**Reading comprehension**

Do you have an iPad, iPod, iPhone, a smartwatch or a Mac computer? If you don’t, you probably know someone who has one (or wants one)! Steve Jobs made the company – Apple – that created **these** things that are now such an important part of the lives of millions of people.

He was born on February 24, 1955, in San Francisco, California. When he was a boy, he had a special hobby: he liked to take apart televisions and put **them** back together again. He was a very good student in school and even skipped a grade. After he finished grade four, he went into grade six, and in 1972, when he was seventeen, he graduated from high school. He then began his studies in Reed College, in Portland, Oregon, but dropped out after six months. Deciding to quit was not at all easy. **It** was difficult, but as Jobs later said, “I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life.” Two years later in 1974, he travelled to India, and while there he learned about Buddhism.

After Steve Jobs returned to the United States, he found a job as a video game designer at a company called Atari, and two years after that, in 1976, when he was only twenty-one years old, he created his own company – Apple Computer – with his friend, Steve Wozniak. Steve Jobs later got married in 1991 and had four children. Unfortunately, doctors discovered that he had cancer in 2003 and in 2011 he died at the age of only 56.

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1. *Answer by true, false or not mentioned*

-Steve Jobs was a video game designer in his early years

-he had five children

-He did not learn about Buddhism

-Apple Company creates just smartwatch

1. *Answer the following questions*

-what was the hobby of Steve Jobs when he was a boy?

-what did he make?

-what did he do after returning to United States?

-How old was he when he created his own company?

1. *What do the underlined words in the text refer to?*
2. *Give a title to the text.*

**The Virus**

A computer virus is a type of malicious code or program written to alter the way a computer operates and is designed to spread from one computer to another. A virus operates by inserting or attaching itself to a legitimate program or document that supports macros in order to execute its code.

Once a virus has successfully attached to a program, file, or document, the virus will lie dormant until circumstances cause the computer or device to execute its code. In order for a virus to infect your computer, you have to run the infected program, **which** in turn causes the virus code to be executed. So the virus can remain dormant on your computer, without showing major signs or symptoms. However, once the virus infects your computer, **it** can infect other computers on the same network. Stealing passwords or data, logging keystrokes, corrupting files, spamming your email contacts, and even taking over your machine, **those** mean destructing your machine. You can contract a computer virus in many ways, some more obvious than others. Viruses can be spread through email and text message attachments, Internet file downloads, and social media scam links. Your mobile devices and Smartphone can become infected with mobile viruses through shady app downloads. Viruses can hide disguised as attachments of socially shareable content such as funny images, greeting cards, or audio and video files.

To avoid contact with a virus, it’s important to exercise caution, here are some of the things you can do to help keep your computer safe.

* Use a trusted antivirus product, such as Norton Antivirus Basic, and keep it updated with the latest virus definitions.
* Avoid clicking on any pop-up advertisements.
* Always scan your email attachments before opening **them**.
* Always scan the files that you download using file sharing programs.

***Reading comprehension***

1. Say whether those statements are true, false or not mentioned:

-Virus affects your computer positively

-The first computer virus, called “Creeper system”.

-After running the infected program the virus take over your machine.

- Avoid clicking on any pop-up advertisements to stay away from the danger of being attacked from a virus.

1. Answer the following questions according to the text:

-What is a virus?

-How can the virus be disguised?

-What is the damage of a virus on your computer?

1. Give a title for each paragraph.
2. What do the underlined words in the text refer to?
3. Find in the text the synonyms of the following words:

Turn on= machine= information=

Do the names MySpace, Facebook, Orkut, etc. ring a bell? **They** probably do because they are some of the most popular sites on the internet today. These sites are all called 'social networking' sites because they help people meet and discuss things online. Each of these social networking sites has its own strengths: MySpace is especially popular among teenagers, Facebook is popular with college age people, Orkut is especially loved in Brazil, and CyWorld is the site to visit in South Korea. The common thread between all of these social networks is that they provide a place for people to interact, rather than a place to go to read or listen to 'content'.

Social networks are considered to be web 2.0. What does **this** mean? To understand this, it's important to understand what the original web did (often called web 1.0). Back in the nineties, the internet - or web - was a place to go to read articles, listen to music, get information, etc. Most people didn't contribute to the sites. **They** just 'browsed' the sites and took advantage of the information or resources provided. Of course, some people did create their own sites. However, creating a site was difficult. You needed to know basic HTML coding (the original language the internet uses to 'code' pages). It certainly wasn't something most people wanted to do as it could take hours to get a basic page just right. Things began to get easier when blogs (from web log) were introduced. With blogs, many more people began writing 'posts', as well as commenting on other people's blogs.

**Reading comprehension:**

*1-Say whether those statements are true or false:*

A-The topic of the text is facebook.

B-The common thread between all of these social networks is that they provide a place for people to interact

C- Creating a site was easy. You did not need to know basic HTML coding

*2-Choose the correct answer to these questions based on the reading selection on the Social Networking Sites. Each question has only one correct answer.*

1. Which social networking site was not mentioned in the reading?

A. .MySpace B. LinkedIn C. Facebook

2.What is Facebook?

A. A blog B. A content site. C. A social networking site

3. Where is Orkut especially popular?

A. In Japan B. In South Korea C. In Brazil

4. Which phrase best describes what people do at social networking sites?

A. They interact with other people. B. They browse articles and other content. C. They code pages in HTML.

5. Social networks are considered:

A. Web 1.0 sites B. Web 2.0 sites C. Web blogs

6. What was the original web mainly used for?

A. Interacting with other people B. Browsing content C. Creating pages in HTML

*3-What do the underlined words in the text refer to?*