READING 1 (Items 1–4) (4 marks)

Match the four texts on the left with the texts in the box. There is **ONE** extra text in the box.)

1. Younis writes poems in Arabic and English. He wants people to read them and tell him what they think, but he is shy about showing them. He writes a new poem every Friday.

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2. Raya wants to learn sign language. Her new classmate is deaf, and she wants to talk to her. She can study for fifteen minutes every evening. She already knows the alphabet.

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3. Omar's grandfather tells wonderful stories, but Omar keeps forgetting them. He wants an easy way to save them with his phone. His grandfather tells a new story every Friday after lunch.

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4. Dalal started a school gardening club. Only five students joined, and she wants to tell more students about it in a fun, modern way. Their first plant sale is next month.

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A. Your club needs members? Make a one-minute video about it! Our free guide shows you how to film, edit and share a club video that students will actually watch. Clubs that use video get three times more members in one month. Get your phone and start filming your club today!
B. Speak with your hands! Learn sign language with our free video lessons - just fifteen minutes a day. Start with the alphabet and simple greetings, then learn hundreds of everyday words. In three months, you can have a real conversation with deaf friends. Silence is a language too! Start your first lesson tonight!
C. Share your poems with the world - safely! Our young poets' website publishes a new poem every day. You can use a nickname, so nobody knows it is you until you are ready. Friendly readers write kind, helpful comments, never cruel ones. Your first poem could be online tomorrow! Join ten thousand young poets!
D. Keep your family's stories forever! With our simple app, press one button and record your grandfather talking. The app writes down his words automatically, and you can add old photos. Share the story with your cousins - or keep it private, just for the family. Your family memories stay safe forever.
E. Discover the beautiful birds of Oman! Our free guide has photos of two hundred birds, with their names in English and Arabic, maps of where to find them, and the best months to watch them. Download it before your next trip to the mountains or the sea, and start your own bird list!

READING 2 (Items 5–10) (6 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Social media is part of our lives now, but is it good for us? In my opinion, it is like fire: it can cook your dinner or burn your house - it depends on how you use it.

Let me be honest about the good things first. Last year, my class used a social media group to help each other before exams. Students shared notes, explained difficult exercises, and encouraged each other. Our class marks went up, and the group brought us closer together. Social media also helps us find people like us: my cousin, who loves astronomy, found a whole community of young star-watchers online.

But there are real dangers. People online are not always kind or honest. A girl in my old school cried for a week because of cruel comments under her photo. And it is easy to lose time: scientists say the average student spends three hours a day on social media. Three hours! That is enough time to learn a language or a musical instrument in one year.

My family has a simple answer. We use social media with rules: no phones after nine in the evening, be kind or say nothing, and real friends before online friends. With these rules, social media is a tool, not a trap.

In conclusion, social media itself is neither good nor bad. The choice is ours. Use it wisely, and it will serve you; let it control you, and it will steal your life one hour at a time. Last week I counted my own hours and felt ashamed. Now I keep a book next to my phone, and every evening the book wins a little more often.

READING 2 (continued)

For each question, write a short answer (not more than FOUR WORDS or a NUMBER).

5. What did the class share in their group?

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6. What does the writer's cousin love?

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7. How long did the girl cry about the comments?

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8. How much time does the average student spend on social media daily?

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9. When must the writer's family stop using phones?

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10. What will social media steal if it controls you?

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