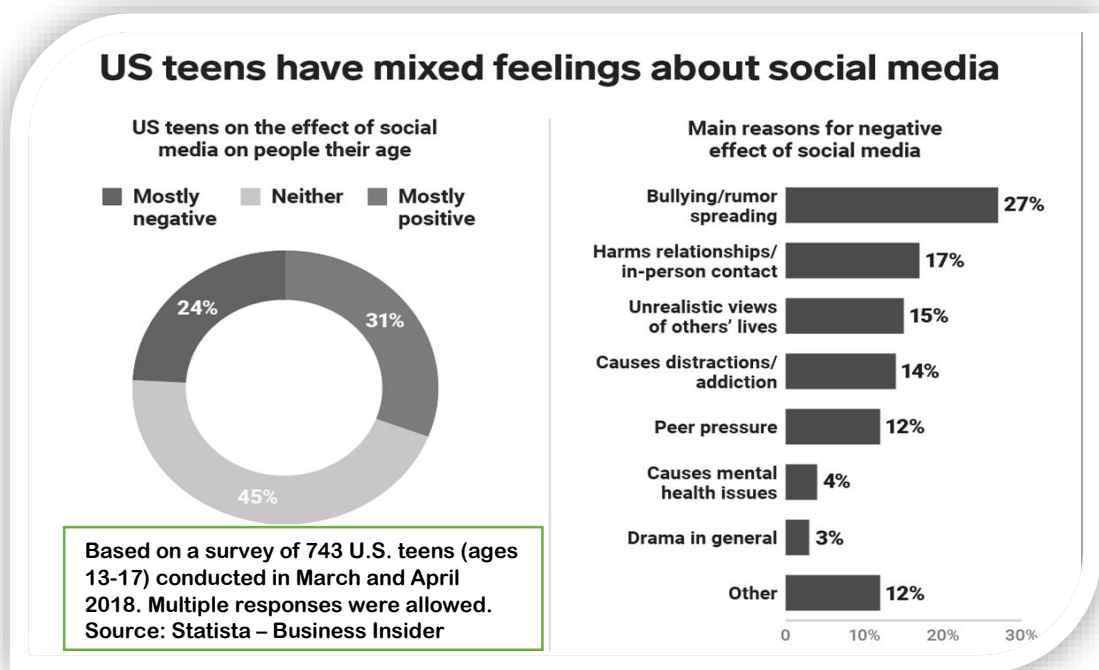


SECTION – A

I. Look at the chart given below and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)



A) Answer the following questions:

1. When was this survey conducted? How many teenagers participated in the survey? (2)
2. What is this survey about? (1)
3. What is the percentage of students who found social mostly beneficial? (1)
4. What is the percentage of teens whose mental health has been affected by social media use? (1)
5. _____% of teens believe that social media is addictive. (1)
6. Which reason has been given the highest percentage and which one the least? (1)
7. Jayce participated in this survey. His peers have always ridiculed him and spread wrong information about him on social media. What reasons do you think he has mentioned in the survey? (2)

8. Rachel has watched a lot of videos of influencers with flawless skin and slim bodies. She is unhappy that she does not look like the influencers. How has social media affected her? What is the percentage of people who have faced a similar problem as Rachel? (3)
9. Has social media affected you? Give reasons for your answer. (3)

B) State whether the following statements are True or False: (5x1=5)

1. Only teenage girls participated in this survey.
2. The teens who participated in the survey were between 13 and 17 years of age.
3. The participants could record only one response.
4. The survey was published in Business Insider.
5. The negative effects of social media are lesser than its positive effects.

II. Read the following interview and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

An Interview with Mahendra Singh Dhoni

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This interview of Mahendra Singh Dhoni was conducted soon after he had smashed a sensational 148 against Pakistan in his early international career. This interview was conducted in September 2005 by BV Swagath at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad during the Moin-ud-Dowlah Gold Cup tournament and is republished by cricketherald.com for its readers.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni, you have already played some scintillating knocks in your short career for India, so has the world seen your full potential yet or there is much more to come out of you?

MS Dhoni: Yeah, I think I have done reasonably well with my score of 148 runs at Vishakapatnam. But I must remain consistent. The expectations of me are very high now. I must continue to score good runs to the best of my potential.

What is the secret of the ‘Dhoni Power’?

MS Dhoni: I started off as a footballer and that training helps me stay fit. That is my secret of my strength.

Not only do you hit those big sixes, but you also run excellently between the wickets even when the conditions are hot and humid. What is the secret of your strength? Are you a big fitness freak?

MS Dhoni: I would not call myself a fitness freak. But, I diligently work on my fitness with the training schedule given by Gregory King, our trainer. Nonetheless, I think running comes quite naturally to me. I am from the mountains, Almora in Uttaranchal. I have been walking on rugged and steep terrains since my childhood. This has strengthened my core muscles and increased my stamina naturally.

You have played five years of first-class cricket and about a year of international cricket, so who has been the most difficult bowler you have faced so far and the best sixer you hit?

MS Dhoni: Hmm, there are lots of good bowlers at international and domestic levels and I do not want to name just one. I once hit a 150 yards sixer in Kenya. It was a ball from a Pakistani medium fast bowler. It was the best sixer and he was one of the best bowlers I have faced.

Could you tell us about your background and how you have come to this level internationally after playing for small cricketing states like Bihar and Jharkand?

MS Dhoni: As I already mentioned, I started off as a footballer. I played football for a couple of years and then shifted to cricket. I managed to get into the Under 16 Districts team and then the Under 19s. We played the Under 19 finals in 1999-2000 and in that season, six players of our team, including me, were selected for the Ranji Trophy. In 2000-2001, I played in the Duleep Trophy, Deodhar Trophy, I was very consistent in the domestic competitions. Last year, we had gone to Kenya and Zimbabwe for a tournament and that was the turning point, I performed well over there and got my berth in international games.

What are the things that you want to improve in your game currently?

MS Dhoni: Both my batting and my wicket keeping skills. I would especially love to improve my wicket keeping skills against the spinners. And of course, my batting. I have been shifted a lot in the batting order, so the more I play, the more I would get used to the batting slots like batting at 6 or 7 or 3 or even opening.

A) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two:

1. When and where was the interview originally conducted? (2)
2. Which website republished the interview? When? (2)
3. Name the domestic trophy matches that Mahendra Singh Dhoni has played in. (2)
4. Why does MS Dhoni say that running comes naturally to him? (2)
5. What are the skills that MS Dhoni wants to improve? (2)

B) Use any three of the following words/phrases in sentences of your own, bringing out their meaning, as used in the passage, clearly. Please do not copy sentences from the interview. (3)

- a) turning point b) domestic c) trophy d) stamina e) skills

C) Find a word/phrase from the passage that means the same as each of the following words/phrases. (3)

- a) a stretch of land b) energy and strength c) rough and uneven

D) Match column A with B: (4)

| NO. | COLUMN A | COLUMN B |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Gregory King | Under 19 |
| 2. | Ranji trophy | Best bowler |
| 3. | Best sixer | Fitness coach |
| 4. | Pakistani fast bowler | 150 yards long |

III. You are an employee of Ace Technology Pvt. Ltd. Write a letter to the Manager requesting leave for 10 days to attend a cousin's wedding in Port Blair, Andaman. (10)

IV. You graduated B.Com. from Chetak College of Arts and Science in the year 2005. Being the President of the Alumna Association of the College, you plan to organise a reunion for your classmates on 25 May 2023. Write an email inviting your classmates to the event. Include relevant information in the email. (15)

V. You ordered a coffee table from www.pepperfry.com. You received your order in a broken condition. Write an email complaining about the nature of the service you received and request for a replacement. (15)

SECTION – C

VI. Fill in the blanks using the verbs given in the brackets in the appropriate form (simple past, past continuous or future tense). (10x1=10)

Visiting Her Majesty

Last year, I ____ (1) ____ (travel) to London to visit the Queen of England. Being a clever fellow, I ____ (2) ____ (disguise) myself as a prince and ____ (3) ____ (walk) into Buckingham Palace as if I owned it. After receiving directions from a maid, I stepped into the Queen's room. Through the window, I saw the Queen in her office. She ____ (4) ____ (sit) on a comfortable wooden chair. She ____ (5) ____ (sip) a cup of hot tea and ____ (6) ____ (sign) documents. When the guard caught me peeping into the office, I bowed, and ____ (7) ____ (leave) the place. I plan to visit the White House next. When I visit the White House, I ____ (8) ____ (greet) Joe Biden and his family. I ____ (9) ____ (have) lunch with them and ____ (10) ____ (ask) Biden about his political agenda.

VII. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb to form zero or first conditional sentences: (5x1=5)

1. If she is free tomorrow, I _____ (take) her for the book reading.
2. When he is sleepy, he _____ (drink) a cup of coffee.
3. He _____ (get) tired when he runs.
4. "If I study well, _____ (you, take) me out for dinner, mom?" she asked.
5. My teacher gets angry, if I _____ (talk) in class.

VIII. Choose the correct word from the list given below and fill in the blanks in the following sentences. (5x1=5)

angrily, gently, anxiously, carefully, melodiously

1. The little girl picked up the kitten _____ and placed it in the basket.
2. The doctor examined the patient _____ for symptoms of COVID.
3. After her medical test results arrived, Linda checked the results _____.
4. Jean strummed the guitar and sang the birthday song _____.
5. Jane walked away _____ when she realised that Tom had not finished the work.
