Social Networking Sites (SNS): Reading Activity

Instructions: Read the short passages below. Then, drag the meaning and drop it next to the vocabulary listed. Later, write down at least three views on SNS stated by each respondent in the space provided.

A. Alicia, 16

I spend a lot of my free time on social networking sites. They're great for keeping in touch with my mates and finding old friends, too. The other day, I found a school friend from primary school. I was so pleased to hear her news. Social networking sites are also useful for helping people out. I saw on a friend's page that one of his friends needed a driving instructor. My uncle is a driving instructor and he's on the same social networking site. I introduced them and they were both happy. My parents complain that playing online games with friends is a waste of time, but I totally disagree. You see, I'm really into trivia games, but also word games and chess, which I find amusing and educational. So, I can't see any drawback there.

friends | disadvantage | happy | staying in contact

Vocabulary Enrichment	
Words	**Meanings**
Keeping in touch	
Mates	
Pleased	
Drawback	

Gist of the passage:
Alicia's views of social networking sites-
She highlighted the benefits such as:

1.

2.

3.

B. Adrian, 16

I don't think social networking sites are for me. I really don't like having too much information about myself out there on the web. I mean, anyone could find my email and start sending me spam or viruses. There's also cyberbullying which can be very nasty. A friend of mine had to stop using a social networking site last month because someone was constantly saying horrible things about her. Also, someone could pretend to be you and commit crimes. Imagine that!

always | unpleasant | my friend | extremely bad

Vocabulary Enrichment	
Words	**Meanings**
A friend of mine	
Nasty	
Constantly	
Horrible	

Gist of the passage:
Adrian's views of social networking sites-
He mentioned the drawbacks such as:

1.

2.

3.

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C. Rayyan, 15

I'm not a big social networking site user to be honest. I can't understand why people have to update their status all the time. I don't want to know what someone is buying at the supermarket, or how long they've been waiting in traffic. What do I care? But I find it useful for events. We're putting on a school play at the end of the year, and using a social networking site makes it a lot easier. We're organising the tickets these days. It really helps. We've got our own page to advertise the school play, and when it's over we'll upload photos and videos of the highlights.

speaking frankly	an outstanding part	to make known	give (so) latest info about sth

Vocabulary Enrichment	
Words	**Meanings**
To be honest	
Update	
Advertise	
Highlights	

Gist of the passage:
Rayyan's views of social networking sites-
He had a mixed feelings about SNS:

1. **Drawback:**
2. **Benefit::**

D. Emma, 14

I'm a member of a social networking site but I'm thinking about deactivating it. For one thing, it's taking up too much of my time. I play virtual games, chat with loads of people and I have hundreds of friends. The more time I spend on social networking sites, the less time I have for my real life. I think the final straw is my mum. She is a member of the same social networking site as me and I made the mistake of making her one of my friends. She hasn't lost touch with her old school mates and she really enjoys being online. But now she tends to follow my every move. It's so embarrassing! I can't do anything without her knowing.

make sth inactive	the last in a series of bad things	many	causing a feeling of ashamed

Vocabulary Enrichment	
Words	**Meanings**
Loads	
Deactivating	
Final straw	
Embarrassing	

Gist of the passage:
Emma's views of social networking sites-
She highlighted both benefits and drawbacks such as:

1.
2.
3.

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