Instructions: Read the following lecture passage carefully. Then, answer the multiple choice, true/false, and matching questions that follow.

Lecture: The Double-Edged Sword of Social Media

Social media has fundamentally transformed how we communicate, access information, and perceive the world. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter) have created unprecedented opportunities for global connection. They allow individuals to maintain relationships across vast distances, mobilize for social and political causes, and access a diverse array of viewpoints and news in real-time.

However, this hyper-connectivity comes with significant challenges. The algorithmic curation of content often creates "echo chambers" and "filter bubbles," where users are primarily exposed to information that reinforces their existing beliefs, potentially increasing societal polarization. Furthermore, the constant stream of curated highlights from others' lives can lead to social comparison, negatively impacting mental health and fostering feelings of inadequacy, anxiety, and loneliness.

The spread of misinformation and disinformation is another critical concern. False news can spread faster and farther than verified information, undermining public trust in institutions and media. Despite these drawbacks, social media remains a powerful tool. The key lies in developing digital literacy skills—learning to critically evaluate sources, understanding platform algorithms, and engaging in mindful consumption—to harness its benefits while mitigating its risks.

Part 1: Multiple Choice (4 questions)

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What is one primary benefit of social media discussed in the lecture?
a) It guarantees the accuracy of all news stories.
b) It allows people to connect across large distances.
c) It completely eliminates feelings of loneliness.
d) It prevents the formation of any filter bubbles.

2. According to the text, what are "echo chambers"?
a) Virtual reality games played online.
b) Spaces where users only encounter beliefs that reinforce their own.
c) The audio feature on a video call.
d) Online shopping platforms.

3. What is a major negative consequence of seeing curated highlights from others' lives?
a) It makes all news spread more slowly.
b) It can lead to negative social comparison and feelings of inadequacy.
c) It instantly improves everyone's digital literacy.
d) It helps users break out of their filter bubbles.

4. What does the lecture suggest is the solution to managing the challenges of social media?
a) Deleting all social media accounts permanently.

b) Developing digital literacy and critical evaluation skills.
c) Only following people who have the same opinions as you.
d) trusting all information that comes from a popular source.

Part 2: True or False (3 questions)

Decide if each statement is True (T) or False (F) based on the lecture.

1. T / F : The lecture states that false news spreads more slowly than verified information.
2. T / F : Social media platforms can make it harder for people to mobilize for social causes.
3. T / F : "Mindful consumption" is presented as a way to help manage the risks of social media.

Part 3: Matching (3 questions)

Match the key concept on the left with its correct definition on the right.

Concepts	Definitions
1. Filter Bubbles	A. The ability to critically analyze and evaluate online information.
2. Digital Literacy	B. A personalized information environment created by algorithms.
3. Misinformation	C. False or inaccurate information that is spread, regardless of intent.