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Class: 3rd year.....

First Term English Test

A kickback is an illegal payment intended as compensation for preferential treatment or any other type of improper service received. The kickback may be money, a gift, credit, or anything of value. Paying or receiving kickbacks is a corrupt practice since it interferes with an employee's or a public official's ability to make fair decisions. Kickbacks are often considered a type of bribery.

Kickbacks can take many forms but they all involve some sort of secret agreement between two sides. An example of a kickback is a government employee who's responsible for managing a project may receive a kickback for choosing one contractor over another. This may result in a better-qualified contractor not winning the contract.

Kickbacks increase the cost of doing business in countries around the world. They also form the basis for much of the world's government corruption. Companies that are looking to supply products or services to countries known for corruption may find that they have to pay numerous officials to be considered for a contract.

Employees engage in kickbacks for several reasons. The belief that a kickback operation will go unpunished or that punishment will be light is a primary driver for officials who are willing to take bribes. They may be poorly paid and see kickbacks as a way to supplement their low salary.

Adapted from: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/k/kickback.asp>

A/ Comprehension

1. Say whether the following statements are true or false.

- a) A kickback is a lawful payment intended to reward someone for fair treatment.
- b) Kickbacks can take various forms.
- c) Kickbacks raise the cost of conducting business in countries worldwide.
- d) Employees may engage in kickbacks because they know they will be severely punished.

2. Identify the paragraphs in which the following ideas are mentioned.

- a) The impact and results of kickbacks on nations.
- b) The causes behind employees' involvement in kickbacks.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a) Why are kickbacks considered a corrupt practice?

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- b) What do all kickbacks share in common?

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- c) Does low salary contribute to employees' involvement in kickbacks? Justify from the text.

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4. Find who or what the underlined words in the text refer to.

it (§1) b) this (§2) c) they (§3)

B/ Text Exploration

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following.

- a) selecting (§2) = ...
- b) penalty (§4) = ...

1.Divide the following words into root and affixes : .improper - agreement - unpunished

Prefix	Root	Suffix

2.Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

1. a) Governments had better work hard to stop employees from engaging in kickbacks.

b)It's high time

2. a) Kickbacks harm economy because they increase the cost of doing business in countries around the world.

b) Kickbacks increase the cost of doing business in countries around the world.....

3. Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

payment - improper - responsible - type

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables	Four syllables

4. Reorder the following sentences to get a coherent passage.

a - which is an unethical misconduct in business.

b - Many people consider it a type of bribery.

c - One of its major forms is engaging in kickbacks

d - Corruption is a phenomenon that affects countries worldwide.