



FIRST TERM EXAM
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Class :

Level : 2nd year of J.H.S.



Disappearing rainforests

People like trees for a lot of reasons. They give us shade in summer, fruit to eat, different colours to look at and a place for children to play. They also give birds and insects a place to live.

But trees are also one of the most valuable parts of the environment. Why? Because they give us oxygen – clean air. The world's largest rainforests (in Brazil, Africa and South East Asia) supply about 80 per cent of the oxygen for the world's fresh air.

Rainforests also give us thousands of valuable wild plants. One square kilometre of rainforest sometimes contains 250 different types of plants, including 125 different trees! These plants and trees are valuable because scientists use them to make a lot of medicines.



But every year an area of rainforest as big as England and Wales disappears. That's 151,000 km². Large companies cut down the trees for valuable hardwood and for wood for making paper. There are also forest fires. In 1998 an area of the Amazon rainforest

as large as Belgium (30,500 km²) disappeared in a fire. Every day about 50 kinds of rainforest plants and animals become extinct. Whole systems of plant and animal life are disappearing forever.

(6 pts) **I/- Comprehension :**

2 pts **A - Answer the following questions from the text :**

1- How are trees important for people ?

2- Where are the world's most important rainforests situated ?

2 pts **B- Are these statements true or false ? Justify.**

1- Rainforests provide us with useless types of trees and plants.

2- Wildlife is endangered because rainforests are disappearing.

1 pt **C- Find in the text words or expressions which mean the same as :**

1- vanishes (parag 4) :

2- very important (parag 3) :

1 pt **D- What do the underlined words in the text refer to ?**

1- They : (*parag 1 line 4*)

2- Them : (*parag 3 line 7*)

(8 pts) **I/- Language :**

3 pts **A- Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense :**

1- **Lara** : What do you enjoy(**do**) with your brother ?

Sophie : We (**surf/often**) the internet together. It's great.

2- The beatles(**go**) on a tour around the U.S.A. in 1964.

3- **Ann** : What(**you/do**) tonight ?

Tom : I(**visit**) my friend Emily. She(**be**) sick.

4 pts **B- Choose the correct answer : a, b or c.**

1- **Waiter** : Howsugar do you take in your coffee sir ?

Mr Smith : I want a lot of sugar please ! I love sugar.

a/ many

b/ much

c/ any

2- **Rob** : What are you ?

Dave : My discman. I lost it yesterday.

a/ looking for

b/ looking out

c/ looking up

3- I hate Spaghetti. I don't want to eat

a/ them

b/ her

c/ it

4- My fatherwatches television because the programmes are so boring.
a/ always b/ often c/ never

1pt

C- Complete the unfinished words. The first letter is given :

- 1- Emy is a **v**..... She helps poor people without being paid.
- 2- Many schools in Britain **b**..... mobile phones for students

(6 pts) III/- WRITING :

“Every year, large areas of rainforests disappear”.

☞ Write a paragraph to tell us how you can solve this problem.

These notes can help you :

- Stop cutting down trees.
- Plant more trees.
- Work with environmental organisations.
- Etc.
