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Topic: You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Some people suggest that *social networking and online communication have increased social isolation*. In what ways do you think this has happened? Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 250 words.

Read 3 samples and give them suitable marks: 7.0- 6.5-4.5- 6.5-8.0

Sample 1 Sample 2 Sample 3 Sample 4 Sample 5

SAMPLE 1: .....

In recent years, the use of social networking has grown beyond recognition, bringing a new set of concerns with it. Young people can easily communicate with various platforms that are installed on their phones. It has never been easier to keep in touch with family and friends whenever they are in the world. Despite this, however, online communication sheds light on the causes of social isolation. As far as I am concerned, the internet and instant messaging have a better point due to the reasons which will be discussed in the following paragraphs. I ,therefore, agree that rather than helping society members communicate, technology actually weakened social bonds due to the reasons which will be discussed in the following paragraphs.

Firstly and most obviously, due to the advent of the internet, people focused on technology rather than what is happening around them. While this might help us keep? in touch with those who are far away from us, often it means that the user forgets those in the vicinity. For example, if you attend a family gathering it is obvious that old and young generations are looking at their phones instead of speaking with each other.

Secondly, using social networks might seem a good solution for those who are shy or worried about meeting others, ironically it is more likely to keep them at home. If people have weak social behaviour, they would have to go out and meet others to learn how to interact with crowds in person, which is a much healthier way to deal with being lonely.

In conclusion, to sum up, one commonly held idea is that the world wide web can help with quick and convenient connections for business, or when they live in distant places. Although for a number of reasons it has not increased social cohesion overall. (304 words)

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SAMPLE 2: .....

In this contemprorary era, it is believed that rised sociali isolation might be caused by spread of the internet platforms for online communication. There are may be a lot of different causes for this, but in my opinion, it is resulted due to social networks that replaced meetings in real live. Moreover, huge companies, which developed online social platforms, make a lot of job places that sometimes do not need in people who work in office.

One reason for this problem might connected with changed way of life, which was produced by social networks. In today*s world, many people prefer to communicate by the internet because it may help them to safe time. Additionally, new technologies made online conversations highly comfortable as people can see and hear each other in real time even if they location in different cities or countries. For instance, the most popular social networks as the Instagram, Facebook, and Telegram enable people to use video calls, and it safe time for people who want to talk but do not want to waste time for commut.

Another possible reason of spreading networking, which leads to increased offline meets, is new IT companies. Obviously, huge technological corporations, which supports social networks, generate a variety of work places. Furthermore, some of this companies prefer hire many people for online job. For example, in the VK, one of the most popular social network on the Russian Federation, three from ten employees work out of office.

To sum up, two possible reason for social isolation resulted from networking might be developed online platform for communication, which safe people*s time, and IT companies that hire people for online work. (277 words)

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SAMPLE 3: .....

The accessible internet can be used everywhere and some think that this technological advancement has a negative impact on social communication. The reason might be the progressive growth of online working spheres and the current pandemic period.

Undoubtedly, the number of workers who work from distance has increased. When alternative ways of earning money through the internet become trends such as online teaching and computer programming people started to get on higher-paid and online working positions. For instance, people accept a software programmist like a person who has a flexible working schedule that can give much more possibilities for spending time with family and getting some qualifications. However, having distance access via the internet negatively affects the traditional ways of communicating and leads to the growth of people who suffer from isolation.

Secondly, unlimited lockdowns and travel restrictions during the pandemic time affected the internet when whole employees and learners were supposed to change the working and learning format. People had touch with work partners and relatives through the screen which decreased the face to face communication. From my own experience , I was upset and exhausted due to the lack of communication , even had some trouble-related feelings when had been stuck at home for several months.

To conclude, some believe that online networking is a negative trend that people can be isolated from communicating. The advance of networking tools and the current pandemic period might lead to dropping in communication.

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SAMPLE 4: .....

In recent years, some people believe that the use of social networking and online communication methods coming from technological developments have a dramatic effect on our social bonds and became isolated from our surroundings. The last decade is especially considered, I agree that they have weakened our social ties instead of helping us.

Firstly, when the topics regarding technology and social networking talk among people, many people tend to assess them with regard to the young generation. However, in fact, rapidly developing technology supplied that almost everyone has at least one technological device, such as a mobile phone or laptop, regardless of age, gender or occupation. In the past, if you wanted to contact grandparents, you needed to write a letter which is full of emotions and had to

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wait impatiently for a response or visited them wherever they live. Yet, nowadays, we can reach them by touching just one button on mobile phones. For this reason, most people prefer to communicate with them by devices instead of visiting and hugging them. The elderly feel very isolated and even if they miss children or grandchildren, mostly can see them on their phone screens.

Secondly, when it comes to younger ones, their all lives are passing with mobile phones or laptops. They tend to ignore what is happening around them, mostly they even do not know their parents' daily lives as they spend all their time on social networking instead of talking with their parents in the evening or any time of the day. While family relations are getting weaker and weaker, children assume that we do not depend on our families anymore, we are becoming independent. Additionally, if you go to a restaurant or a café, you will see a surprising scene where all people there look at their phones rather than talking person who seat opposite.

In conclusion, Although technology and its consequences, such as social networking and online communication, have a few benefits, They are about to break social bonds among relatives or friends because of lacking face-to-face communication

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SAMPLE 5: .....

In recent years some people advocate that use of social networking is significantly and rapidly inreasing notably among young generation, this has a serious consequence which is social isolation. Especially since last decade I agree that social networking has weakened social bonds rather than helping their life easier.

Most visible developments in recent years has occured in technological devices. Personal computers are at everybody's desks, smartphones are everybody's pockets. It is not a very big deal to communicate with your family member who is living at other side of the world. Before internet had not involved into our lives at this level, people were writing the letter each other to correspond, maybe they were waiting an answer for weeks. In those time, telephone was only opportunity for a mother to hear her son's voice. That's why I believe that communication in those times is more valuable comparing today. If something is obtained easily, it does not have much more worth. As though it can be said for today's communication, too. Today people can correspond each other efortless, therefore making a new friend does not make sense for them because by help of their smartphone and social networking they can meet countless of people in a short term of time.

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Today's world the shape of friendship has differentiated namely, people has commenced to communicate by texting. Particulary new generation supposes that is the right way to make new friends and being social even though it is obviously wrong. They need to meet face to face, make some common activities such as doing a sport or going to a theather or debate politely each other. Such these activities will make people social otherwise they have been lonely in that virtual world. Unfortunately in coming years being isolated from others will increase dramaticly if necessary precautions are not taken.

As a result social networking is a very usefull tool to communicate however people should have some restrictions to prevent to seize their life completely. Otherwise social isolation is an indispensible result. (338 words)

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