

The First Term English Exam

Part One: Reading and Interpretation (15pts)

Text:

Societies of the past showed an exceptional respect for people among them who had the moral qualities. They used to be considered as the most valuable in their philosophy. For example; they used to regard courage as a feature that no other thing could equal. Loyalty either to one's country or to the family and friends alike also acquired in their view a price that had to be honored by every member of the community. Other features like honesty, wisdom, generosity, intelligence and the readiness to sacrifice one's life for some ideal or another used to be worshipped and the individuals possessing them much admired.

Today, important changes have affected nearly every nation in this field. As a result, the attitudes which have acquired the highest importance are quite different. For instance, people generally view the ability to make money and achieve professional success as attributes that hold the top level in this new evaluation. The faster someone amasses material possessions and turns into a wealthy person the more consideration he earns from his fellows.

In fact, talents like intelligence, creativity, and originality are often relegated into a lower position and such a situation usually produces in the minds of the young, the eagerness to invest their hopes in music, sport and business because these spheres offer them much chance to get rich and famous quickly. Moreover, cheating, stealing and lying that used to be unforgivable are tolerated in this day and age.

(Adapted from the Internet)

A/ Comprehension: (07pts)

1. Read the text and choose the appropriate title: (0.5pt)

- a) Society and Respect. b) Moral Values between Past and Present. c) Moral Qualities.

2. Say whether the following statements are "true" or "false": (02pts)

- a- Courage is a quality which people of the past liked the most.
b- In the past, young people were respected if they were rich.
c- The past attitudes are so different than today's attitudes.
d- Do nowadays people forgive cheating and lying.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text: (03pts)

- a) Why did people of the past show much respect to some of their members?
b) How did the communities of the past act with honest people?
c) Do today people feel attracted by material success?

4. What do the underlined words refer to in the text: (1.5pt)

- a) Their..... b) He c) Spheres

B/ Text Exploration: (08pts)

5. A/ Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following: (01pt)

a) Displayed (§1) =

b) Cleverness (§3) =

B/ Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following: (01pt)

a) Dishonesty (§1) ≠

b) Failure (§2) ≠

6. Complete the following table: (1.5pt)

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Interesting		
.....	Better than	
.....		The happiest

7. Join the following sentences using the appropriate relative pronoun: (02pts)

a- This is the boy. His brother used to wear baggy jeans.

b- I like fashionable clothes. They make me feel satisfied.

c- We know a lot of people. They work in a fashion house.

d- She is the girl. We saw her in green jeans.

8. Classify the following words according to their final “-s” : (1.5pt)

Qualities - Features - Respects –Styles – Hopes – Challenges.

/s/	/z/	/iz/

9. Fill in gaps with the following words: (01pt)

Parties – Muslim – People – Way

Tradition affect the people dress. For example, in countries, men and women wear traditional clothes when going to In contrast, to America and the western world, where put on suits during ceremonies.

Part Two: Written Expression (05pts)

Write a composition of about 100 words about one of the following topics:

Topic 01: Write a short paragraph about **lifestyle** between the past and the present in terms of **food** and **clothes**. Use: “used to” and simple present.

Start like this: When I was a child, I used to Now, I

Topic 02: You planned a visit to one of the places you like during the winter holiday. Write a letter to a friend of yours (**keypal**) in which you tell him about your **plans** and **arrangements** for the visit.

Start like this:

Dear

- Good luck-