

Ahmed Guessaiba Secondary School



Level : 3AS/FL

Duration : 2 hours

The Second Exam of English

Part 1 : Reading (7 pts)

Read the text carefully then do the activities

Before the conflict escalated and education was unjustly restricted, Palestinians were educationally successful. In the State of Palestine, education is compulsory for those in grades 1-10 and the completion of grade 10 is required for the completion of basic education. In 2022, the completion rate for basic education was at 88 percent and the completion rate for secondary education was at 63 percent. Even with these completion rates, Palestinians have one of the highest literacy rates in the world. However, we are now seeing a war on education as the education in Gaza has been completely disrupted and students in Gaza have no access to education.

Over fifteen years ago, the systematic destruction by Israeli forces on centers of education was termed a “scholasticide.” Now, as Israel wages a war on education, another scholasticide is occurring in Gaza. Since early November, no student in Gaza has been able to attend school as the Ministry of Education suspended the 2023-2024 school year due to the indiscriminate targeting of schools. The Palestinian Ministry of Education attested that at least 4,327 students have been killed, over 7,800 students have been injured, 231 teachers and administrators have been killed, and over 750 teachers and administrators have been injured. The indiscriminate targeting of schools places a heavy toll on students and educators in Gaza as a result of this scholasticide. According to Scholars Against the War on Palestine (SAWP), 70 % of Gaza’s education infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed.

It is unlikely that schools can reopen while the Israeli forces continue to target Gaza’s students, educators, and education institutions. In addition, it will take years to rebuild the education infrastructures that were destroyed and it will take time to ensure an established education system for the people of Gaza

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A) Comprehension :

1. Choose the right answer : (0.5 pt)

The text is : a) Argumentative b) Expository c) Narrative.

2. Say whether the following statements are ‘true’ or ‘false’ : (2 pts)

- a- Attending school, in Gaza, is compulsory till ninth grade.
- b- The illiteracy rate in Palestine is one of the lowest rates in the world.
- c- A partial disruption of education has been caused by the recent war.
- d- Seventy percent of Gaza’s education infrastructure has been demolished.

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

- a- what is meant by ‘scholasticide’ ?
- b- Why did the Palestinian Ministry of Education suspend the 2023-2024 school year?
- c- How many students have been killed so far?

4. Identify the paragraph in which the following idea is mentioned : ‘ the Zionists are targeting schools and the educational staff in Gaza’. (0.5 pt)

5. Give a title to the text. (1 pt)

B) Text Exploration :

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Comprehension :

1. Choose the general idea of the text : (1pt)

- a) Education in Gaza
- b) The war on education in Gaza
- c) The suspension of the 2023-2024 School year in Gaza

2. Say whether the following statements are ‘true’ or ‘false’ : (2 pts)

- a- Basic education, in Gaza, lasts 10 years .
- b- The illiteracy rate in Palestine is one of the lowest rates in the world.
- c- A partial disruption of education has been caused by the recent war.
- d- Not less than 750 teachers and administrators have been injured.

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

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- b- Why did the Palestinian Ministry of Education suspend the 2023-2024 school year ?
- c- How many teachers and administrators have been killed so far ?

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

Those (§1)

that (§3)

B) Text Exploration :

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following : (1.5)

- a- illiteracy (§1)
- b- discriminate (§2)
- c- construction (§2)

2. Divide the following words into root and affixes : (1.5)

illiteracy - educational - indiscrimination - learning

Prefix	Root	Suffix

3. Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a) : (3 pts)

1/a- The Zionists have destroyed the infrastructure of teaching in Gaza.

b- The infrastructure.....

2/a- ‘ Israel wages a war on education’, he said.

b- He said

3/a- The world community should contribute to the reconstruction of Gaza’s education institutions.

b- It’s high time

4. Classify the following words according to their stressed syllable : (2 pts)

system – literacy – community –

1st syllable stressed	2 nd syllable stressed	3rd syllable stressed

Part 2 : Written Expression (05 pts)

Choose one of the following topics :

Topic 1 :

The current war on Gaza is having a catastrophic effect on its educational system. Therefore, an immediate actions should be done by the world community to revive Gaza’s education system.

Write an article to your local newspaper suggesting what measures and strategies should be taken to ensure students’ access to education once the war ends.

The following notes may help you :

- Provide e-learning / online learning platforms / distance learning (TV,radio,...)
- Rebuild schools and universities.
- Providing psychosocial assistance to children/ professional mental health support.
- Voluntary educational staff from different countries.

Topic 2 : In your opinion, must companies make only money when doing business or should they comply with moral standards? Give arguments.