

First Term English Exam

Read the text carefully, and then do the activities.

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For years, many pupils that come to high school to literary classes set their heart on joining the foreign language class later. Many people claimed they wish so to avoid having philosophy as a core subject for the years to come. So, I decided to carry out a survey to discover if that thought was true or false. §1

I questioned a hundred pupils of the first year classes in order to know why they all wanted to be foreign language learners later. When I asked them if they liked foreign languages, most of them said they were interested in learning them. Then, I asked them which language they preferred learning. Some of them answered they enjoyed learning French while others loved English. Only a

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handful adored both languages. But my main interest was why they wished to join a language class later. Most of them told me that they loved studying languages and planned to further a career in, but very few declared that they did not wish to study philosophy as the most important subject. When I wanted to know whether they intended to study languages at university, most of them said that they would do once they passed their BAC exam with distinction. §2

Surprisingly, my survey showed that the people's claim proved to be totally wrong since the majority want to join a language class simply because they like very much learning foreign languages and wish to further their higher studies in the field. §3

Adapted from the internet

Section One: Reading Comprehension

(15 points)

A/ Comprehension & Interpretation

(7pts)

1) Choose the correct answer. (0.5 pt)

This text is : a) an interview b) a questionnaire c) a report

2) Are the following statements true or false? Correct the false ones. (02 pts)

- a) This text is about foreign languages in the middle school.
- b) Newcomers to high school dream to join a foreign language class later.
- c) The new pupils prefer learning French to learning English.
- d) The majority prefer to study languages so as to avoid philosophy.

3) Answer the following questions according to the text. (3pts)

- a) Do literary classes pupils like to join foreign languages class ?
- b) What for did the reporter do the survey ?
- c) How many pupils did the reporter question ?
- d) Is it true that the pupils study languages to avoid philosophy ? (Justify)

4) In which paragraph are the informants' answers mentioned? (0.5pt)

5) What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1 pt)

- a)so (§1) b) they (§2)
- c) them (§2) d) my (§3)

B/ Text Exploration

(8pts)

1) Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following(1.5pt)

a) principal(\$1)=

b) asked(\$2)=

c) completely(\$3)=

2) Complete the following table. (1.5 pts)

Noun	Adjective	Adverb
Thought	Thoughtfully
.....	happy
Use	Usefully
.....	Hopeful/hopeless

3) Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one given. (2 pts)

- 1.a. "What do you do in your free time ? ", she asked me .
b. She asked me
- 2.a. It's necessary for the pupils to be good at languages to join a foreign language class.
b. The pupils
- 3.a. The pupils must be careful when they read the questions.
b. The pupils must read the questions.....
- 4.a. The teacher told me : " Think well before making your choice."
b. The teacher told me

4) Join the pairs of sentences using the connectors between brackets. Make the necessary changes. (1pt)

- a) Sara does not study languages. Rayan does not study languages. (Neither...nor)
- b) Tom passes his exam with distinction . Edward passes his exam with distinction.
(Both....and)

5) Which adverbs can be derived from these adjectives ? (1pt)

e.g. hopeful → hopefully
 early - good - slow - careless

6) Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "s". (1p) classes – pupils – asks -languages

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PART TWO : Written Expression (5 pts)

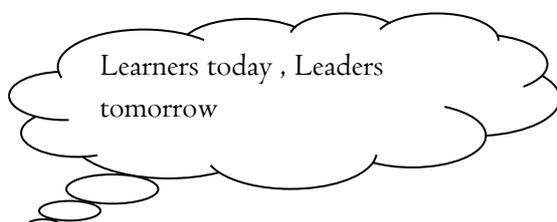
Choose one of the following topics.

Topic 1 :Imagine you are a journalist .Write a report about an accident (a child was run over by a car. Use the following notes. Don't forget to quote witnesses .

Use the following notes .

Place and date of the accident / causes : fast driving ; careless (e.g. driver distracted , use his mobile...)/ mechanical problem /bad weather conditions/
 people :get killed /injured / taken to hospital.....

Topic 2 : What do you think of the internet ? Write a composition.



Good Luck
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