

Final Exam Of English

Choose only one topic:

Topic one

PART ONE: Reading (15 pts)

A/ Comprehension (08 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following activities

Tax Evasion and Swiss Banks

Tax evasion is a crime in almost all developed and developing countries, and the guilty party is liable to fines and/or imprisonment. Helping foreigners evade tax is not a crime in Switzerland's banks. Swiss banks have for centuries been the place for the rich to deposit money they want to hide. Many wealthy people avoid paying taxes in their own country by opening a Swiss bank account. Those banks have made trillions of dollars by doing so. However, the Swiss government is under a lot of international pressure to change its banking laws owing to the global banking crisis. The U.S. president in particular says it's high time Americans paid their taxes. Because tax revenue provides the cheapest means of funding public investments in education, health, physical infrastructure, crime prevention, and public defense. It is also core to the social contract between citizens and state: citizens as taxpayers want assurance that everyone pays their fair share and that the revenue collected is being spent wisely on their behalf.

Swiss president Hans-Rudolf Merz said Swiss banks would co-operate with the international community to fight the tax cheats provided that foreign governments could prove that bank customers were breaking the law. Many governments say this is not enough. It also means that the world's dictators can continue to steal their countries' riches and hide the money in Swiss banks. US President Obama wants to rid the world of tax evasion, which he believes is costing the USA billions of dollars a year in lost tax revenues. Switzerland is proceeding carefully. It fears it could be blacklisted by world powers.

Adapted from The Times Saturday, September 13th, 2009.

1- What type of discourse is the text above?

- a- descriptive b- expository c- argumentative

2- Say if these statements are true or false?

- a- Both developed and developing countries consider tax evaders as criminals.
 b- Tax evasion is unlawful in Switzerland.
 c- Wealthy people escape from paying taxes.
 d- The president Obama strongly believes that Americans don't have to pay taxes

3- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a- How is a tax evader punished by the law?
 b- Why is Switzerland forced to change its banking system?
 c- Where are tax revenues spent?
 d- What condition did the Swiss president provide to stop foreign tax evaders?

4- In which paragraph is it mentioned that the U.S President hopes to stop the problem of Tax evasion?

5) What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- a- doing so (§1) b- their (§1)

B/Text Exploration:

1) Find in the text words or phrases that are close in meaning to the following:

a)- rich (§1)

b) find evidence (§2)

c) clients (§2)

2) Divide these words into roots & affixes as shown in the example.

imprisonment international customers

Words	Prefixes	Roots	Suffixes
Ex: strongly	/	strong	ly

3-Rewrite the second sentence so that it means the same as the first given.(1,5)

1) - a)- Criminals are hiding huge amounts of money in foreign banks.

b) - Huge amounts of money.....

2) - A rich man regrets not having paid his taxes.

b)-He wishes.....

3)- a)-The government should reduce taxes so that its citizens pay them.

b)-The government.....

4)- a)- The U.S. president says: "Tax evasion is costing the USA billions of dollars a year in lost tax revenues."

b)- The U.S. president says that.....

4- Fill in the gaps so that the passage makes sense. Use words from the list below.

thieves - mistake - money - funds

New Zealand police are hunting for a couple who received nearly US\$8 millions by mistake from their bank. Bank employees made a huge.....1..... The couple runs a gas station which had financial problems. They applied for the overdraft to help with their.....2.....difficulties. Claire Matthews from New Zealand's Massey University told the reporter from ZB radio station : "They have taken3..... that they're not entitled to, that are not theirs. They've really become4..... "

5- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "s"

countries	foreigners	taxes	hopes
/s/	/z/	/Iz/	

PART TWO : WRITTEN EXPRESSION (5pts)

(Choose ONE of the following topics)

Topic one: Write an article about money laundering and its impact on economy. You may use the following notes:

- **Money laundering** /hiding the illegal /origin /money/ disguise/
from tax inspection /criminals /deposit/ foreign banks/buy / sell properties/money becomes legal,
-**Effects:** damage /financial sector/increase crime, terrorism ,criminal organization / encourage corruption/ social problems.....etc

Topic Two:

Write a composition of about 120 words about space exploration; its advantages and disadvantages.

TOPIC TWO

PART ONE :Reading(8pts)

A/ Comprehension

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

With more and more children now snacking their way through the day rather than eating meals made from fresh ingredients, we are in distinct danger of raising a generation of children that is under assault from the chemistry set of additives.

As food writer who specialized in children's diets, I am convinced the chemicals in their food explain a whole range of problems that almost all parents and certainly all primary school teachers will recognize.

Fidgeting, uncontrolled cheekiness, an inability to concentrate and periods of great activity that suddenly turn to great fatigue are important behavioral problems that can be blamed on the chemicals found in modern food.

Nothing has been done about it though. I hope that the latest research will finally prompt some action. Some of the additives used today date back to the beginnings of the so-called science of the food chemistry. Children are very responsive to advertising and believe what they are told, especially if it is someone like David Beckham. So I wish Britain would follow the example of the United States and the Scandinavian countries by banning the worst of each category of additives.

(Adapted from the Daily Mail, May 26th, 2004)

1- This text is an extract from:

- a- a children's book.
- b- a children's diet book.
- c- a newspaper article.

2- Choose the letter a, b or c which best completes the sentences.

- A- More and more children eat.....
 - a- food made from fresh ingredients.
 - b- snacks.
 - c- healthy food.
- B- According to the writer, a whole range of problems are recognized by.....
 - a- very few people.
 - b- most people dealing with children.
 - c- every parent.
- C- The writer hopes that.....
 - a- something will be done.
 - b- nothing has been done.
 - c- the latest research will be the last action.
- D- The writer thinks that the additives used.....
 - a- are very old.
 - b- are just the beginnings of the science of food.
 - c- should be advertised.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a- What are the effects of additives on children?
- b- Has Britain done anything to solve the problem of chemicals in children's food?
- c- What is the solution to this problem, according to the writer?

4- In which paragraph is it mentioned that a great personality can help the message getting through?

5- Choose a title for the text.

- a- How the food industry poisons our children.
- b- The benefits of food additives.
- c- The history of the food chemistry.

B-Text exploration (07pts)

1- Find in the text the words whose definition follows.

- a- The parts of a mixture (§.1).....
- b- Sorts of food usually eaten (§.2).....
- c- Answering easily or quickly (§.4).....

2 - Complete the following table:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
to believe	convinced
.....	assault

3- Combine the following pairs of statements using the connectors in brackets.

- a- Manufacturers use additives in food. Many people have digestive problems. (because of)
- b- They guaranteed its safety. The milk was contaminated. (although)
- c- The meal was salty. I drank a lot of water. (so.....that)

4-Ask questions to the underlined words.

- a- They usually eat in fast-food restaurants.
- b- Children are very responsive to advertising.

5- Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

financial - used - organs - develop

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables

5- Reorder the following sentences to write a coherent paragraph.

- a- While secondary research has many fruitful applications, its uses may be more limited than primary research.
- b- Primary research is that which is done specifically for a particular product or service.
- c- Marketers may examine consumer behavior using either primary or secondary research.
- d- Secondary research is done by another party or for another purpose.

PART TWO :WRITTEN EXPRESSION(05pts)

Choose one of the following topics.

TOPIC ONE : Some companies don't respect health safety standards. What is your opinion about such practices? Make suggestions on what should be done to stop these wrong doings. You may use the following notes.

- Control the import/export of products
- Pass severe regulations
- Put severe sanctions
- Pursue these companies in justice

Topic TWO : The next decades are likely to bring about radical changes in our life style. Fast-food and junk-food are invading our houses .In short a paragraph say why it happens and what consequences of such changes are.

Best wishes from your teachers.