1-Facebook is a social utility that helps people communicate more efficiently with their friends, families and colleagues. Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, was born on May 14, 1984 in New York. He went to high school at the age of 15. <u>There</u>, he excelled in Latin, so he moved to Phillips Academy to study Latin classics. After Phillips Academy, he enrolled at Harvard University. As a student, he continually worked on computer projects from his dormitory room. He got into trouble because he used private and personal student's information to create an online directory. Consequently, the computer services department wrote a complaint to the administrative board to take measures against Mark. This didn't prevent him from working on his project. He built a programme to help the workers in his father's office communicate with each other and he created a version of the game called Risk and a music player named Synapse.

2- Mark Zuckerberg launched Facebook from his Harvard dormitory room on February 4, 2004. The idea for Facebook came from his days at Phillips Academy which, like most colleges and preparatory schools, had a long tradition of publishing an annual student directory known as "Facebook". It contained photos of all students, professors and staff. After Facebook had become a success on his own campus, he and his roommate, Dustin Moskovitz, began spreading it to other colleges. In 2005, more than 30 university students were able to use Facebook. That year, Mark and Dustin moved to California and set up an office there. Although they originally intended to go back to Harvard at the end of the summer, their business flourished and <u>they</u> stayed on the west coast. Today, Facebook has four buildings in California.

3- Facebook is now the second most visited site on the Internet. Zuckerberg was offered $ 1 billion to sell the company, but he said "no." His refusal to sell <u>it</u> out made people talk. Critics are comparing Facebook to Friendster, the first social networking website. In 2002, Friendster was offered S30 million by Google, and the offer was turned down. On December2, 2009, Facebook claimed that it had attained over 350 million users.

4- A movie based on Zuckerberg and the founding years of Facebook, called The Social Network, was released on October 1, 2010. The film star Jesse Eisenberg played Zuckerberg in the movie. After Zuckerberg was told about the film, he responded, "I just wished that nobody made a movie of me while I was still alive." The film is based on the book The Accidental Billionaires by Ben Mezrich and won the Golden Globes award for Best Picture on January 16, 2011. Producer Scott Rudin thanked Facebook and Zuckerberg "for his willingness to allow us to use his life and work as a metaphor through which to tell a story about communication and the way we relate to each other".

COMPREHENSION (15 points)   BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A. **Fill in the chart with the right information from the text.**   (3points)

Years	Events
....	Mark and Dustin moved to California and set up an office there.
2009	....
2011	....

B. Are these statements TRUE or FALSE? Justify.   (3points)

1. Mark moved to Phillips Academy to study computer science.

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2. Synapse is the name Mark gave to a new computer.

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3. Friendster refused to sell its website.

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C. Answer these questions: (3points)

1. Why did the computer services department complain to the administrative board?

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2. Where did Mark first start Facebook?

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3. What is the film Social Network about?

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D. What do the underlined words in the text refer to?   (3points)
1. There: ....
2. They : ....
3. It: ....

E. Find in the text words that mean almost the same as: (3points)

1. Service   (paragraph 1): ....
2. Yearly   (paragraph 2): ....
3. Reached   (paragraph 3): ....

II. LANGUAGE   (15 POINTS)

A. Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense.   (4pts)

1. Jackie .... (meet) her husband while she .... (work) in Paris.

2. He only .... (get) his first interview after he .... (write) to more than twenty companies.

3. I knew Sarah was busy, so I .... (not disturb) her.

4. Was Tom there when you arrived? No, he .... (already-leave).

5. Yesterday, when I .... (phone) my friend, he .... (play) monopoly.

B. Use the following prompts and "used to" to write full sentences.   (3pts)

1. I / live in a flat when I was a child.

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2. She / love eating chocolate, but now she hates it.

   ....

3. He / play golf every weekend ?

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C. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words given   (2pts)

1. This wet weather is so	DEPRESS
2. I'll be very .... if she does well in her test.	SURPRISE
3. My new job is extremely	EXHAUSTION
4. I'm .... I have no idea what to do.	CONFUSE

D. Complete the sentences with these words: (2pts)

memorize_ realize_ recall_ remind_ solve_ conclude_ doubt.

1. When I came back home I .... that I didn't have my keys.
2. Have you .... your lines for the play?
3. I .... that she will accept his proposal for marriage.
4. .... me to call Jane. Her birthday is tomorrow!

E. Underline the correct words.   (2pts)

1. A: Mum is going to buy me a new X-Box!   B: **How / what** wonderful!

2. A: Why don't we go to the cinema this afternoon?   B: **How / what** a great idea!

F. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.   (2pts)

1. Do your parents often get irritated .... you?

2. What's the animal you are the most afraid .... ?

III. WRITING (10pts)

Write a story with the title "Strange But True".

Hints:

> ➤ Paragraph 1: set the scene.
> ➤ Paragraph 2: lead-up.
> ➤ Paragraph 3: main event.
> ➤ Paragraph 4: the ending.

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