students count too much in AI when writing essays.

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3. The teacher suggested to use digital journals in order to broaden their critical faculties.

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4. It is absolutely vital that students verify informations independently.

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5. They succeeded to completing the project in time for the deadline.

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6. There is no doubt that cutting out on social media can improve students' attention spans.

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7. We have been using a wide range of educational software since almost three years now.

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8. The event was very outstanding and exceeded all expectations.

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9. If students think more critically, they would become much more independent learners.

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10. The over-reliance of AI has become an increasing area of concern in education.

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Translation

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e) Translate the following sentences into English.

1. L'uso dei social media è aumentato drasticamente negli ultimi vent'anni.

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2. Gli studenti avrebbero dovuto verificare le informazioni prima di consegnare il compito.

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3. È assolutamente essenziale che l'università stabiliscano regole chiare sull'uso dell'IA.

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4. Nonostante i suoi vantaggi, l'intelligenza artificiale presenta anche alcuni svantaggi.

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5. Se avessimo utilizzato fonti più affidabili, avremmo evitato diversi errori.

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Writing

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f) Choose ONE topic and write approximately 250-300 words.

Please ensure handwriting is legible.

1. Critics argue that 'real-time translation' software could end the need or desire to learn languages. What are some of the pros and cons of learning a language? Provide examples from your own experience.
2. In many countries, a growing number of highly-qualified graduates are unemployed. What are the main reasons for this trend, and what measures should be taken to resolve this problem?
3. How has digital technology changed the way students learn and use a second language? Do you think the increase in the use of technology has been a good thing for second-language acquisition?