

The First Term English Exam

Part one: Reading (15 pts)

A/ Comprehension: (8 pts)

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

A radical new law to ban child trafficking in India may be dropped by the country's parliament. The *Observer* has learnt that attempts have been made to water down the proposed move despite evidence showing the trafficking of hundreds of thousands of children in the country. Activists say the children are used to manufacture goods which end up on western high streets and have urged consumers to demand changes in law. Last week, police in Delhi carried out raids to rescue 21 trafficked children from garment workshops in the Gonda Chowk colony. Some of the children were found hidden in sacks. The youngest was seven. The children told their rescuers they had been working up to 16 hours a day for 20 rupees (34DA) a week.

The raids were the result of an investigation by the anti-child labor group Bachpan Bachao Andolan. A joint investigation between the *Observer* and BBA found goods being made for western brands in other backstreet workshops. A BBA spokesman said the children were found to be employed in embroidery work in a condition of forced labour and slavery in 11 workshops tucked away among the narrow lanes of the colony. Police arrested seven suspected employers. A total of 38 children were also rescued in other raids in Punjab and north-west Delhi.

The Indian cabinet last year backed a change in the law which would make employment of under-14 punishable by three years in jail. The law currently bans the employment of under-14 only in hazardous occupations. The decision to introduce the new Child and Adolescent Labour Prohibition Act was taken last August shortly after the *Observer* and the BBA exposed the scale of the problem by staging the first successful raid on a train carrying trafficked child labourers to Delhi. More than 40 children were rescued and 20 traffickers arrested. The government also proposed to introduce the criminal law amendment bill to include a ban on child trafficking and trafficking for forced labour. The law change would provide for a sentence of between seven years and life imprisonment for those convicted.

The Guardian, The Observer, Saturday 23 February 2013

1) Choose the best answer:

The text is about: a – human rights      b – child labour in India      c – child trafficking (1pt)

2) Are the following statements True or False according to the text? (1.5 pt)

- a – The new law to ban child trafficking in India was dropped by its parliament.
- b – The rescued children said they worked for very long hours and received very low wages.
- c – The law backed by the Indian cabinet prohibits employment of under 14 old children only in unsafe jobs.

3) Answer these questions according to the text: (3 pts)

- a – For what purpose are children trafficked in India?
- b – What is the BBA and in what ways did it help children in India?
- c – Does the Indian government intend to take any measures to forbid child trafficking in India? Justify.

4) In which paragraph is it mentioned that the Indian parliament is not in favor of child trafficking prohibition? (1pt)

5) Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1.5 pt)

- a – the country (§1)
- b – they (§1)
- c – which (§3)



**B/ Text Exploration: (7 pts)**

**1) Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following: (1.5 pt)**

a - forbid (§1) =

b - attacks (§2) =

c - dangerous (§3) =

**2) Give the opposite of the following words keeping the same root: (1 pt)**

leading - obey - relevant - employment

**3) Rewrite the following sentences using the connectors between brackets: (2pts)**

a - I believe we should stop exploiting children. (It's high time)

b - The article about child trafficking was really interesting. I read it many times. (so .. that)

c - I don't think the Indian parliament should drop the law which bans child trafficking. (had better)

d - Indian working children can't go to school. (wish)

**4) Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables: (1 pt)**

labour - ban - dropped - government

One Syllable	Two Syllables	Three Syllables

**5) Fill in the gap using words from the list to get a coherent paragraph: (1.5 pt)**

metal - counterfeiting - genuine

Since money came into use, there has been \_\_\_\_\_. Early money was in the form of coins with a specific content of gold, silver, or any other \_\_\_\_\_. Making coins was relatively easy. A metal of equal weight could be gold or silver-plated and passed on to the public as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part two: Written Expression (5 pts)**

**Choose one of the following topics:**

**Topic one:** Use the notes below to write a composition of 80 to 120 words on the following:

Social responsibility has become an important factor to judge a company's performance. Socially responsible involves:

- Be ethical / comply with business regulations
- Meet the expectations of the stakeholders (consumers, employees, etc.)
- Contribute to the general welfare of the community
- Preserve the environment

**Topic two:** Do you think the government in India or any other country should ban child labour as a socially responsible measure? Justify your opinion.