Level: 2nd year foreign Languages **November 2024**
Duration: 2 Hours

First Term English Test

A/ Comprehension: **Read the text carefully then do the activities. (07 pts)**

The text:

Over the last years, there have been many important changes in our life styles. Our grandparents' lifestyles used to be different from ours. Yet, even the new changes that have taken place over the last years are great.

To begin with, our grandparents used to spend more time together at home. **They** used to tell jokes and stories, which taught the young moral values. However, nowadays we rarely spend time together. In fact, we spend most of our time either at work or online. Moreover, people in the past used to ride animals to travel long distances, whereas we now use vehicles.

To conclude, it is clear that life has changed a lot in the last couple of years. Now, **It** is definitely much easier for the majority of people. However, it is not easy for some individuals to decide whether things now are better or not.

Source: http/// lifestyles.com

1. The type of text is: (01pt) **a/a magazine article** **b/a newspaper** **c/a web article**

2. ***Say whether the following statements are "True" or "False" according to the text.*** **(02 pts)**

a. Life in the past and life in the present are similar. → .....

b. Our ancestors used to enjoy staying together at home. → .....

c. Travelling long distances did not use to be slower in the past. → .....

d. Nowadays, we travel by cars. → .....

3. Answer the following questions according to the text. **(03pts)**

- What has recently happened to the way we live?
- Do people nowadays have less time to spend with their families?
- How did people in the past use to travel?

4. In which paragraph is it mentioned "comparing means of transportations"? **(01pt)**

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5. ***What or who do the following words refer to in the text?*** **(01 pt)**

a. They (§2) → …… … **b. It (§3) →** …….

B/ Text Exploration: **(12 pts)**

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following. **(01 pt)**

a. Previous (§1) =→ **b. Narrate (§2) = →**

2. Complete the table below : **(02 pts)**

Verb	**Noun**	**Adjective**
To decide	…….	……..
……	development	……..
……..	……..	Different

3. Give the correct form of the verbs between brackets (2pts)

a. In the past, people (communicate) ……by writing letters, but nowadays they often (to use)…….social media.

b. Children (to play)……outside more often, however, now they (to spend)……most of their time on screens.

c. Look, the sky is foggy, it (to rain)……..

d. My brother (to come)…….. on the 26th of November.

4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final /s/. **(01 pts)**

Jokes - Stories - changes - Previous

/s/	***/z/***	***/iz/***

5/ Fill in the gaps with the appropriate word from the list given: (01 pt)

Foreshadowed _ influences _ traditions _ Algerian _ fashion

Not surprisingly,……designers have succeeded in combining the cultural …….with the influence of the environment of the country. These …….have found their way into the fashion industry and have ……..several changes.

Written Expressions: Choose only one topic :(6pts)

Topic one: Today we live a totally different life from our grandparents' life since modernity has brought new life styles. Write a paragraph describing the changes in the way we live through time using the following notes:

Eating habits: traditional food _ junk food _ diet _ sport

Transportations: donkeys _ cars _ trains

Education: No schools _ developed methods of teaching

Entertainments: storytelling _ social media _ electronic games

Use "used to" and the present simple tense

Topic Two: You planned to visit some interesting places you like during the winter vacations. Write an email to your friend in which you tell him/her about your arrangements for the visit: These notes may help you: (coral fishing, hiking, diving….)

Correction

1. The type of text is: (01pt) **c/a web article**

2. ***Say whether the following statements are "True" or "False" according to the text.*** **(02 pts)**

a. Life in the past and life in the present are similar. → ***False***

b. Our ancestors used to enjoy staying together at home. → ***True***

c. Travelling long distances did not use to be slower in the past. → ***False***

d. Nowadays, we travel by cars. → ***True***

3. ***Answer the following questions according to the text.*** **(03pts)**

- What has recently happened to the way we live?
- Over the last years, there have been many important changes in our life styles.
- Do people nowadays have less time to spend with their families?
- Yes, they do
- How did people in the past use to travel?
- People in the past used to ride animals to travel long distances.

4. ***In which paragraph is it mentioned*** "comparing means of transportations"? **(01pt)**

→ It is mentioned on the 2nd paragraph.

5. ***What or who do the following words refer to in the text?*** **(01 pt)**

a. They (§2) → our grandparents **b. It (§3)** → **life**

B/ Text Exploration: **(12 pts)**

1. ***Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the followings.*** **(01 pt)**

a. Previous (§1) =→ last **b. Narrate (§2) = → tell**

2. ***Complete the table below:*** **(02 pts)**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To decide	decision	decided
To develop	development	developed
To differ	difference	different

3. ***Give the correct form of the verbs between brackets (2pts)***

e. In the past, people (communicate) used to communicate by writing letters, but nowadays they often (to use) use social media.

f. Children (to play) used to play outside more often, however, now they (to spend) spend most of their time on screens.

g. Look, the sky is foggy, it (to rain) will rain.

h. My brother (to come) is going to come on 26th of November.

***4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final /s/.* (01 pts)**

Jokes - Stories - changes - Previous

/s/	*/z/*	*/iz/*
Jokes	Previous Stories	changes

5/ Fill in the gaps with the appropriate word from the list given: (01 pt)

Foreshadowed influences traditions Algerian fashion

Not surprisingly, **Algerian** designers have succeeded in combining the cultural **traditions** with the influence of the environment of the country. These **foreshadowed** have found their way into the fashion industry and have **influences** several changes.

Written Expressions: Choose only one topic :(6pts)