

اختبار في مادة الإِ نجليزية ( لغة أجنبية ثانية )

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Economics is about how goods and wealth are used in our everyday life. Food, for example, is a kind of goods. Everyone eats, but the average person does not think much about all the things that must happen before food appears on his plate.

Another example is the paper that we use for writing. It starts as wood on a tree very far from here. Man and machines transform the wood into paper, which has to be packed and carried by trucks and put into stores. At every step in the process, people have to be paid for their work. Money has also to be used for buying and repairing the machines, and so on. Of course, everyone concerned has to make profits, too. Even a very simple thing like a piece of paper has a long story behind it. Economists try to understand how all the parts of the long story are related. They also learn how to guess what will happen in the future, as far as goods and prices are concerned.

SECTION ONE: Reading Comprehension

( 8 points )

1. How many affirmative sentences are there in the first paragraph?

2. Are the following statements True or False?

- We generally think of the origin of the food we eat.
- Wood cannot be transformed to paper.
- The process of transformation needs money.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- What does economics study?
- Where does paper come from?
- What do economists try to do?

4. Choose a title for the text.

- The Process of Making Paper.
- Economics.
- Economy of Paper.

5. Find in the text words, phrases or expressions closest in meaning to the following:

- type (§1)
- products (§1)
- linked (§2)

6. Find in the text words, phrases or expressions opposite in meaning to the following:

- ends (§2)
- selling (§2)
- losses (§2)

**SECTION TWO: Mastery of Language**

( 8 points )

1. Supply punctuation, capitals and apostrophes where necessary.

the world's cereal production has decreased he declared

2. Find two words of the same roots as the ones given.

nation	national	nationality
produce	.....	.....
work	.....	.....

3. Supply the past simple and the past participle of the following verbs

Infinitive	Past simple	Past participle
think	.....	.....
eat	.....	.....
do	.....	.....

4. Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a)

1.a) "Paper comes from wood," he explained.

1.b) He explained that .....

2.a) Wood is carried by trucks.

2.b) Trucks.....

5. Reorder the words to make a coherent sentence.

of - making - many - stages - paper - the process - through - goes

6. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "s"

goods - economics - profits - prices - trees - processes

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**SECTION THREE: Written Expression**

(4 points)

Choose one of the following topics.

**Topic 1.** Using the following notes, write a composition of about 80 to 120 words comparing oil energy and solar energy.

Oil energy	Solar energy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- found only in a few regions of the world</li> <li>- not renewable</li> <li>- pollution</li> <li>- expensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- comparatively cheap</li> <li>- renewable</li> <li>- clean</li> </ul>

**Topic 2:** Write a composition of about 80 to 120 words on the following topic:

Life is getting more and more expensive. What do you think the causes are, and what can be done to improve people's conditions of life?