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I News Center (September 10, 2012)

http://med.stanford.edu/news.html

【解答と配点】 [小計 40 点(各 4 点×10)]

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問 2. (1) 4 (2) 2

II The Guardian (November 6, 2016: International Edition)

https://www.theguardian.com/science/2016/.../placebo-effect-is-there-something-in-it

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問2. (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) 1 (5) 2

問3. (1) 1 (2) 3

III Los Angeles Times (Thursday January 18, 2018)

http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-fernyhough-voices-in-head-20161205-story.html

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https://www.livescience.com/59184-how-dragons-breath-chili-peppers-can-kill.html

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【解答と配点】 [小計 40 点]

In this age of social networking, social technology makes us more alone in the long run.

Certainly, in the short term, it will make us less alone in that it has connected humanity like never before. It has also made it easier to maintain relationships. There was a time not too long ago that as people grew up, they'd drift apart from friends and family as a natural consequence of moving on in life. With social technology, we never have to be out of the loop as it were. We can share our lives with people thousands of miles away with pictures, statuses and the highlights of our lives. With the ability to stay connected to our loved ones, it seems like our quality of life would be on the rise. So, there's no doubt that the technology can bring positives to our relationships. Just think how many people today meet their partners online!

But mixed with this positivity is a worry that virtual communication – whether it's via social networks or SMS – is no match for a face-to-face communication. The quality of online communication is impoverished in comparison with the physical, real world face-to-face communication.

Moreover, using social technological devices too often, we will have gradually lost our internal dialogue. This dialogue is critical to deepen our self-consciousness and develop our personality. So its deprivation creates a 21st-century equivalent of 'THE LONELY CROWD'.

Most important, the problem with social technology is the fact that people only share the good things about their lives. This constant barrage of good news causes a vicious cycle in which people post the great things that are happening, which causes their friends to only share the good things that happen in order to keep up. This kills any sense of vulnerability, of genuine shared experiences that are so crucial to emotional closeness between friends.

Organizing these problems deductively, I can conclude that social technology drives us too weak and vulnerable to real life, face-to-face relationships, and so we are obliged to feel more alone.