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NOTE: Choose option A or B, and answer the questions from 1 to 4. For question 5, you can choose to write the composition that you like best, from either option A or option B.

OPTION A

FACEBOOK SAYS IT'S REMOVING MORE HATE SPEECH THAN EVER BEFORE

On Nov. 13, Facebook announced with great fanfare that it was taking down substantially more posts containing hate speech from its platform than ever before. Facebook removed more than seven million instances of hate speech in the third quarter of 2019, the company claimed, an increase of 59% against the previous quarter. More and more of that hate speech (80%) is now being detected not by humans, they added, but automatically, by artificial intelligence. The new statistics, however, conceal a structural problem Facebook is yet to overcome: not all hate speech is treated equally.

The algorithms Facebook currently uses to remove hate speech only work in certain languages. That means it has become easier for Facebook to contain the spread of racial or religious hatred online in the primarily developed countries and communities where global languages like English, Spanish and Mandarin dominate. But in the rest of the world, it's as difficult as ever.

Facebook tells it has functional hate speech detection algorithms (or "classifiers," as it calls them internally) in more than 40 languages worldwide. In the rest of the world's languages, Facebook relies on its own users and human moderators to police hate speech. Unlike the algorithms that Facebook says now automatically detect 80% of hateful posts without needing a user to have reported them first, these human moderators do not regularly scan the site for hate speech themselves. Instead, their job is to decide whether posts that users have already reported should be removed.

Languages spoken by minorities are the hardest-hit by this disparity. It means that racial slurs, incitements to violence and targeted abuse can spread faster in the developing world than they do at present in the U.S., Europe and elsewhere. (Fragment adapted from *TIME*).

1) BRIEFLY ANSWER ONLY 4 OUT OF THE FOLLOWING 6 QUESTIONS WITH ONLY THE DATA REQUIRED (NOT A WHOLE SENTENCE) (2 POINTS; 0.5 POINTS EACH).

1. In the phrase *they* added, but automatically, by artificial intelligence (lines 4-5), the word 'they' refers to ...
2. In the phrase (or "classifiers," as it calls *them* internally) (line 11), the word 'them' refers to ...
3. In the phrase *Instead, their* job is to decide (line 15), the word 'their' refers to ...
4. How many posts of hate speech did Facebook eliminate in the third quarter of 2019?
5. Do the algorithms Facebook uses to remove hate speech work with all the languages?
6. Does Facebook have derogatory language detection algorithms in only 40 languages?

2) ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINES THAT SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER (1 POINT).

1. Hate speech can only be detected by humans.
2. Facebook can avoid the spread of racial or religious hatred online in primarily developed countries and communities.

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3) CHOOSE a OR b. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (1 POINT).

- a) Moderators regularly scan the site for hate speech.
- b) Moderators decide which posts should be removed.

4) VOCABULARY (2 POINTS).

4.1 Find one word in the text for one of the two definitions (0.6 POINTS):

- a) Discovered in the performance of some act
- b) The science that deals with the collection, classification, analysis and interpretation of numerical facts of data

4.2 Find a synonym in the text for one of the two words below (0.6 POINTS):

- a) eliminated
- b) brutality

4.3 For one of the following words from the text, give a synonym that fits the meaning of the text (0.8 POINTS):

- a) claimed (line 3)
- b) currently (line 7)

5) WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 120-150 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Fake news in today's society.

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OPTION B

COULD ‘MEGXIT’ BE A ROYAL FAIRY TALE FOR CANADA?

The possibility that Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, might settle in Canada has unleashed a frenzy of excitement, but also some dissent. Some have suggested they could become king and queen of Canada. Tim Hortons, the quintessentially Canadian coffee chain, offered them “free coffee for life.” Others recommended Ottawa as a possible home.

5 Prince Harry and his wife electrified the world this week with their announcement that they planned to step back from official royal duties and live part-time in North America. But even before they have revealed which country they would like to make home, many Canadians were already frivolous at the prospect they could be moving to the bone-chillingly cold country.

10 It is “the fairy tale ending we all deserve,” Anne T. Donahue wrote in *The Globe and Mail*. She called their decision “a power move” for the royal couple to “stop putting up with the nonsense” and take ownership of their own lives. “So Harry and Meghan might be moving to Canada. Let’s be honest, wouldn’t you?” added the conservative-leaning *National Post*. Canadians are excited at this opportunity to live up to their “national reputation as polite host,” but Tim Hortons may have best captured the national mood: “No pressure, but if you do choose to move to Canada, free coffee for life.”

15 Rumors that Canada was their preferred refuge from Britain were encouraged this week after the couple’s statement announcing their plans conspicuously mentioned “North America” rather than the United States. After the announcement, she returned to Canada, where she had left their 8-month old baby, Archie, after spending Christmas and New Year’s Day in British Columbia.

20 The Canadian media’s relative lack of intrusiveness could also offer a welcome reprieve from the British tabloid press, which has dubbed the entire endeavor “Megxit.” Perhaps mindful of the couple’s potential to burnish Canada’s brand, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, welcomed them on Twitter in December around their vacation period.

“Prince Harry, Meghan, and Archie, we’re all wishing you a quiet and blessed stay in Canada,” he wrote. “You’re among friends, and always welcome here.” (Adapted from *The New York Times*).

1) BRIEFLY ANSWER ONLY 4 OUT OF THE FOLLOWING 6 QUESTIONS WITH ONLY THE DATA REQUIRED (NOT A WHOLE SENTENCE) (2 POINTS; 0.5 POINTS EACH).

1. What is Tim Hortons?
2. Who electrified the world?
3. What place did the couple mention as their preferred refuge?
4. Who is Archie?
5. What does “Megxit” stand for?
6. Who does “friends” refer to in line 24?

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2) ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINES THAT SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER (1 POINT).

1. Harry and Meghan will become the king and queen of Canada next year.
2. If they move to Canada, they will have free coffee for life.

3) CHOOSE a OR b. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (1 POINT).

- a) Tim Hortons, a British coffee chain, has offered them free coffee for life.
- b) Canadians have the reputation of being very good hosts.

4) VOCABULARY (2 POINTS).

4.1 Find one word in the text for one of the two definitions (0.6 POINTS):

- a) A group of establishments owned by the same Company.
- b) A person or place that receives and entertains other people as guests.

4.2 Find a synonym in the text for one of the two words below (0.6 POINTS):

- a) shelter
- b) ability

4.3 For one of the following words from the text, give a synonym that fits the meaning of the text (0.8 POINTS):

- a) opportunity (line 12)
- b) baby (line 18)

5) WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 120-150 WORDS (4 POINTS).

How do you think we are influenced by the Media —newspapers, television and the Internet?