March 2025	*Level: 2ASL* *Duration : 2h*

SECOND TERM ENGLISH EXAM

Read the text carefully then do the following activities

A/Comprehension (7pts)

Pollution has become one of the biggest problems facing our world today. As cities grow larger and industries expand, harmful substances continue to contaminate our environment, affecting the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil we use to grow food.

Many human activities cause pollution in our daily lives. Cars and factories release dangerous gases into the air, while plastic waste and chemicals from households and industries pollute our rivers and oceans. Farmers using too many pesticides also harm the soil and water sources. **These** pollutants don't just disappear – they stay in our environment for many years.

The effects of pollution are serious. People living in polluted areas often develop breathing problems and other illnesses. Animals and plants die when **their** habitats become too contaminated, and our food and water supplies become unsafe. If we don't act now to reduce pollution, these problems will only get worse in the future.

1/Say whether the following statements are true or false according to the text: 2pts

a) Pollution is one of the biggest problems facing our world today.
b) Industrial activities are the only cause of pollution
c) Pollution in the environment can harm both humans and animals
d) The effects of pollution are temporary and will resolve on their own.

2/ Answer the following questions according to the text: 3pts

a) What are the causes of pollution?

b) Do farmers contribute to pollution through the use of pesticides?

c) What will happen if pollution continues without action?

3/What do the underlined words refer to in the text? 1pt

these (§2): **their (§3):**

4. Give a suitable title to the text……. 1 pt

B. text exploration: 8pts

1- Find in the text words closest in meaning to: 1pt

decrease (§3) **=** damage (§2) **=**

2-Comlete the table 1.5pts

Verb	Noun	Adjective
to harm	……..	……..
……..	……..	conserved
……..	safety	……..

3. Rewrite sentence b so that it means the same as sentence a: (2pts)

a) Cars release harmful gases into the air.
b) Harmful gases……..
a) Farmers use pesticides to protect crops.
b) Pesticides……
a) People cause pollution by using plastic.
b) Pollution……..
a) Industrial waste contaminates the water
b) ……

4- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final (S): 1.5pts

Wanted - Helped - Polluted – killed – needed - used

/t/	/d/	/id/

5-Fill in the gaps with words from the list.(2pts)

climate - Solar – natural - renewable

Renewable energy comes from …….sources like the sun, wind, and water. Unlike fossil fuels, these sources never run out. ……..panels use sunlight, wind turbines use wind, and hydropower uses water to create electricity. Using …….energy helps reduce pollution and fight ……change. It's an important step toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Written expression (5pts)

Choose ONE of the following topics.

Topic one:

Pollution is a major issue that harms the environment today. Using the following notes write a paragraph of about 100 words discussing the effects of pollution on the environment and human health.

Causes respiratory problems/ global warming/ ozone layer damage/ Contaminates drinking water, harms aquatic life, affects agriculture.

Reduces soil fertility, contaminates food / species extinction and ecosystem damage.

Increases cancer/ heart disease

Topic Two :

Small actions, like reducing waste and conserving energy, can greatly impact the planet. Write a paragraph in which you explain how individual actions can contribute in protecting the planet and the significance of small changes in everyday habits.

A/ Comprehension (7pts)

1. **Say whether the following statements are true or false according to the text:**

a) **True**
b) **False**
c) **True**
d) **False**

2. **Answer the following questions according to the text:**

a) **What are the causes of pollution?**
The causes of pollution include cars and factories releasing harmful gases, plastic waste, chemicals from households and industries, and the use of too many pesticides by farmers.
b) **Do farmers contribute to pollution through the use of pesticides?**
Yes, farmers contribute to pollution by using too many pesticides, which harm the soil and water sources.
c) **What will happen if pollution continues without action?**
If pollution continues without action, the problems will only get worse, and the environment will become even more harmful for humans, animals, and plants.

3. **What do the underlined words refer to in the text?**

- **These** (2nd paragraph) → **pollutants**
- **Their** (3rd paragraph) → **animals** and **plants**.

4. **Give a suitable title to the text:**

"The Impact of Pollution on Our World"

B/ Text Exploration (8pts)

1. **Find in the text words closest in meaning to:**

- **Decrease** (3rd paragraph) = **Reduce**
- **damage** (2nd paragraph) = **Harm**

2. **Complete the table:**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
to harm	harm	harmful
To conserve	conservation	conserved
To save	safety	safe

3. **Rewrite sentence 'b' so that it means the same as sentence 'a':**

a) **Cars release harmful gases into the air.**
b) **Harmful gases are released into the air by cars.**
a) **Farmers use pesticides to protect crops.**
b) **Pesticides are used by farmers to protect crops.**
a) **People cause pollution by using plastic.**
b) **Pollution is caused by people using plastic.**
a) **Industrial waste contaminates the water.**
b) **The water is contaminated by industrial waste.**

4. **Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "S":**

/t/	/d/	/id/
Helped	Killed / used	Wanted/ needed / polluted

5-Fill in the gaps with words from the list. (2pts)

Renewable energy comes from **natural** sources like the sun, wind, and water. Unlike fossil fuels, these sources never run out. **Solar** panels use sunlight, wind turbines use wind, and

hydropower uses water to create electricity. Using **renewable** energy helps reduce pollution and fight **climate** change. It's an important step toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.