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TEST D'ADMISSION EN 4^{ème} SECTION INTERNATIONALE AUSTRALIENNE

SUJET D' ÉPREUVE ÉCRITE 2025

DURÉE 1 HEURE

AUCUN DICTIONNAIRE OU APPAREIL ELECTRONIQUE N'EST AUTORISÉ

Lis le texte et fais les activités qui suivent :

AUSTRALIA BANS SOCIAL MEDIA UNTIL AGE 16



Australia has passed a law that aims to prevent people younger than 16 from using social media. The law is meant to protect young people, but some people say it could create more problems than it solves. The law will go into effect in a year. Starting in January, Australia will test ways to carry out the law.

Under the new law, social media companies like Meta (which owns Facebook and Instagram) and TikTok must take “reasonable steps” to prevent anyone under 16 from creating an account. If the companies do not follow the law, they could be fined up to US \$32 million. The law doesn’t affect all social media. YouTube is not included because it’s often used in schools. [...]

Most people in Australia seem to agree. Recent polls show that 77% of people in Australia are in favor of the law. People are worried about how social media can hurt young people’s mental health. Many people have heard stories about young people who have been bullied online and later hurt themselves.

But not everyone agrees that the new law is a good idea. Some people believe the law will make it harder for young people to connect with others who can support them. Others worry that the social media ban will push young people toward less safe parts of the internet. [...]

Around the world, there are serious concerns about the effects of social media on young people. In 2023, US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy said that social media should come with a health warning.

Other countries have also taken steps to limit social media use by young people. In France, people under 15 cannot use social media without permission from a parent. Countries like the UK and Norway are considering similar laws. Some US states have passed laws limiting social media for young people, though these laws have been challenged in court.

NFK EDITORS - DECEMBER 3, 2024, <https://newsforkids.net/articles/2024/12/03/australia-bans-social-media-until-age-16/>

A. Tick the correct answer (2 points) :

1. This document is :

- A novel extract
- A newspaper article
- A letter
- An autobiography

2. The main topic is :

- Banning all social media in Australia
- Letting young people use social media freely
- Preventing young people from using social media
- Fining young people for using social media

B. Answer the following questions by referring to the text (8 pts)

- What age group is concerned by the new law?

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- What will happen to the companies that don't follow the law?

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- Which social media platforms are mentioned in the text?

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- Which other countries have passed laws to regulate the use of social media by young people?

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C. Circle 'TRUE' or 'FALSE' and justify by quoting from the text (10 pts)

1. **VRAI / FAUX** : When the law on social media was passed, it was immediately implemented.

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2. **VRAI / FAUX** : A majority of Australians support the law.

