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This exam comprises **four questions**: 1 and 2 contain two subsections which you must answer in full; 3 contains only one section which you must answer; in 4, answer **only one** of the two subsections.

Read the following text:

Teenagers will soon face new restrictions on beauty filters on TikTok amid growing concerns about self-esteem and anxiety. In the coming weeks, under-18s will be blocked from using filters that artificially enlarge eyes, plump lips, or alter skin tone in ways beyond traditional makeup. However, playful filters like bunny ears or dog noses will remain accessible. The changes aim to reduce the pressure on teens to achieve "perfect" appearances, which many believe contributes to poor mental health, especially among girls.

The success of these measures depends on users registering their correct age, which is not always the case. To address this, TikTok will tighten its age verification processes and launch machine learning tools by the end of the year to detect users under 13. These efforts could lead to thousands of British children being removed from the platform. Those mistakenly flagged as underage will have the chance to appeal. TikTok's lead on child safety stated that while these measures may inconvenience some users, the platform's "safety-first approach" takes priority.

These moves align with the UK's upcoming Online Safety Act, which mandates stricter social media regulations to protect children online. Ofcom, the UK's communications regulator reported that TikTok removed about 1% of a total UK user base for being underage between June 2022 and March 2023. Ofcom has also highlighted that the platform's age verification methods require improvement. By next summer, social media companies will be legally required to implement "highly effective" age checks for users under 13.

Other platforms are also making changes. Instagram, among others, has recently launched "teen accounts" that give parents greater control over their children's activities, including the ability to block app usage at night. Critics argue that while these measures are welcome, they are largely driven by the need to follow regulations rather than a proactive commitment to child safety. Andy Burrows, CEO of the Molly Rose Foundation, called for TikTok to be transparent about its age-assurance methods. The NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) described TikTok's new safeguards as a positive step but "just the tip of the iceberg", urging social media platforms to develop more effective solutions for verifying user ages and protecting children online.

QUESTION 1. ANSWER THE TWO SUBSECTIONS (2.5 points).

1.1. After reading the text, indicate whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or the information is Not Given (NG). In true and false cases only, copy the part of the text which justifies your answer (1.5 points).

1. Users under 18 will no longer be able to access filters that enhance their appearance for fun, such as animal-themed effects.
2. TikTok will rely exclusively on self-reported birthdates for age verification.
3. Some teens have described how after using filters they weren't happy with their real face.
4. The changes TikTok is implementing align with old Facebook's regulations designed to enhance online safety for children.
5. TikTok verified all its users, and very few were removed for being underage.
6. The NSPCC sees TikTok's new child safety measures as a thorough solution to the issue of underage users.

1.2. Find a synonym (S) or and antonym (A) in the text for each of the following words (1 point).

1. naturally (A) 2. tackle (S) 3. deterioration (A) 4. dedication (S) 5. troubles (A)

QUESTION 2. ANSWER THE TWO SUBSECTIONS (2.5 points).

2.1. Write a NEW sentence that has the same meaning as the given one. Use the word or expression in brackets (1.5 points).

1. "This is Rommo. I've just bought Rommo's house." (*whose*)
2. "Don't take this umbrella; it's not yours", the teacher said to Alba. (*not*)
3. Many people believe that they have the ability to become world tennis champions. (*capable*)
4. Everybody knew the thief had been living in that village for years. (*was*)
5. Whichever film you want to see will be good for us. (*mind*)
6. They should have told him the truth a long time ago. (*he*)

2.2. Answer the following questions about pronunciation (1 point).

1. In which one of the following words is the underlined letter pronounced as the "a" in "car"? past, bathe, lack, mare, balance.
2. In which **two** words do we pronounce the letter "t"? fasten, monster, hustle, listen, castle, faster.
3. In which word does the stress fall on the first syllable? connect, provoke, perish, control, devote.
4. In which of the following words is(are) the underlined letter(s) pronounced /s/? houses, cycle, reveals, ocean, diminish.

QUESTION 3. IN THIS TEXT, FILL EACH ONE OF THE GAPS WITH A WORD/S TAKEN FROM THE BOX BELOW. BEAR IN MIND THAT THERE ARE FIVE EXTRA WORDS YOU MUST LEAVE OUT. EACH WORD MAY BE USED ONLY ONCE (2 points).

Oil on beaches, vehicle exhaust fumes, litter and many other waste **1.** _____ are called pollutants, because they **2.** _____ our environment. Pollutants can affect our health and harm animals and plants. **3.**_____ waste from factories and power stations is **4.** _____ of the main ways in which we pollute our **5.** _____. These waste substances are the **6.** _____ results of modern **7.** _____**.** Pollution itself is not new—a hundred **8.** _____ ago factories **9.** _____ great clouds of **10.** _____ smoke and, **11.** _____, pollution has now **12.** _____ to the land, air and water of every corner on **13.** _____. Our scientists have much to learn about pollution, but we know more about **14.** _____ to control it. The use of solar energy, **15.** _____ of coal and gas, will help in fuels. We can also achieve some reduction **16.** _____ pollution by recycling waste and **17.** _____ biodegradable materials which eventually break down in the soil and disappear. The use of cars which run **18.** _____ electricity instead of petrol is also a **19.** _____ feature in the fight against pollution. It is up to everyone to be as **20.** _____ as they can with the Earth's limited resources.

surroundings	**years**	**talking about**	**life**	**using**
poisonous	**one**	**in**	**how**	**emotional**
by	**unwanted**	**unfortunately**	**income**	**spread**
releasing	**instead**	**products**	**on**	**garbage**
sent off	**key**	**economical**	**pollute**	**Earth**

QUESTION 4. ANSWER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBSECTIONS (3 points).

4.1. Imagine that you are trying to promote volunteering amongst your peers. Write an article for the school magazine about this topic: *Advantages of volunteering: How it can help both the individual and the community* (140 words).

4.2. Write an entry in a blog about teenage life stating the following: *Friendship is the most important relationship*. Argue why and try and convince your readers that your statement is true (140 words).