

First Term English Examination

Part One: Reading Comprehension: (15 pts)

Read the text carefully then do the following activities:

A court in Germany has ruled that the video-sharing site ‘YouTube’ is responsible for videos on its site that are posted illegally. The ruling said ‘YouTube’ must do more to prevent posters uploading copyrighted music videos to the site. The case was brought to the courts by the royalty-collecting organization Gema, which represents over 64,000 German musicians and songwriters. Gema has been fighting ‘YouTube’ in the courts since 2010. The group accuses the web application of using music online without paying royalties to those who produced the tunes.

‘YouTube’ may be forced to pay royalties for all the video clips on its site. This could prove extremely costly for Google, the owner of ‘YouTube’.

The court said it did not consider ‘YouTube’ to be the copyright violator, but the user who uploaded the songs. It said however, that ‘YouTube’ must implement stronger filters to block copyrighted materials. The representatives of the site say that this platform is not responsible for what users post to it. They claim those who post copyrighted materials are at fault and the ‘YouTube’ site is simply a website for sharing. A spokesman said, ‘We remain committed to finding a solution to the music licensing issue in Germany that will benefit artists, composers, authors, publishers and record labels, as well as the wider YouTube community.’

Currently, around 60 hours of videos are uploaded to the ‘YouTube’ site every minute.

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A/ Comprehension. (8 pts)

1- Choose the best answer: The extract above is about:

- a- Legislations in Germany
- b- Refrain piracy on ‘YouTube’ in Germany
- c- The royalty-collecting organization Gema.

2- Are the following statements true or false according to the text?

- a- The web application is blamed for the illegally posted videos.
- b- Gema is guilty for the videos posted on ‘YouTube’.
- c- ‘YouTube’ has set stringent regulations to avoid the infringement of its resources.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a- Did the judges refuse Gema’s complaint? Justify.
- b- What do the German songwriters claim for?
- c- Who is considered the real transgressor?

4- In which paragraph are the following ideas mentioned?

- a- ‘YouTube’ has to compensate some fees for the materials on its site.
- b- ‘YouTube’ is not in charge of its content.

5- What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- a- Which (§1)
- b- that (§2)

B/ Text Exploration.(7 pts)

1- Find in the text words that are similar in meaning to the following:

- a- restrict (§1) b- ownership (§2)

2- Complete the table below.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
.....	to accuse	
.....		legal
representative		

3- Rewrite sentence “b” so that it means the same as sentence “a”.

- a- Strict laws were legislated by the government.
b- The government

a- You had better not use fraudulent manners to succeed.
b- If.....

a- Our country should have implemented strict principles on piracy.
b- I wish

4- Reorder the following sentences to make a coherent paragraph.

- a- Formerly it was limited to luxury goods.
b- Therefore, the market has become full of fake products.
c- The market in counterfeit goods has grown alarmingly in recent years.
d- The counterfeit industry is now invading every sector of the economy.

5- Write the stressed syllable in the following words.

Produce - illegally - application - music

Part Two: Written Expression. (5 pts)

Choose only One of the following topics.

Topic One: Many people tend to use copyright materials. This is considered as a theft that should be fought, because of its numerous drawbacks.

Using the following clues, write a composition of about 120 to 150 words in which you expand the statement above.

- Killing innovation
- Costing the infringer \$ 200 to 150, 000
- Paying a dollar amount of damages and profits
- Going to jail
- Suing violators in civil court

Topic Two: Nowadays, many people acquire money illegally using all sorts of fraud. In a composition of about 120 to 150 words, define fraud and list its different types and aspects.

Best of luck