



DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL STUDIES

RESIT EXAMINATION

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Course Code & Name : **MPU2232 Thinking Skills**
Trimester & Year : September – December 2019
Lecturer/Examiner : Nur Harizah Mohd Faiz
Duration : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of two (2) parts:
PART A (30 marks) : Argumentation
PART B (70 marks) : Problem Solving
2. Candidates are not allowed to bring any unauthorized materials except writing equipment into the Examination Hall. Electronic dictionaries are strictly prohibited.
3. This question paper must be submitted along with all used and/or unused rough papers and/or graph paper (if any). Candidates are NOT allowed to take any examination materials out of the examination hall.
4. Only ballpoint pens are allowed to be used in answering the questions, with the exception of multiple-choice questions, where 2B pencils are to be used.

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Total number of pages = 6 (including the cover page)

PART A: ARGUMENTATION (30 MARKS)

INSTRUCTION: There is **ONE (1)** question. Use the answer booklet.

Where do you stand on the following issue? Write a simple two-sided argument based on the prompt given below to convince me of your claim.

The key to achieving success with plastic surgery is patient selection. The core value of the surgery lies not in the objective beauty of the visible result, but in the patient's opinion of and response to the change. Good patient management includes selecting candidates with clear and realistic expectations who are free of psychological conflicts. There must be true informed consent and attention to psychological issues must continue into the post-operative and recovery period. It is the responsibility of the patient's doctor and plastic surgeon to recognize a need for psychiatric evaluation and to help the patient get this as needed.

Adapted from: McGrath, M. H., & Mukerji, S. (2000). Plastic surgery and the teenage patient. Journal of pediatric and adolescent gynecology, 13(3), 105-118

Do you think there are any benefits to plastic surgery? What could be the disadvantages?

Your argument should be structured into five sections, as follows:

- (1) claim [3 marks]
- (2) reasons in support of the claim – a minimum of three [6 marks]
- (3) counter claim – the strongest argument for the opposite/alternative claim [3 marks]
- (4) reasons in support of the counter claim – a minimum of three [6 marks]
- (5) refutations matching the reasons in support of the counter claim [12 marks]

NOTE

Marks will be subtracted for internal inconsistency, logical inconsistency, inappropriate use of extraneous material, fallacies, manipulative language and/or rhetorical ploys (minus a maximum of 10 marks).

END OF PART A

PART B : PROBLEM SOLVING (70 MARKS)

INSTRUCTION(S) : There is **ONE (1)** question. Use the answer booklet.

Identify and solve the problem, using the convergent and divergent thinking techniques that we practised in class.

Study the information (below and on the next few pages) carefully. What is it all about and how do the various parts connect? Pay attention to detail and identify trends and patterns. Then answer the questions below.

(1) Describe the problem from **THREE (3)** different perspectives.

[4 marks × 3 = 12 marks]

(2) Choose one of the three perspectives from Question (1) and explain **THREE (3)** current solutions to solve the problem from that perspective.

[8 marks × 3 = 24 marks]

(3) a) Which of the three solutions from Question (2) is the best one?

[4 marks]

b) Why is (3a) the best solution? By comparing it to the other two solutions, explain using **FOUR (4)** evaluative criteria.

[4 marks × 4 = 16 marks]

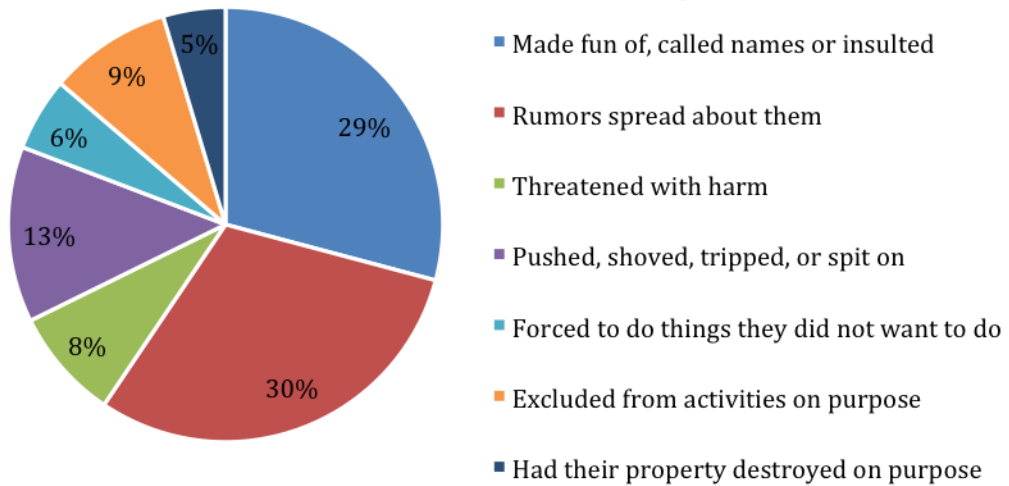
(4) Generate **ONE (1)** new “out of the box” solution by modifying any of the solutions given in Question (2).

[8 marks]

(5) Describe how the new solution compares to the “best” solution you identified in Question (3) above.

[6 marks]

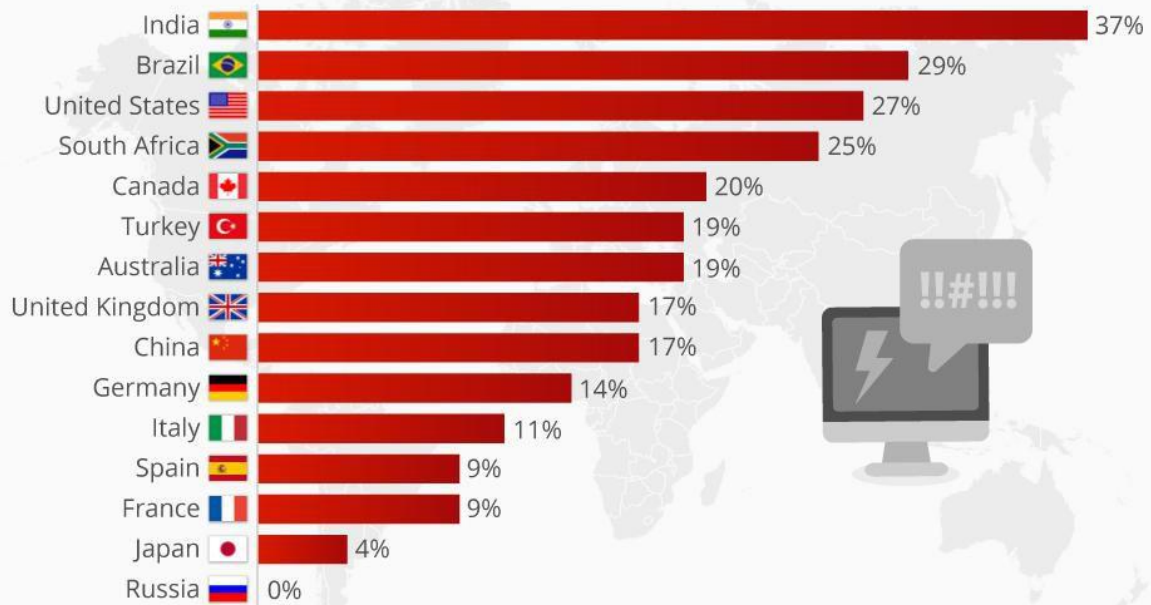
Types of Bullying



Source: <http://radhanath-thialan-essays.blogspot.com/2015/01/cyberbullying.html>

Where Cyberbullying Is Most Prevalent

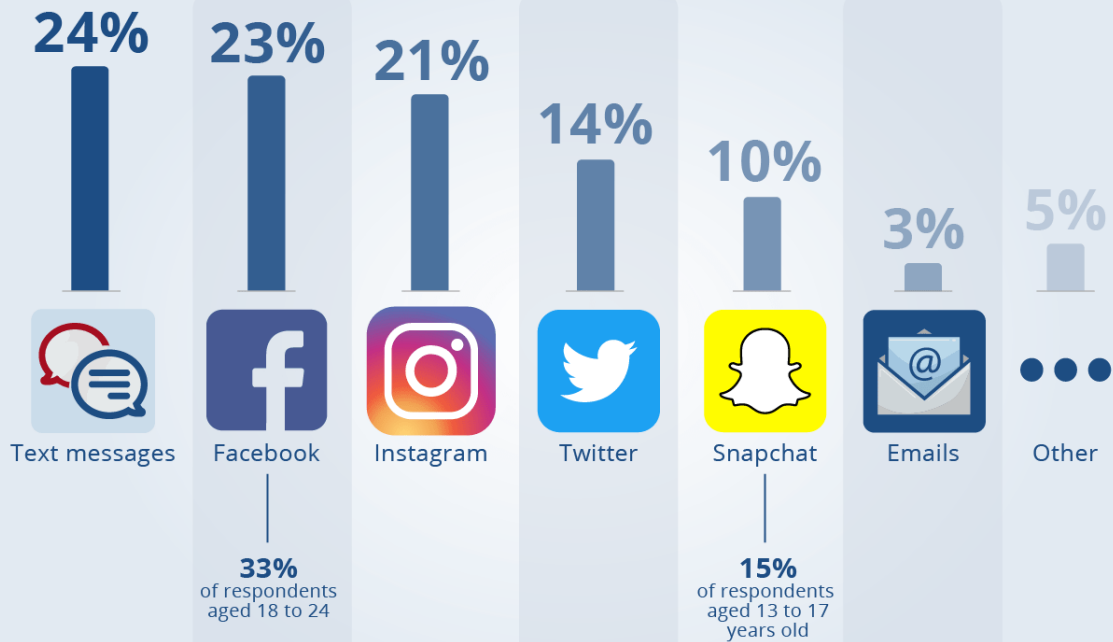
Share of parents who say their child has experienced cyberbullying (2018)



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☞ To your point of view, on what communication tool is cyberbullying mainly occurring?

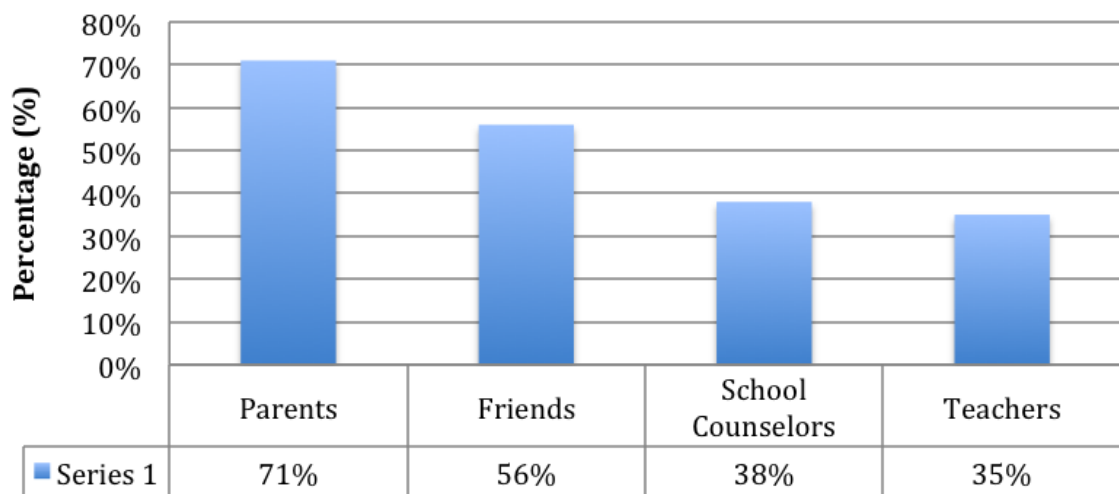


Base: 506 online respondents aged 13 to 24 and representative of the general US population. Interviews between June 7th and June 8th

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Who will they seek help from?



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SELF-HARM

Targets of cyberbullying are at a **greater** risk than others of both self-harm and suicidal behaviors (John *et al.*, 2018)

Approximately **18%** of youth report self-harming at least once, impacting **1 in 4** girls and **1 in 10** boys (Monto, McRee, & Deryck, 2018)

About **6%** of students have digitally self-harmed, or anonymously posted online or shared hurtful content about oneself (Patchin & Hinduja, 2017)

Source: <https://meganmeierfoundation.org/statistics>

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