

امتحان البكالوريا التجريبي

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الموضوع الأول

Part One: Reading

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

In Africa, many young people spend years studying, and gaining skills and knowledge, with the hopes of securing employment after graduation. However, the sad reality is that most of them end up being jobless, with no prospects of finding a job. **This unfortunate situation** is mainly due to nepotism, which has become deeply entrenched in the hiring process in many African countries.

Nepotism is the practice of showing favoritism to one's family members or friends in matters of employment. **It** is prevalent in many African countries, where the job market is highly competitive, and the number of qualified candidates outweighs the available job opportunities. In such a situation, recruiters tend to favour their close associates, friends, and family members, even if these individuals lack the necessary skills and qualifications for the job. As a result, meritocracy is sacrificed, and deserving candidates, who may have studied hard and have excellent qualifications, are left on the sidelines. The common practice is that many recruiters prioritize the interest of a family member or friend over the interest of the organization **they** represent. Often, these favored candidates get the jobs without even going through a recruitment process.

The consequence of nepotism is dire, especially for young graduates who are optimistic about **their** prospects in the job market. Many young people spend years studying, incurring debts to pay their tuition fees and end up having no job to show for their hard work. The frustration of not finding a job leads to a loss of hope, and many talented individuals abandon their home countries for greener opportunities overseas.

A / Comprehension: (8pts)

1. Circle the letter that correspond to the right answer. (0.5pt)

The text is: a- argumentative b- descriptive c- expository

2. Choose the answer to complete each statement. (1.5pt)

A. In many Africa countries, nepotism is extremely.....in the recruitment procedure.

a- mentioned b- rooted c- organised

B. In the African workforce market, the number of job applicants is.....the number of job offers.

a- exceeds b- matches c- fall short of

C. Highly qualified candidates are.....by recruiters because of favouritism.

a- prioritised b- excluded c- regarded

3. Put the following ideas in the order they appear in the text. (2pts)

- a- There are fewer job openings than there are applicants.
- b- A lot of young Africans suffer from unemployment after finishing their university studies.
- c- Highly qualified young people feel so disappointed that they go abroad to seek for a job.
- d- Hiring managers recruit employees based on family connection not on merit.

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

- a- Why do many African recruiters prefer to hire their unqualified family members rather than qualified candidates?
- b- Do the privileged candidates follow the official recruitment procedures to get a job? Justify.
- c- Why are young graduates very unhappy about being jobless?

5. What/who do the underlined words in the text refer to? (1pt)

- a- This unfortunate situation (1§).....
- b- it (2§)
- c- they (2§).....
- d- their (3§).....

B/ Text Exploration: (7pts)

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

- a- required(1§)=.....
- b- horrible (3§)=.....

2. Give the opposites of the following words keeping the same root. (1pt)

Connection - available - formal - practical

3. Combine each pair of sentences with the connectors given between brackets. Make changes where necessary. (2.5pts)

- a- Qualified young people don't leave their home countries. Governments eradicate nepotism. (provided that)
- b- Many new graduates have excellent qualifications and skills. They can't find a job. (in spite of)
- c- Nepotism is a widespread problem in Africa. Bribery is a widespread problem in Africa too. (both...and)
- d- Some young people bribe recruiters to get a job. They live under deprived conditions. (such...that)

4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final "s". (1.5pt)

opportunities - candidates - sacrifices - jobs - hopes - friends

/s/	/z/	/iz/

5. Reorder the sentences to get a coherent passage. (1pt)

- a. Preventing nepotism is the best way to handle it.
- b. Therefore, managers should base their decisions on merit rather than on personal connection.
- c. Nepotism occurs when unfair advantages are granted to relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs.
- d. With fairness, transparency and equal opportunities for all, we can minimize its effects.
- e. This unethical practice can lead to dissatisfactions and conflicts among employees.

Part Two: Written Expression (5pts)

Choose ONE of the following topics.

Topic one: You have recently been fired from your company and replaced by a manager's relative for no obvious reason. You felt upset about this act of nepotism. Write a web article of about 80 to120 words to denounce such unethical practice and its negative effects.

Make use of the following notes:

- dishonest / irresponsible behaviour – unfair privilege
- creation of conflicts /division/ toxic work environment
- employees not motivated/ less productive
- bad reputation for the company

Topic two: Today, young people consume more and more unhealthy food which expose them to complex health problems. Write an article of about 80 to120 words for your school magazine giving your schoolmates pieces of advice on how to adopt healthy eating habits and an active lifestyle to avoid serious diseases.

Part One: Reading

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

The careful studies made by astronomers reveal that the forces controlling the movement of the planets, stars and galaxies in the universe operate according to constant and extremely precise laws, set in place by a Supreme Designer with perfect wisdom and intention. If we take just the example of our planet, we will certainly notice that the whole organization on which it stands is made possible only because it is governed by rules of an exceptional accuracy. The distance separating Earth from the Sun and its inclined position, which both remain unchanged through time and space, are elements that are created so delicately that if any action comes to disturb them, it will bring a series of terrible catastrophes. For example, any small variation in these aspects will produce important changes in the atmospheric condition of Earth. Then, seasons will disappear, temperatures will reach high or low intolerable extremes and all the living species will die.

Also, the energy and the gravity that are needed for our planet to turn round itself and rotate at the same time around the sun without any interruption must be steady and obey the same pattern day after day. If any disorder happens to modify this system our world will get out of its orbit and will either crash on the surface of the sun or get hurled violently into the infinite space and get reduced into ashes. It is true with the other realities linked with our planet. If the amount of oxygen gets reduced and the quantity of rain falls declines during certain number of years or if we collide with some wandering objects from space like a comet or a meteor, no creature will be able to survive.

We may not know how long the precise organization that sustains and supports our world will last, but as long as the Divine will and plan continue to guide and protect us, every event will occur smoothly and life will continue to exist and prosper on our planet.

Adapted from:” Practicing with English” by Idir Boussad

A/Comprehension(8pts)

1. Circle the letter that correspond to the right answer: (0.5pt)

- The text is about:** a- The role of the Sun in Earth’s existence.
b- The critical precision of Earth position in the universe.
c- The dramatic effects of a meteor collision on Earth’s survival.

2. Are the following sentences true or false? :(2pts)

- a- The universe is built on accurate and eternal rules.
b- The distance between our planet and the Sun often varies.
c- The existence of seasons depends on to the Earth’s precise position relative to the Sun.
d- Earth can move away from its orbit without any risk.

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

- a-How can a deviation in the Earth position affect its climate condition?
b-What will happen if the Earth gravitation changes?
c- Can drought be a menace to human survival? Justify.

4. Find who and what the underlined words in the text refer to:(1.5pts)

- a- it (§1) b- them (§1) c- that (§2)

5. In which paragraph are the following ideas mentioned? (1pt)

- a- Our planet will be too hot to support life
- b- A crash of any celestial body into Earth can cause life extermination.

B/ Text Exploration: (7pts)

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following. (0.5pt)

- a- unsupportable (§1) =.....
- b- change (§2) =.....

2. Divide the following into roots and affixes. (1pts)

disappearance - interruption - unmodified - disturbing –

Prefix	Root	Suffix

4. Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a):(2.5pts)

- 1.a- NASA will launch a new satellite into space.
b- A new satellite.....
- 2.a- The astronomer says” The energy that is needed by Earth must be steady.”
b- The astronomer says that.....
- 3.a- If the amount of oxygen gets reduced, life will not be possible on Earth.
b- Unless.....
- 4.a- Man can not live on Venus because it has a high temperature.
b- Due to
- 5. a- Algeria doesn’t invest a lot of money in space technology.
b- It high time.....

4. Fill in each gap with the appropriate word from the list given:(2pts)

extinction - hitting - threat - happen

Space holds not only many wonders and explanations of how the universe was formed, or how it works but dangers as well. The chance of a large asteroid or a comet1.....the Earth is small. But given time, it might ...2..... Some explanations for the3..... of heavenly bodies includes strikes by asteroids or comets. Fortunately, our space technology is reaching the point where we can detect such a4.....and might be able to do something about it.

5. Classify the words below according to the number of their syllables:(1pts)

disappear - walked - aspects - protective

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables

Part Two: Written Expression (5pts)

Choose one of the following topics.

Topic One: One of the great benefits of space exploration is the understanding and giving scientific explanations to the wonderful phenomena that occur in the outer space. As a member of a club of astronomy, write an article of about 80 to 120 words for your school magazine in which you inform your schoolmates about the improvements space exploration might bring to humanity.

Make the best use of the following notes:

- scientific and technological discoveries and innovations.
- better understanding of the universe and the celestial bodies.
- facing natural disasters more effectively.
- solving environmental problems.
- you can mention other benefits

Topic Two: You have noticed that advertisements influence teenagers' choices and money spending habits. Write a web article of about 80 to 120 words on the negative impact of advertisements on teenagers giving them pieces of advice.

Correction of the Mock Exam 3AS 24 -25 Subject n° 1

Detailed Answers	Scale Marks
<p>A/Comprehension:</p> <p>1) - The text is: (c) expository</p> <p>2) - Choosing the right answer: A/ (b) rooted B/ (a) exceeds C/ (b) excluded</p> <p>3) – Ordering ideas: a) = 2 b) = 1 - c) = 4 - d) = 3</p> <p>3) -Answering questions:</p> <p>a) Many African recruiters preferbecause the job market is highly competitive, and the number of qualified candidates outweighs the available job opportunities.</p> <p>b) No, they don't. " Often these favoured candidates get the jobs without even going through a recruitment process.</p> <p>c) Young graduates are unhappybecause they spend years studying, incurring debts to pay their tuition fees and end up having no job to show for their hard work.</p> <p>4) -Cohesive markers:</p> <p>a)- this unfortunate situation(§1): being jobless, without.....a job.</p> <p>b)-it (§2): nepotism - c)- they (§2): recruiters - d)- their (§3): young graduates</p>	<p>(8pts) (0.5pt)</p> <p>(1.5pt) 0.5 each</p> <p>(2pts) 0.5 each</p> <p>(3pts) 1 each</p> <p>(1pt) 0.25 each</p>
<p>B/Text Exploration:</p> <p>1) - Synonyms: a) = necessary b) = dire</p> <p>2) - Morphology: opposites disconnection - unavailable - informal - impractical</p> <p>3) - Combining Sentences:</p> <p>a- Qualified young people will not leave.....provided that the governments eradicate nepotism.</p> <p>b- In spite of having excellent qualifications and skills/ their excellent....., many new graduates can't find a job.</p> <p>c- Both nepotism and bribery are widespread problems in Africa.</p> <p>d- Some young people live under such deprived conditions that they bribe recruiters to get a job.</p>	<p>(7pts)</p> <p>(1pt) 0.25 each</p> <p>(1pt) 0.25 each</p> <p>(2.5pts) (a)-(c) 0.75 each (b)-(d) 0.5 each</p>

4) - Word classification: Final "s"
 - /s/: candidates - hopes
 - /z/: opportunities - jobs - friends
 - /iz/: sacrifices

(1.5 pt)
 0.5 each

5) – Ordering Sentences:
 1 = c - 2 = e - 3 = a - 4 = d - 5 = b

(1pt)
 0.25 each

Part Two: Written Expression:

(5pts)

Criteria	relevance	Semantic coherence	Correct use of English	Excellence (vocabulary and creativity)	Final score
	1pt	1pt	2pts	1pt	5pts

Subject n° 2

Detailed Answers

Part One: Reading

A/Comprehension:

1) -Choosing the right answer:

The text is about: (b)

2) -True or false:

a) True - b) False - c) True - d) False

3) -Answering questions:

- d) A deviation in the Earth position will produce important changes in the atmospheric condition of our planet so the seasons will disappear and temperatures will reach high or low intolerable extremes.
- e) If the Earth gravitation changes our world will get out of its orbit.....reduced into ashes.
- f) Yes, it can. "If the quantity of rain falls declines during certain number of years, no creature will be able to survive.

4) -Cohesive markers:

- a)- it (§1): **our planet**
- b)- them (§1): **the distance separating Earth from the Sun and its inclined position / elements**
- c)- that (§2): **energy and gravity**

5) -Paragraph Identification:

- a) 1st §
- b) 2nd §

B/Text Exploration:

1) -Synonyms:

a) = intolerable b) = modify

2) - Morphology: Roots and Affixes

prefix	root	suffix
dis	appear	ance
	interrupt	ion
un	modify	ed
	disturb	ing

3) Rewrite Sentences :

- 1) - A new satellite **will be launched** by NASA into space.
- 2) - The astronaut says that **the energy that is needed by Earth must be Steady.**
- 3) – Unless the amount of oxygen **gets reduced**, life **will be possible** on Earth.
- 4) – Due to **its high temperature/ Venus high temperature**, Man cannot live on it.
- 5) – It’s high time Algeria **invested** a lot of money in space technology.

(2.5pts)
0.5 each

4) Gap Filling:

1 = **hitting** - 2 = **happen** - 3 = **extinction** - 4 = **threat**

(2pts)
0.5 each

5) Word classification: Number of syllables

- One syllable: **walked**
- Two syllables: **aspects**
- Three syllables: **disappear** - **protective**

1pt
0.25 each

Part Two: Written Expression:

Criteria	relevance	Semantic coherence	Correct use of English	Excellence (vocabulary and creativity)	Final score
	1pt	1pt	2pts	1pt	5pts

(5pts)