

Niveau : 3ASL

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Third Term English Exam

Matière : English

Durée : 03h30



Part one: Reading and interpreting

Read the text carefully then do the activities

Children in most of ancient Greece started education at age seven. In Sparta, boys were given military training from ages seven to twenty to prepare them for service in the army. Girls also were required to train physically. They believed strong women produced strong babies.

In Athens, poor children did not school. They were needed around their homes to help their family make a living. Middle-class boys might go to school for only three to four years. For their lessons, the students used a wax-covered board with a stylus to carve out letters in the wax. When completed, the wax was smoothed over again and reused. The subjects they learned were reading, writing, basic math, music, and physical training. At the age of eighteen, most boys were required to join the army for two years of training.

After military training, boys from wealthy families studied under a sophist. Known as a "wisdom seller", a sophist charged a fee to teach subjects such as public speaking or rhetoric. In Athens and other democracies, public speaking and persuasion were highly prized skills. Socrates, the famous Greek philosopher, believed it was unethical to take money for teaching young people. He believed the pursuit of knowledge was more important than the art of speaking.

A- Comprehension:

1) Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer:

The text is: a-narrative, b-descriptive, c-argumentative, d-expository.

2) Are the following statements true or false:

- a- Girls required to train physically to prepare them for service in the army.
- b- In Sparta, boys were prepared for service in the army.
- c- Some children didn't go to school because they were poor.
- d- Physical training was among the subject studied.

3) Answer the questions according to the text:

- a- Why were girls required to train physically?
- b- What did a Sophist teach?

4) Who or what do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- a- Their S2=
- b- He believed S3=

B- Text Exploration:

1-Find in the text words that are opposites to the following:

a-Weak S1≠ , poorS3≠ , moralS3≠

2- Complete the chart as shown in the example:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
Educate	Education	Educated
.....	Strong
.....	Knowledge
Teach

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

Boys (.....(begin) their education at seven. The poorest.....(leave) with a grasp of the basics after three or four years, but wealthier pupils.....(stay) at school for up to 10 years. Even some girls.....(be) formally educated in the Greek world. Although not as commonly as boys and in separate schools.

4-Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as (a)

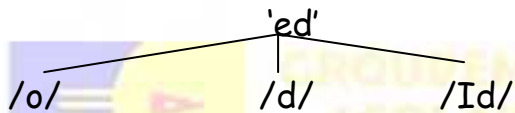
1- a-I'm afraid he will refuse to attend computing courses after work.

b-I wish

2- a- If he doesn't take English lessons, he will lose the new job he is expecting.

b-Unless.....

5- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of 'ed':
required-produced-studied -started



Part Two: Writing

Choose one of the following topics:

Topic one: Compare education in the past with education in the present time.

Use the following notes:

- Age
- Boys and girls
- Education stages
- Subjects
- Degrees

Topic two: Write a short summary of the Text.

The answers

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Part one: Comprehension

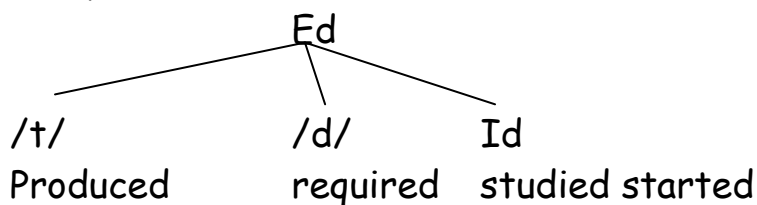
- 1- a-narrative. (01pt)
- 2- a- false, b-true, c-true, d-true (02pts)
- 3- answer the questions: (02pts)
 - a- because they believed strong women produced strong babies.
 - b- He taught subjects such as public speaking or rhetoric
- 4- Their = poor children
He= Socrates. (01pt)

Text exploration:

- 1- Opposites:
a-strong, b-wealthy, c-unethical. (1.5pt)
- 2- (1.5pt)

Verb	Noun	Adj
Strengthen	Strength	Strong
Know	Knowledge	Known
Teach	Teaching	Teachable

- 3- Tenses: (02pts)
Began- left- stayed- were.
- 4- I wish he wouldn't refuse to attend computing courses after work. (02pts)
He will lose the new job unless he takes English lessons.
Or: Unless he takes English lessons, he will lose the new job.
- 5- (01pt)



Writing :(06pts)