

Part One: Reading (15oints).

A – Comprehension. (8pts)

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Over the past decade, social auditing has taken on an important new role in the monitoring of labour and environmental standards. It has grown rapidly in recent years, involving various companies, consulting firms, labour unions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in industries such as forestry, agriculture, clothing and footwear, and textiles. The combined pressure of campaigns by trade unions and NGOs, negative media attention and an increasingly vocal public concern about working conditions have prompted some companies to have their factories audited. Concern about the credibility of such audits has been a major issue in the public debate about corporate social responsibility.

Auditing, inspection and monitoring are three terms used interchangeably to refer to the practice of evaluating a company's compliance with a set of standards. However, they represent distinct elements of this evaluation and thus provide a useful framework for the analysis of auditing a standard.

A social audit is undertaken by a company to evaluate the working conditions existing in a facility or supply chain. Unlike monitoring, it lasts anywhere from a few hours to a few days, and involves a number of steps, each one theoretically used in combination with the others. The performance of a social audit tends to involve three related processes: the document review, the site inspection and interviews with workers, management and third-party stakeholders. An auditor or team of auditors generally conducts the document review, site inspection and interviews. Social auditing does not involve continuous monitoring, although follow-up procedures are not uncommon.

1 – The text is about: (tick the right answer)

- a) – The labour standards in different fields of industry.
- b) – Social auditing as a great role in daily business.

2 – Say whether the following statements are true or false according to the text.

- a) – The media haven't succeeded in their campaigns for social audit.
- b) – All the companies had their factories audited.
- c) – The company is responsible for the evaluation of the working conditions.
- d) – The social audit involves three related processes .

3 –a- In which paragraph is it mentioned that

- a) – Audit's credibility is a major concern for public debate?
- b) – All the steps of the social audit are related to each other?

b- What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- a) – it (§1) =
- b) – their (§1) =

4 – Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a) – Why does a company undertake a social audit?
- b) – What have prompted some companies to audit their factories?
- c) – What are the three parts of a social audit?

B) – Text exploration. (7pts)

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

a) – a period of ten years (§1) =

b) – parts (§2) =

2 - Fill in the table with the missing word category:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
.....		auditable
.....	Organization	

3 – Give the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

a) –If governments (**to give**) more importance to social auditing, We (**to live**) in equality.

b) – Now, many companies (**use**) child labour to gain money.

4– Classify these words according to the number of Syllables

- audits - steps – practices-Social

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables
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Part two: Written Expression (6pts).

Choose one of the following topics:

Write a composition of **80** words on **one** of the following topics.

Choose

Either topic one:

Child labour is one of many threats facing the children's life. Write a letter to the bureau of UNICEF exposing the effects of it on children and asking for a real prevention for them by giving more importance to education and social auditing.

You may use these ideas:

Child labour / unethical / education important / make children aware / give importance / auditing / punish companies / pass laws...

Or topic two:

Do you think that Algerian companies respect labour standards (working conditions)? Justify your answer by giving some examples.

