



EIGHTH GRADE FINAL TERM EXAM

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First name :

Year :

Family name :

Class :

In 1990, the local authorities in La Puente, California, presented a school program that makes students conscious of the risks of drug taking. The program was a success ; and an example of a boy who has benefited from this program is called Sixto Perez.

He is 12 years old, he lives with his poor parents and five brothers and sisters in La Puente, California. Last year, his father was away from the family. He was trying to find a job. So, Sixto had to work part-time after school in order to earn some money to buy clothes.

One day, while Sixto was sweeping the floor outside the mini-market where he worked, a man approached and offered him 100 dollars to sell drugs at his school.

Sixto knew all about drugs from the school program presented by the local authorities. He was scared but he told the man : "I only make 20 dollars a week, but I do it honestly." And the shop owner chased the drug dealer away.

This summer Sixto received a 500 dollar-cheque from the Bank of California as a reward for his behaviour. His mother, Efigenia Perez, was proud of him and said : « My son works for little money, that's true ; but he prefers to be honest than to do a dirty job ».

* drug = drogue (in french)

* a drug dealer = person who sells drugs.

A/ Answer these questions about the text :

1) Why did the school authorities present this kind of school program in La Puente ?

2) Who is Sixto Perez?

3) Why did Sixto have to work after school last year?

4) Did he accept to sell drugs? Explain why not?

B/ Are these sentences true or false? Justify your answer.

1) Last year, Sixto Perez stopped going to school.

2) The man talked to Sixto outside the mini-market was a drug dealer.

3) Sixto's father worked in La Puente.

4) Sixto's family is a small one.

II) Language :

A/ put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense :

It is 10:00 in the evening now, Fatima **(to do)**..... her homework. She **(usually/not/to do)** her homework late in the evening. Yesterday afternoon, she **(visit)** one of her friends, and tomorrow evening, Fatima and her friends **(to see)** a good film at the cinema.

B/ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives :

- 1 - The pacific ocean is **(big)**..... it has a total area of 165, 384 square kilometres.
- 2 - A : « What do you think is **(good)** method of transport?
B : I suppose it's the plane.”
- 3 - Ali is **(young)** than his brother.

C/ Say the following sentences in another way :

- 1 - Andy : « Why don't we have a hamburger, I'm hungry !
..... **(suggestion)**
- 2 - « I can't do this exercise, it is too difficult. » says Ali.
..... **(enough)**
- 3 - “you can't go to night parties” Says Jane's mum.
..... **(permission)**

D/ Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blanks :

- 1 - We have only bread, so we must buy some.
a - few b - much c - a little
- 2 - Mrs Jackson felt so That her son had marks in his final exam.
a - embarrassed b - upset c - surprised
- 3 - Planes couldn't hand at the airport. It was so That visibility was down to 10 meters
a - foggy b - thundery c - rainy

