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Wand: magic stick used by fairies, witches and wizards

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Write your answers in the space provided in your exam.

1. -Are the following statements true or false? Say why. Take evidence from the text to support your answer. No marks are given for only true or false (2 points)

1.1 After the party Calvin returned to work.

1.2 Social networking sites like Facebook are not private even when we set our profile to “private”

2. -Answer the following questions in full sentences using information from the text. (2 points)

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2.2 Why can Facebook get us into trouble easily?

3. **-Vocabulary:** find synonyms in the text from the words below. (2 points)

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3.2 have caused them problems.

3.3 excellent, fantastic.

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4. -Write a composition of about 100 words on the following topic: (4 points)

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Because anybody can release embarrassing information about us, as we have been able to see in the text.

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