Online Is Real
Review Questions

**Answer Key**

1. Describe two ways a teenager’s life could be affected by a picture of them with a can of beer on their social-media profile.

   *Possible examples might include:*
   
   - Getting them in trouble with their parents.
   - Losing their job (if on-the-job drinking).
   - Preventing them from being hired/accepted to college.
   - Making other people think they drink too much.
   - Getting a friend in trouble who bought them the beer/hosted the party.
   - Making people think they’re cool and want to hang out with them....

2. If you could somehow guarantee that your boss could not access your social-media profiles, would there still be any reason to avoid making unprofessional comments online? Why or why not?

   *Explanations might mention:*
   
   - Other ways the boss could find out, such as a coworker/customer/friend-of-the-boss showing them the comments, forwarding a screenshot, telling them about it verbally, etc.
   - Other people who might judge you negatively for the comments.
   - Other potential employers seeing the comments and not wanting to hire someone who badmouths their boss.
3. Imagine you have a friend who just posted a Facebook update making fun of their biology teacher, and got called in by the vice principal. Your friend is totally surprised; they thought only their friends would see the post. What advice would you give your friend about how to prevent this kind of thing from happening again? Give two tips.

*Possible answers might include:*

*Look at your privacy settings in Facebook and change who can see your posts so it’s not “public”/“friends of friends”/anything other than “friends”.*

*Look at who’s actually in your Facebook friends list.*

*Change the privacy setting for the update when you post it.*

*Don’t make posts you might get in trouble for if the wrong people saw them.*

*Don’t post anything you wouldn’t want everybody in the world to see.*

*Talk to your friends about not reposting/sharing your updates.*

4. State one preference about online sharing that you have discussed or think you will discuss with a family member or friend. Why is it important to you that they know this preference (or that you know theirs)?

*Preferences will vary. Ideal explanations should indicate that the student has evaluated the potential consequences of that type of sharing.*

5. Imagine that last weekend, you went to a theme park with your best friend, where you took many cool pictures together. Name one thing you should do or think about before you post these pictures on your online social-media profile.

*Possible answers might include:*

*Ask your friend for permission to share the photos online.*

*Check whether any of the photos depict illegal or rude/inappropriate behavior.*

*Consider whether people shown in the background are recognizable/might not want to have their photos shared.*

*Think about whether you and your friend are both truly comfortable with anybody seeing them (teachers, grandmothers...).*