



ANGLAIS

The rise of fake news on social media has become a growing concern for individuals, businesses and governments alike. Fake news is any intentionally misleading or false information presented as news. It can take many forms, including clickbait headlines, fabricated stories and manipulated images and videos.

The impact of fake news in society is significant. It can lead to the spread of misinformation **which** can influence public opinion and even affect political results. Fake news can reduce trust in the media, weaken democratic institutions and contribute to social unrest.

Social media has played a significant role in the spread of fake news. Social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube allow anyone to publish content, share, and amplify it with others. The processes used by **these platforms** prioritize content that receives high engagement, regardless of its precision and veracity. This creates an environment where fake news can prosper, with sensationalist or misleading content often receiving more attention than credible news sources.

Because of the rise of fake news, social media platforms have taken actions to address the problem. Facebook for example, has applied measures in order to flag and reduce the visibility of fake news stories. Twitter has also taken steps to label and remove tweets that contain false or misleading information. Individuals can also take steps to combat fake news. This includes being skeptical of sensationalist headlines, fact checking information before sharing **it**, or seeking out credible news sources. Media literacy programs, which teach individuals how to critically evaluate information, can also effectively combat fake news.

I. COMPREHENSION

(8 marks)

A. Complete the table below with information from the text.

(3 marks)

FAKE NEWS	FORMS	Effects on society	Solutions from Individuals
	1. _____ _____	Influence public opinion and even affect political results.	5. _____ _____
	2. _____ _____	3. _____ _____	6. _____ _____
	Manipulated images and videos.	4. _____ _____	Seeking out credible news sources.

B. The following statements are false. Justify them with specific passages from the text. (2 marks)

7. No one is worried by the development of fake news.

Justification: _____

8. Only Tweeter has proposed solutions to the problems of fake news.

Justification: _____

C. Give the paragraph number corresponding to each of the following ideas.

(1.5 marks)

IDEAS	Parag. numbers
9. Education can help individual fight fake news.	
10. There is a variety of fakes news.	
11. Priority is not directed to true information.	

D. Choose the right option.12. **which** refers to: _____

a) society

b) videos

c) misinformation

13. **these platforms** refer to: _____

a) Facebook

b) YouTube

c) Facebook, YouTube, Tweeter

14. **It** refers to: _____

a) headlines

b) information

c) media

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE

(6 marks)

E. Choose the right options to fill in the blanks (0.5× 4= 2 marks)**Aicha and Bintou are having a phone conversation on the latest news. Complete this extract meaningfully.**
(0.5× 4= 2 marks)**Aicha:** Hello Bintou. What's the news?**Bintou:** Well, I heard that Paco the dangerous criminal, has just been (15) _____ (arrest/ arrested/ arresting)**Aicha:** (16) _____ informed you? (Why/ When/ Who)**Bitou:** I got the news from the social media. It's a reliable source, (17) _____ (isn't/ doesn't/ aren't) it?**Acha:** No, it isn't at all. You should (18) _____ (to be/ being/ be) very careful with the social media. They often spread fake news.**Bintou:** Really? I was not aware of that.**F. Match the statements with the notions in the box below.**

(0.5× 4= 2 marks)

PURPOSE – CAUSE – CONTRAST– COMPARISON- POSSIBILITY

STATEMENTS	NOTIONS
18. Misinformation can influence public opinion.	
19. Facebook has applied measures in order to reduce the visibility of fake news stories.	
20. Because of the rise of fake news, social media platforms have taken actions	
21. Misleading contents often receive more attention than credible news sources.	

G. Fill in the gaps with the right prepositions in the box below

(0.5× 4= 2 marks)

on - in - at - for - of

Social media plays important role (22) _____ our daily lives. Many people spend hours (23) _____ platforms like Facebook, Instagram and TIK TOK. Social media was created mainly (24) _____ communication and sharing information. Today it has become a major source (25) _____ news, entertainment and learning. However, it is full of fake and misleading information.

III. WRITING: Choose one topic and write about 150 words on it.

(6 marks)

TOPIC 1: Nabou believes that social media platforms like Tik Tok, Facebook and WhatsApp have **only advantages for their users**. Tapha strongly disagrees with her. Write out their conversation.**TOPIC 2:** In Senegal, people can no longer live without social media platforms. What are their advantages and disadvantages for the society? Develop your arguments coherently.