

**LANGUE VIVANTE I****ANGLAIS****Impact of WhatsApp on youth: A sociological study**

Today in a rapidly moving world, we can see change everywhere. That is why life has become more complicated in every way but technology has made it more convenient. It is evolving in the world at a very fast pace and affecting people's lives and WhatsApp technology is one of the instruments of that change. **It** has become a buzz word among youths and is currently available on most electronic devices such as I-Phone, Android, Windows phones and computers also. WhatsApp is an amazing application that can help us connect to society and the whole world. It is a powerful medium for the flow of information and ideas. This application is advantageous in many ways and occupies a major part of our daily lives.

Even though **this app** has emerged as an important medium for social networking and the sharing of information and ideas, it has a few harmful effects on the lives of many youths. Therefore, it is essential to know how it is affecting them and society at large.

An empirical study on the youths of Agra, India has been conducted upon 100 respondents and an interview table was used as tool of data collection. The study reveals that WhatsApp is a medium for making communication easier, faster and thereby enhances effective flow of information, idea sharing and connecting people easier. Examining **it** empirically, it has also found that WhatsApp has a profound negative impact on youths and adversely affects their education, behavior and routine lives. It disturbs much of their study time and spoils their spelling skills and grammatical construction of sentences. This app has been found to be highly addictive and difficult to control. The impact is so powerful that users give up their real world interest; their entire emotional quotient is restricted to the app. Their happiness or sadness depends on the reply which they receive from other users.

Adapted form:

<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/307142543> Impact of whatsapp on youth A Sociological Study

Note: **empirical** = empirique (se basant sur l'expérience) : **to spoil** = gâcher

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Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe

I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. Read the text and match the titles with the corresponding paragraphs.

(0.5 x 3= 1.5 marks)

TITLES	PARAGRAPHS
1. The sociological study	Paragraph n°.....
2. The need for reasonable use	Paragraph n°
3. A world of change	Paragraph n°

B. Complete the following sentences with relevant passages from the indicated paragraphs:

(0.5 x 3 = 1.5 mark)

5. (Paragraph 2): Whatsapp is undoubtedly a powerful social networking technology; however,

6. (Paragraph 1):Since we are living a fast moving world of instant change,

7. (Paragraph 3): Many Whatsapp users feel isolated without it because

C. Complete the chart below with suitable information from the text. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

List two advantages of whatsapp	List two disadvantages of whatsapp
7.	9.
8.	10.

D. What or who do the following words refer to in the text? (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

11. this app (parag. 2):

12. It (parag. 3):

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E. The following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Justify each one with a specific passage from the text. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

13. Whatsapp creates a dreamworld. (True)

Justification:.....
.....

14. Whatsapp exists on all cell phones. (False)

Justification.....
.....

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

F. Samba and Clarisse are discussing the social networks. Complete their dialogue meaningfully with the right forms of the words from the list below; complete the last line coherently: (0.5 x 5 = 2.5 marks)

Harm-Use-Inform-Weak

Samba: I can't use the video calling because the network is getting weaker and 15.....

Clarisse: No problem. Let's use the messaging, shall we?

Samba: Sure! You know, I don't agree with people who spend all their time on Whatsapp.

Clarisse: Why do you say that?

Samba: Because they don't know the 16effects they're exposed to. I wish authorities
17 all social networks 18..... !

Clarisse: Definitely! And the best way to do that is 19

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G. Put the words between parentheses in the right forms. (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)

Parents can 20.(education) their children by 21.(inform) them to be very careful with what they see on social media.

Parents can also limit the amount of time their children spend on the internet and control which sites can be visible by the activating the 22.(parent) control function.

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H. Match each statement below with the notion in the box. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Advice – Obligation – Possibility – Opinion

Statements	Notions
23. It is the government's responsibility to control the social networks.
24. According to Saly, Whatsapp is better than Instagram.
25. Young people may be exposed to bad influences on social media.
26. Parents should control their children's daily use of internet.

III. **WRITING** (6 marks)

Choose **ONE** topic and write about 150-200 words.

TOPIC 1: Many people are sent to prison because of their manner of using Whatsapp. After explaining the importance of whatsapp and its bad effects, give some advice to help people for a good use of that app.

TOPIC 2: Your friend always shares videos, pictures or messages which are fake through whatsapp. You try to convince him/her to stop doing it or to control the information. Write down your conversation.