

First Term English Exam

PART ONE: Reading

I'm sorry, but I don't want to be an emperor. That's not my business. I don't want to rule or conquer anyone. I should like to help everyone. We all want to help one another. We want to live by each other's happiness, not by each other's misery. We don't want to hate and despise one another. The way of life can be free and beautiful, but we have lost the way.

Greed has poisoned men's souls and it has pushed us into misery and bloodshed. We have developed speed, but we have shut ourselves in. Our knowledge has made us cynical. Our cleverness, hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery, we need humanity. More than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost.

To those who can hear me, I say - do not despair. The hate of men will pass, and dictators die, and the power they took from the people will return to the people. And so long as men die, liberty will never perish.

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A. Comprehension

1. The text is

- a) an email b) a speech d) an interview

2. Say whether these sentences are true or false:

- a) The speaker is happy to be an emperor.
b) Greed has poisoned our souls.
c) The speaker is telling the people to despair.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a) What do all people want?
b) What pushed us into misery and bloodshed?
c) Why do we need kindness and gentleness?

4. In which paragraph is it mentioned that we don't care about humanity?

5. Who or what do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- a) We (§1) b) it (§2)

B. Text exploration

1. Match the words with their definitions:

Words	Definitions
a. Emperor	• Understanding of information.
b. Conquer	• A ruler of an empire.
c. Knowledge	• The feeling that there is no hope.
d. Despair	• To take control of foreign land by force.

2. Complete the following chart:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
<i>To organise</i>
.....	<i>Helping</i>
.....	<i>Protected</i>

3. Underline the silent letters in the following words:

a) liberty b) knife c) night d) psychology

4. Edit the following paragraph by correcting the common modal auxiliary errors.

I may to go to France on vacation next summer. I shall might visit the Palace of Versailles. I would to drive around the countryside. I could imagining myself living there; however, I will not move to France because my family should miss me very much.

Part two: Written Expression

Topic ONE:

Use the following notes to write a paragraph against racism:

- Racism is a problem
- Racism is still exist today
- Racism in the workplace
- What to do to fight racism

Topic TWO: Write a paragraph about the UN.