

The First Term Exam of English

Part One: Reading (14 points)

A/ Comprehension (07 points)

Read the following text very carefully then do the activities below

My life forty years ago used to be drastically different from the way I live today. The primary players in this huge transformation are technology and globalization. None of my past life habits are maintained: I eat, dress and entertain different.

Looking back to my old life makes me quite nostalgic. I used to live in a small mountainous village in a house that was quite ragged and whose walls were made of stone and clay. There used to be a barn where we kept our sheep and the donkey. I was then a five-year old reckless boy and much of my time was spent with my father in the farm. We used to plant almost everything we need for the dinner table. Our meals used to be healthy and safe. Therefore, we rarely went downtown for shopping. During winter, we didn't use to have warm jackets or sophisticated heater. We rather used to wear kechabias which our mother made from the wool of the sheep. At night, we all used to sit around wood fire listening to our grandma telling us stories and riddles.

However, that simple, traditional lifestyle is no longer existing now. Today, I live in a tiny apartment in the city. My parents still live in that village which actually looks like a town now. Now, I work all day in a factory and before I come home, I buy all I need for the dinner table. Yet, I always miss having lunch with my family and instead prefer to take a snack at work. When the weather turns cold, we just switch on the heating system to warm the entire flat. Most of us order the latest fashionable jackets and shoes online. To keep in touch with my friends and relatives, I spend some time chatting on social media and when I get bored I switch on TV to watch my favorite movies.

Almost half a century was able to turn my life as well as my generation's living patterns upside-down. Though it is undeniable that the modern appliances made everything easier and handy, there was much complacency and satisfaction in the simplicity of the past.

Written by the teacher

1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the correct answer (0,5pt)

- The text is ... a. a letter b. a story c. a speech

2. Are the following statements true or false according to the text (01,5pts)

- a- Technology is one of the major factors behind the changes in the author's life. ⇨.....
 b- The author doesn't like his old way of life. ⇨.....
 c- The author and his parents still live together. ⇨.....

3. Fill in the table below with information from the text

Features	The authors life in the past	The author's life today
<i>Area of dwelling And housing</i>
<i>Eating habit (s)</i>
<i>Dressing habit(s)</i>
<i>Entertainment habit(s)</i>

4. In which paragraph does the author express his appreciation for both past and present lifestyles? (0,5pt)

▶▶ In § 2 ...

5. Say to what or who the underlined words refer in the text (01,5pts)

- a. whose (§2) b. which (§3)

6. Give a suitable title for the text above (0,5pt) 2

