

على المترشح أن يختار احد الموضوعين الآتيين:
الموضوع الأول:

Part One: Reading
A/ Comprehension

(15 pts)

(8 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

In recent years, the Internet has revived old debates once thought to be settled. One of **these** is the argument about the shape of the Earth. While science has long proven that the Earth is round, a small but vocal group of people continue to claim that it is flat. **This belief**, often supported by online videos and conspiracy theories, has sparked discussions in classrooms, homes, and even at scientific conferences.

Scientists point to overwhelming evidence, such as satellite images and the way ships disappear over the horizon, to prove the Earth's roundness. In contrast, flat-Earth supporters argue that this evidence is manipulated and that people are being misled by powerful institutions.

Experts say the debate is not really about science but about trust. In a world where misinformation spreads quickly, some people prefer to believe alternative explanations that align with **their** worldviews. As the debate continues, educators and scientists stress the importance of critical thinking and evidence-based reasoning.

Adapted for educational purposes

1- The text is:

- a) Descriptive. b) Expository. c) Argumentative.

2- Say whether the following sentences are true or false.

- a) The belief in a flat Earth has disappeared.
b) Satellite images are used to prove the Earth is round.
c) Flat-Earth supporters trust the scientific community.
d) The debate is more about trust than science.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a) What sparked the revival of the flat Earth debate?
b) How do scientists prove the Earth is round?
c) What is the main reason some people believe the Earth is flat?

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

- a) "these" (§1)
b) "this belief" (§1)
c) "their" (§3)

5) Choose the appropriate title to the text:

- a) Why People Believe in Conspiracies
b) The Earth: Flat or Round?
c) The Power of the Internet

B/ Text Exploration

(7 pts)

1) Find in the text words or phrases closest in the meaning to the following: (1 pt.)

a) proof (§2)

d) confidence (§3)

2) Complete the table. (1 pt.)

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To believe		
.....	proof	

3) Combine each pair of sentences using the connectors given between brackets.

Make changes where necessary: (1 pt)

a) Scientists present strong evidence. Some still deny the roundness of Earth. (although)

b) The Earth is flat. We can see ships at a big distance. (if)

4) Ask questions on the underlined words answer. (1 pt.)

a) It takes Earth 24 hours to rotate around its axis.

b) Aristotle proved the spherical of earth in 330BC.

5) Fill in the gaps with appropriate words from the list: (2 pt)

evidence – beliefs – proven – debate

The flat Earth theory is not supported by scientific (1) Although it has been (2) that our planet is round, some people still hold on to their (3) This ongoing (4) shows the need for better education and awareness.

6) Classify the following words according to their stressed syllable. (1 pt)

Rotation – planet – Conspiracy – scientific

1 st syllable stressed	2 nd syllable stressed	3 rd syllable

Part Two: Written Expression

(5Pts)

Choose ONE of the following topics.

Topic One: Some of your classmates have been discussing the flat Earth theory. Write an article for your school magazine (80-120 words) explaining why scientific evidence should be trusted over conspiracy theories. Use examples and emphasize critical thinking.

- importance to rely on scientific evidence. - clear photos taken of Earth from space
- Ships / disappear bottom-first,
- Conspiracy theories often ignore facts and spread fear or confusion.
- Sciences based on research, testing, and evidence.
- Critical thinking / asking questions, checking reliable sources...

Topic Two: You noticed that your neighbours prefer to buy copied products instead of original

ones. Being a responsible citizen, write a public statement of about 100 to 150 words to raise their awareness about the need to fight counterfeiting.

انتهى الموضوع الأول

الموضوع الثاني:

Part One: Reading

(15 pts)

A/ Comprehension

(8 pts)

*Read the text carefully and do the activities.***Text: Ethics in Business**

In today's competitive world, many companies are under pressure to make profits. However, focusing only on financial success can sometimes lead to unethical behavior. Business ethics is the study of what is right and wrong in the world of commerce. **It** helps companies act responsibly and fairly.

Ethical businesses consider the impact of their decisions on employees, customers, and the environment. For example, some companies ensure fair wages and safe working conditions for **their** workers. Others choose not to pollute or exploit natural resources, even if doing so would increase profits.

Unethical practices, such as false advertising, bribery, or using cheap labor in unsafe conditions, can damage a company's reputation and lead to legal consequences. On the other hand, ethical companies often gain the trust of consumers and build long-term success.

In conclusion, ethics in business is not just about following laws. It is about doing what is right—even when no one is watching. Businesses that make ethical choices contribute positively to society and the economy.

Adapted from Crane, A., & Matten, D. (2016). Business Ethics: Managing Corporate Citizenship and Sustainability in the Age of Globalization (4th ed.). Oxford University Press.

1. Identify the type of the text.

The text is... a) an extract from a book b) a speech. c) a web article.

2. Say whether the following sentences are true or false.

- a- Business ethics is only about obeying the law.
- b- Ethical businesses always put people and the environment first.
- c- Companies that act unethically can lose public trust.
- d- All successful companies are ethical.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a- What is business ethics?
- b- How do ethical businesses treat workers?
- c- What are some examples of unethical practices?
- d- Why is it important for businesses to act ethically?

4. Choose the general idea of the text.

- a- How businesses increase profits
- b- Why competition is necessary for business
- c- The importance of ethics in business

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

- a) it (§1)
- b) their (§2)

B/ Text Exploration

(07 pts.)

1. *Find in the text words that are similar in meaning to: (1 pt)*

- a- To take advantage of (paragraph 2)
- b- clients (paragraph 2)

2. *Give the opposite of the following words keeping the same root. (1 pt.)*

Fair – harmless – decrease – agree

Word	opposite

3. *Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. (1.5 pts.)*

- a) I feel strongly that the government should encourage ethically responsible businesses.
It's high time ...
- b) If businesses don't behave ethically, they will lose the confidence of their clients.
Unless
- c) Unethical practices can damage a company's reputation. .
A company's reputation ...

4. *Reorder the following statements to make a coherent paragraph. One sentence is irrelevant and must be left out. (2.5 pts)*

- a- Unethical actions, such as lying to customers or polluting the environment, can seriously damage a company's image.
- b- Ethics in business means doing what is right, not just what is legal.
- c- Exploiting children is unethical.
- d- In the long term, ethical companies usually earn more trust and loyalty from customers.
- e- That's why many successful businesses choose to follow strong ethical principles.

5. *Classify the following words according to their number of their syllables. (1 pt)*

competitive – fair – profits – ethical

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables	Four syllables

Part Two: Written Expression

(5Pts)

Choose ONE of the following topics.

Topic One: Do you think companies should always put ethics before profit? Why or why not? Support your answer with examples. (100–150 words)

- ignoring ethical principles (harm) people, the environment, and the company's reputation. - using child labor to reduce costs, customers to stop buying from them.
- ethical behavior builds strong relationships and sustainable success
- unethical choices may lead to legal problems and loss of public support.

Topic Two: Many children around the world are engaged in child labour. You are an activist working against child labour, write a newspaper article to inform readers about its causes and suggest possible solutions to eradicate this phenomenon.

Detailed Answer Key – Exam Paper 1: Flat Earth Theory

Part One: Reading (15 pts)

A. Comprehension (8 pts)

1. Type of text: c) Argumentative (The text presents arguments from both sides.) **0.5**

2. True or False with Justification (2 pts)

- a) False **0.5** b) True **0.5** c) False **0.5** d) True. **0.5**

3. Answer the questions (3 pts)

- a) The revival of the flat Earth debate was sparked by online videos and conspiracy theories. **1**
b) Scientists prove the Earth is round using satellite images and the way ships disappear over the horizon. **1**

c) Some people believe the Earth is flat because they distrust scientific institutions and prefer alternative explanations. **1**

4. Reference Words (1.5 pt)

- a) “these” → old debates **0.5**
b) “this belief” → the idea that the Earth is flat **0.5**
c) “their” → flat-Earth supporters **0.5**

5. Title of the Text b) The Earth: Flat or Round? **(1 pt)**

Part Two: Text Exploration (7 pts)

1. Synonyms (1 pt)

- a) proof → evidence **0.5**
b) confidence → trust **0.5**

2. Word Table (1 pt)

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To believe	Belief 0.25	0.25 believable
To prove 0.25	proof	0.25 proven

3. Sentence Combination (1 pt)

- a) **Although** scientists present strong evidence, some still deny the roundness of the Earth.
b) If the Earth **were** flat, we **could** see ships at a far distance.

4. Question Making (1 pt)

- a) **How long does** it **take** the Earth to rotate around its axis?
b) **When did** Aristotle **prove** the Earth was spherical?

5. Gap-fill (2 pts)

1. evidence **0.5** 2. proven **0.5** 3. Beliefs **0.5** 4. Debate **0.5**

6. Word Stress Classification (1 pt)

1st syllable	2nd syllable	3rd syllable
planet	rotation	0.25 conspiracy
0.25	0.25	0.25 scientific

Part Two: Written Expression (5 pts)

Topic One:

Trust Science, Not Conspiracies

Lately, some classmates have been discussing the flat Earth theory. While it may sound interesting, it ignores clear scientific evidence. We have real photos of Earth from space showing its round shape. Also, when ships sail away, they disappear bottom-first, which only happens on a curved surface.

Science is based on research, testing, and evidence—not on fear or confusion like conspiracy theories. That’s why we must develop critical thinking: ask questions, check reliable sources, and trust experts. Believing in science helps us understand our world and fight misinformation.

Topic Two:

Say No to Counterfeit Products

Dear neighbours,

I have noticed that many of you prefer to buy copied products instead of original ones. While counterfeit goods may seem cheaper, they cause serious harm to our economy and society. Fake products are often low in quality, unsafe, and may even put your health at risk—especially when it comes to medicine, electronics, or food.

Buying counterfeit items also supports illegal businesses, increases unemployment, and discourages honest manufacturers. We must understand that every fake item we purchase affects jobs, local industries, and innovation.

As responsible citizens, we should raise awareness, support original brands, and report counterfeit sales. Let's protect our families, economy, and future by saying no to counterfeiting.

Sincerely,
A concerned citizen

Detailed Answer Key – Exam Paper 2: Ethics in Business

Part One: Reading (15 pts)

A. Comprehension (8 pts)

1. Type of text: **a)** An extract from a book (As cited at the end of the text.) **0.5**
2. True or False with Justification (2 pts)
a) False **0.5** b) False **0.5** c) True **0.5** d) False **0.5**
3. Answer the questions (4 pts)
a- *Business ethics is the study of right and wrong behavior in the world of business.* **1**
b- *Ethical businesses treat workers fairly, with fair wages and safe conditions.* **1**
c- *Examples include false advertising, bribery, and using cheap labor in unsafe conditions.* **1**
d- *Because acting ethically builds trust, avoids legal trouble, and benefits society.* **1**
4. General idea: **(c)** The importance of ethics in business **0.5**
5. Reference Words
a) “it” → business ethics **0.5**
b) “their” → ethical businesses **0.5**

Part Two: Text Exploration (7 pts)

1. Synonyms:

- a- to take advantage of → *exploit* **0.5**
b- clients → *customers* **0.5**

2. Opposites (1 pt)

Word	Opposite
fair	Unfair 0.25
harmless	Harmful 0.25
decrease	Increase 0.25
agree	Disagree 0.25

3. Sentence Rewriting

- a- *It's high time the government **encouraged** ethically responsible businesses.* **0.5**
b- *Unless businesses **behave** ethically, they will lose the confidence of their clients.* **0.5**
c- *A company's reputation **can be damaged** by unethical practices.* **0.5**

4. Reordering Paragraph (2.5 pts)

Correct order:

b → a → d → e **0.5 x 4**

Sentence to leave out: c *Exploiting children is unethical.* **0.5**

5. Word Syllable Classification

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables	Four syllables
fair 0.25	profits 0.25	Ethical 0.25	competitive 0.25

Part Two: Written Expression:

Topic One: Why Ethics Should Come Before Profit

I strongly believe that companies should always put ethics before profit. Ignoring ethical principles can harm people, the environment, and damage a company's reputation. For instance, some companies have used child labor to reduce costs. As a result, many customers stopped buying their products and criticized them on social media.

Ethical behavior builds trust, strong relationships, and long-term success. When companies treat workers fairly, respect the environment, and provide honest services, they gain loyal customers and attract responsible investors.

In contrast, unethical decisions—like lying in advertisements or polluting—may lead to legal trouble, fines, or public protests. Profit earned through dishonest means is never sustainable. In today's world, where information spreads fast, people support businesses that care about values, not just money.

Putting ethics first isn't just the right thing to do—it's also smart business.

Topic Two:

Let Children Be Children: Say No to Child Labour

Child labour remains a serious global issue affecting millions of children. Instead of attending school, many children are forced to work long hours in farms, factories, and streets—often in dangerous conditions.

The main causes of child labour include poverty, lack of access to education, weak laws, and family pressure. Some families rely on their children's income to survive. Employers take advantage of this by hiring children for lower wages.

To fight this injustice, governments must enforce stricter laws and offer support to poor families. Education should be free and accessible to all. Society must also play a role by refusing to buy products made through child exploitation.

Every child deserves a safe childhood, proper education, and a chance to grow. Let us raise our voices and work together to end child labour once and for all.