

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each the numbered blanks from 29 to 34.

The Grand Canyon in Arizona is one of the most famous natural spots in the USA. It is known for its huge size and amazing views, (29) _____ millions of visitors each year. The canyon is about 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and over 1 mile deep. Its size and beauty make it a great place to visit.

One special feature of the Grand Canyon is its layered rocks. These layers show many years of Earth's history. The colors of the rocks change throughout the day, (30) _____ very beautiful sunrise and sunset scenes. (31) _____ visitors find these views unforgettable. Another highlight is the Colorado River, (32) _____ flows through the canyon. This river shaped the canyon over millions of years. Many tourists enjoy rafting on the river, getting a unique view of the canyon's high walls.

The Grand Canyon also has many hiking trails. Some are easy walks along the rim, (33) _____ others are harder hikes into the canyon. Popular trails like the Bright Angel Trail offer amazing views and a chance to see different plants and animals. The Grand Canyon's size, beauty, fun activities, and (34) _____ wildlife make it a top USA destination.

(Adapted: <https://en.wikipedia.org/>)

Question 29. A. taking B. receiving C. drawing D. attracting

Question 30. A. making B. made C. make D. to make

Question 31. A. Each B. Every C. Much D. Many

Question 32. A. when B. which C. whom D. who

Question 33. A. and B. or C. while D. because

Question 34. A. numerous B. diverse C. countless D. endless

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 35 to 40.

Social networking sites are a big part of our lives. They help us connect, share, and talk to each other from far away. While these sites have many good things, they can also have some problems for our relationships.

One big issue is that social networking sites can lead to shallow relationships. People often post only the best parts of their lives online and leave out the hard times. **This** can make others feel like their own lives are not as good, which can lead to jealousy. Instead of making deep connections, relationships can become about appearances and surface-level interactions.

Another problem is that social networking sites can reduce face-to-face interactions. People might prefer to send messages or comments instead of meeting in person. This can weaken relationships because we miss out on body language and tone of voice. Over time, this can **hurt** the quality of our connections, as online communication is not as meaningful as talking face-to-face.

Using social networking sites too much can also become an addiction. People might spend too much time online and not enough time with family and friends. This can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness.

Overall, while social networking sites help us connect with others, they can also harm personal interactions by encouraging shallow connections, reducing face-to-face communication, and causing addiction.

(Adapted: <https://www.apa.org/members/content/social-media-research>)

Question 35. What is the best title for the text?

- A. The Benefits of Social Networking Sites
- B. The Future of Social Networking Sites
- C. The Problems with Social Networking Sites
- D. How to Use Social Networking Sites Effectively

Question 36. The word **This** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Sharing the best parts of people's lives online
- B. Building strong, meaningful connections
- C. Leading to shallow relationships
- D. Feeling like their own lives are not as good

Question 37. Which of the following is NOT true according to the text?

- A. Social networking sites can reduce face-to-face interactions.
- B. Social networking sites always strengthen relationships.
- C. Social networking sites can cause addiction.
- D. Social networking sites can make people feel isolated.

Question 38. The word **hurt** in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

- A. improve
- B. worsen
- C. maintain
- D. enhance

Question 39. What can be inferred from the passage about the impact of social networking sites on personal relationships?

- A. They always improve the quality of personal relationships.
- B. They generally make face-to-face interactions more common.
- C. They might harm personal relationships if used excessively.
- D. They create stronger connections between friends and family.

Question 40. In which paragraph does the author mention the impact of less direct interactions?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4