

DSE PAPER 4 • SPEAKING PRACTICE

Your online image, acceptable behaviour
and the problems of oversharing

DSE 2016 Paper 4 Set 8.2 • Lesson 3

SOCIAL MEDIA • WHO SEES WHAT?



Profile, post, permission

Two questions to get you talking



QUESTION 1 (Student A)

Do you post photos on social media?

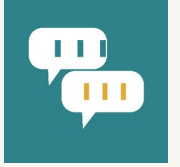
QUESTION 2 (Student B)

What kinds of photos do you post on social media?

Your discussion task

You are members of the Peer Counselling team concerned about students' behaviour on social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WeChat, Weibo). You may want to talk about:

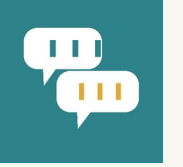
- whether it is important to present a good image on social media
- what is acceptable behaviour on social media
- other problems young people have using social media
- anything else you think is important



Q1 Is a good image on social media important?

SUGGESTED IDEAS — noun phrases

- a better first impression with employers
- protection from shaming and scams
- a stronger sense of self-respect



Q2 What counts as acceptable behaviour?

SUGGESTED IDEAS — noun phrases

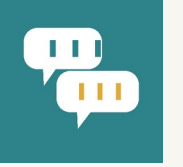
- **respect for other people's privacy**
- **checking before you share**
- **thinking about the future**



Q3 What other problems do young people have online?

SUGGESTED IDEAS — noun phrases

- cyberbullying and pile-ons
- addiction and lost sleep
- the pressure to compare
- fake news and dangerous trends



Part B – Question 7

Do you think the use of social media should be monitored?

SUGGESTED IDEAS — noun phrases

- **YES: protection from harmful content**
- **YES: it reduces cyberbullying**
- **NO: it damages trust**
- **NO: it cannot keep up**

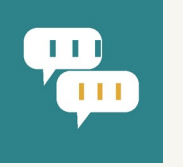


Part B – Question 8

Do you judge people based on what you see on social media?

SUGGESTED IDEAS — noun phrases

- **YES: the profile is often all we have**
- **NO: the profile is a highlight reel**



Say it like this — from the lesson

I post photos **on a regular basis**.

I am careful about my **digital footprint**.

I worry about being **judged or shamed** online.

A positive online presence now matters as much as a good school report.

Tagging a friend in an embarrassing photo probably **crosses the line**.

Anything you post can **come back to haunt you**.

Social media carries real risks if it is used **without limits**.

What people post is **a curated highlight reel**, not real life.