

S6 English Language Paper 2 (Writing)

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With the rise of digital platforms, posting on social media has become a popular activity. A notable trend is individuals sharing numerous selfies or personal photos online.

Write an article for your school magazine discussing the motivations behind these posts and the consequences of posting too much online.

Selfies, Their Whys and Their Consequences

Aspects of the Selfie

Have you updated your social media followers on where you are, what you're currently doing, and who you're with? Just take a selfie, and all of these questions are answered. Selfies have become an integral part of social media, as so much can be interpreted from them. However, sometimes a little too much information is revealed, disclosing aspects of your life that you may want to keep private.

The Motivations

Whether you're at a wedding, traveling the world, graduating from high school, or plummeting from 20,000 feet with a parachute on your back and a loved one by your side, social media posts have become a fundamental aspect of modern life. Selfies, in particular, are the most popular form of posts on these platforms. They can be taken quickly, capturing the energy, scenery, and experiences around you with a single click. This ease of sharing information drives selfies to become a staple for anyone wanting to showcase their current whereabouts.

For some, selfies are a way to boost confidence and feel comfortable and proud of their appearance. As social media expands, beauty standards have risen due to the normalization of seeing celebrities looking perfect and spotless.

The Consequences

However, selfies may reveal too much if taken carelessly. This is a serious issue for celebrities but can also affect anyone. Some individuals have developed skills to pinpoint where a photo was taken, even identifying locations from just a tree in the background. This can lead to a person's home address being exposed, potentially putting them at risk.

Additionally, selfies can unintentionally reveal secrets. Whether it's a hidden child or a relationship, selfies may expose you and your personal life to the world.