

The First Term Examination of English

Part One: READING

(15 Points)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

Our world today confronts terrible natural, economic and social problems as result of its development which never took into consideration the importance of protecting the environment and social criterion. This development has resulted in serious problems around the world such as : massive migration, poverty, unemployment, overpopulation, freshwater shortage, forest destruction , species extinction, urban air pollution and climate change . The need for sustainable development nowadays is urgent, otherwise there will be no resources for future generations.

Sustainable development means different things to different people, but broadly speaking it refers to environmental, economic and social well-being for today and tomorrow. It focuses on improving the quality of life for all of the earth's citizens without overusing natural resources beyond the capacity of the environment. It requires understanding that inaction has negative consequences and that we must find innovative ways to change policies and practices at all levels, from the individual level to the international one.

Sustainable development isn't a new idea. Many cultures over the course of human history have recognized the need for harmony between the environment, society and economy. What is new is an articulation of these ideas in the context of a global industrial and information society.

Some key actions are urgently needed to ensure a good quality of life for people around the world such as to meet essential needs and aspirations, jobs, food, energy, water and sanitation.

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A) COMPREHENSION

(8pts)

1. Choose the correct answer. 1 pt
 The text is : a) narrative b) prescriptive c) expository
2. Are the following statements true or false? Write **T** or **F** next to the letter corresponding to the statement. 2 pts
 - a) Environment protection and social features are not neglected.
 - b) A lot of issues emerged as a result of evolution.
 - c) Sustainable development is a crucial requisite.
 - d) Citizens are unimportant in sustainable development.
3. Answer the following questions according to the text. 3 pts
 - a) Is the world safe today? Justify.
 - b) What is the main cause of the lack of freshwater?
 - c) What are the three aspects of sustainable development?
 - d) Is sustainable development a recent concept? Justify.
4. Who/what do the underlined words refer to in the text? 1pt
 - a) It (§2) b) we (§2)
5. In which paragraph are the risks of neglecting sustainable development mentioned? 1 pt

Please Turn Over

B) TEXT EXPLORATION*(7pts)*

1. Find in the text words opposite in meaning to the following. 1.5 pt
a) abundance (§1) ≠ b) worsening (§2) ≠ c) denied (§3) ≠

2. Complete the following table. 1.5 pt

Verb	Noun	Adjective
.....	development	
.....		different
to protect		

3. Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a) 1.5 pt

1. a) People have to stop water overuse.
b) Water overuse
2. a) Key actions are urgently needed to ensure a good quality of life.
b) The authorities
3. a) World leaders don't take into account many aspects.
b) Many aspects

4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "s" 1 pt
confronts - means - stages - oversees

/s/	/z/	/iz/

5. Reorder the following sentences to make a coherent paragraph. 1.5 pt

- a) One of the reasons of this
- b) is around 35,000 times the total energy used by man.
- c) in furnaces for homes and to heat up swimming pools.
- d) is that the total energy we receive each year from the sun
- e) Solar energy is presently being used on a smaller scale
- f) Solar energy is one the most resourceful sources of energy for the future.

Part Two: WRITTEN EXPRESSION*(5pts)*

Choose one of the following topics.

Either topic 1:

What should be done to help our planet? Use the following notes:

- to use dustbins for waste
- not to waste resources of energy
- to raise people's awareness
- to use recyclable objects ... etc.

Or Topic Two: There are a lot of people all over the world suffering from starvation, illnesses, illiteracy, unemployment ... etc. Do you think that, one day, their problems will be solved and that fairness and justice will prevail? If yes, how?

Good Luck
Your teachers