Social Networking Generation

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Unit Resource #2: Understanding the Reflection

Directions: Preview the following questions before you read the Reflection. Identify key words in the questions (you can underline them for quick reference). As you read, pay attention for those key words so that you will know where to look for the answers when you are finished reading. Some of the answers are not in the Reflection, as they require you to connect your own personal experience to the text. It is important to know which kind of question you are answering.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. At the time Brandon wrote his Reflection, there were approximately ______ Facebook users:
   a. 645 million
   b. 754 million
   c. 845 million
   d. 940 million
   e. 999 million

2. Information obtained on social networking sites can be used to:
   a. steal your identity
   b. hack into your accounts
   c. target advertising based on your interests
   d. connect with other people who may have similar interests
   e. all of the above

3. The five social networking categories defined in Brandon’s Reflection include all of the following except for:
   a. content-sharing networks
   b. personal networks
   c. dating networks
   d. shared interest networks
   e. location networks

4. An example of a status update network is:
   a. Feed
   b. Twitter
   c. Hot Spot
   d. Facebook
   e. My Space
5. An example of a content-sharing network is:
   a. Facebook
   b. Instagram
   c. YouTube
   d. itunes
   e. MySpace

6. Although there is a rule that bans minors from having a profile on Facebook, there are over _____ underage users.
   a. 2.3 million
   b. 6 million
   c. 7.5 million
   d. 8 million
   e. 8.5 million

7. It is recommended that in order to build trust with regards to the Internet parents should:
   a. ban the use of the Internet except for educational purposes
   b. monitor their child’s use of social networking sites
   c. limit the amount of time spent on social networking sites
   d. block social networking sites
   e. openly talk to the child about the dangers of such sites

8. According to Brandon, a website’s privacy policy essentially says:
   a. “we are not responsible for the addictive effects of social networking”
   b. “we can use any of your private information however we want without notifying you”
   c. “we can use your information if we notify you”
   d. “we can use any of your private information, unless you are a minor”
   e. “we can use any of your private information for up to one year”

9. Some ways to protect yourself online include all of the following except for:
   a. always use the privacy settings
   b. do not arrange to meet people in the real world that you met online
   c. do not use your full name or say where you live
   d. always use a fake name
   e. do not post pictures of yourself for the public to see

10. Social networking makes all of the following possible except for:
    a. sharing photos
    b. playing video games
    c. cyber bullying
    d. increasing time spent on homework
    e. meeting new people with similar interests
Constructive Response Questions

1. What main ideas did Brandon want to convey in his Reflection?

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2. According to Brandon’s Reflection, how can a social networking site use your information?

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3. According to Brandon’s Reflection, what are some drawbacks to social networking sites?

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4. Brandon writes that “spending too much time on Facebook has been linked to lower grades.” Based on your experience and that of others, do you believe this statement to be true or untrue? Please explain why or why not in multiple sentences.

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5. According to Brandon, what are some ways you can protect yourself while you are using a social networking site?