

# The Second Term Examination of English

(15 Points)

## Part One: READING

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

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For years, many pupils that come to high school to literary classes set their heart on joining the foreign language class later. Many people claimed they wish so to avoid having philosophy as a core subject for the years to come. So, I decided to carry out a survey to discover if that thought was true or false.

I questioned a hundred pupils of the first year classes in order to know why they all wanted to be foreign language learners later. When I asked them if they liked foreign languages, most of them said they were interested in learning them. Then I asked them which language they preferred learning. Some of them answered they enjoyed learning French while others loved English. Only a handful adored both languages. But my main interest was why they wished to join a language class later. Most of them told me that they loved studying languages and planned to further a career in, but very few declared that they did not wish to study philosophy as the most important subject. When I wanted to know whether they intended to study languages at university, most of them said that they would do once they passed their BAC exam with distinction.

Surprisingly, my survey showed that the pupils' claim proved to be totally wrong since the majority want to join a language class simply because they want to avoid philosophy in the third year of the high school.

From El Watan Newspaper of Algeria

### A) COMPREHENSION

(8pts)

1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.

1 pt

The text is .....  
a) an interview

b) a questionnaire

c) a report

2. Are these statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement and correcting the false ones.

2 pts

- a) This text is about foreign languages in the middle school.  
b) Newcomers to high school dream to join a foreign language class later.  
c) The new pupils prefer learning French to learning English.  
d) The majority prefer to study languages so as to avoid philosophy.

a)	b)	c)	d)

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

3 pts

- a) Do literary classes' pupils like to join foreign language class?  
b) What for did the reporter do the survey?  
c) How many pupils did the reporter question?  
d) Is it true that the pupils study languages to avoid philosophy?

4. Who/what do the underlined words refer to in the text?

1.5 pt

a) so (§1)

b) them (§2)

c) my (§3)

5. In which paragraph are the informants' answers mentioned?

0.5 pt

Please Turn Over



B) TEXT EXPLORATION

(2pts)

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following. 1.5 pt  
a) principal (§1) = b) asked (§2) = c) completely (§3) =

2. Complete the following table. 1.5 pt

Noun	Adjective	Adverb
thought	.....	thoughtfully
.....	happy	.....
use	.....	usefully
.....	hopeful/ hopeless	.....

3. Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a). 3 pts

1. a) The journalist wrote: "Literary classes like foreign languages."  
b) The journalist wrote that .....
2. a) The journalist adds, "The pupils want to improve their level of languages."  
b) The journalist adds that .....
3. a) The pupil said, "I always do my school homeworks"  
b) The pupil said that .....

4. Fill in each gap with the appropriate verbs from the list below. 1 pt

brain - shorten - energy - leaving

According to a recent research, sleeping more than nine hours or less than six hours can .....1..... your life expectancy. A new survey found that many people actually reduce their .....2.....power by getting too little sleep. Also the lack of sleep is .....3..... millions of people without the .....4..... to work as hard as they should.

Part Two: WRITTEN EXPRESSION

(5pts)

Choose one of the following topics.

Either topic 1: Using the following notes, write a composition of 120 words on the following topic:

Imagine you are a journalist. Write a report about an accident (a child was run over by a car). Use the following notes.

Place and date of the accident

Cause: fast driving; careless (e.g. driver distracted; use his mobile ....) / mechanical problem / bad weather conditions /

People: get killed /injured / taken to hospital

Or topic 2: Write an essay of about 120 words on what do you think of the Internet.

*Good Luck*  
Your teachers