

Level: 2ASLLE

School Year : 2011-2012

Time : 03H30min

Second Term English Examination

**Part one: Reading Comprehension**

**Read the text carefully, and answer the questions**

Most human being seems to be quite unaware that the small blue planet on which we live is very fragile. Despite warnings, we continue to inflict irreversible damage on it.

The atmosphere, our water resources, the soil, even our food, is all contaminated largely as a result of our own actions. We create deserts and create floods by destroying our forests.

Our homes and workplaces are polluted by tobacco we smoke, by harmful particles from the materials we use and the emanation toxic gases. We can no longer afford to ignore the warnings we are given by our scientists. If we don't want to condemn our children to a life of peril, it is time for us to reflect upon the consequences of our daily actions.

Once, the atmosphere was pure. Now the quantity of polluting gases emitted into the atmosphere exceeds nature's capacity to absorb them. The equilibrium is broken and we are threatened by an ever lengthening list of perils: the green house effect, the gap in the ozone layer, climatic change, a rise in the sea level.

By France Bequette.

The UNESCO Courier, March 1989

**Section one:**

**A- Reading comprehension:**

1- The text is an extract from:

a- A magazine , b- a novel , a book.

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**2- Say whether these statements are true or false:**

- a- People are interested in protecting the environment.
- b- The atmosphere is no more clean.
- c- Climatic changes are caused by water pollution.
- d- The destruction of the environment is due to man carelessness.

**3- Answer the following questions according to the text:**

- a- Are most human beings aware that earth is very fragile?
- b- According to the author, what should we do to protect our planet?
- c- Find in the text sentences or expressions that show that pollution is caused by man.

**4- In the last paragraph the phrases: "...in the atmosphere exceeds nature's capacity..." means:**

- a- In the same,
- b- is greater than
- c- is lesser.

**5- Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following:**

Conscious §1≠....., cleaned §2≠....., reject §3≠.....

**B- Mastery of language:**

**1- Which nouns can be derived from the following adjectives:**

Noun	Adjective
	Dangerous
	Natural
	Daily
	climatic

**2- Add two more words to the following list:**

Dangerous- catastrophic-.....,.....

**3- Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets:**

Carbon dioxide .....(absorb) by trees. Oxygen then ....(release) into the air and .....(breath) by all human beings.

**4- Rewrite the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one:**

1- A- We create deserts and floods.

B- Deserts and floods .....

2- A- Water mustn't be wasted.

B- We.....

3- A- Nuclear weapons have been used twice by the USA.

B- The USA.....

**5- Mark the intonation on the words in bold with appropriate arrows:"** ↗ ↘ **"**

Water is essential to people in many ways. We need water for cooking, bathing, transportation and recreation.

**6- Fill in the gaps using the words given:**

Environment- together- science- living

Ecology is the .....of how .....creatures and plants exist .....and depend of each other and on a local .....

**Section two: written Expression**

Choose one of the following topics:

**Topic one:** Water is life; write a paragraph in which you suggest some measures to conserve this resource.

The following notes will help you.

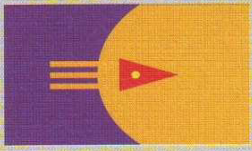
- Building dams.
- Water purification
- Dig wells.
- Organizing campaigns.

**Topic two:** The Amazon rainforest is considered as the "lung of the earth". Imagine you are a Journalist. Write an article in which you address a message to people about how to conserve this resource. Use the passive with modals.

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Good Luck



## Correction of the second Term English Exam

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### Section one :

#### A- Reading comprehension:

1- The text is an extract from:

a- A magazine.

2- a- False, b- True, c- False, d- true.

3- Answer the questions:

a- No, they are not.

b- According to the author, we should stop polluting air in order to protect our planet.

4- " into the atmosphere exceeds nature's capacity "...means:

b- is greater than.

5- The opposites:

Conscious ≠ unaware, cleaned ≠ polluted, reject ≠ absorb

Adjective	Noun
Dangerous	Danger
Natural	Nature
Climatic	Climate
Daily	Day

2- Add two words to the list:

Dangerous- catastrophic- destroying- harmful.

3- Give the correct form of the verbs:

Is absorbed- is released- is breathed.

4- Rewrite the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence so that it means the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> one

- Desert and floods are created by us.
- We mustn't waste water.
- The USA has used nuclear weapons twice.

5- Intonation:

Water is essential to people in many ways we need water for cooking,  
bathing, transportation and recreation

6- Fill in the gaps:

1- science, 2- living, 3- together, 4- environment.

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