



NINTH GRADE FIRST TERM EXAM

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The earth is not as healthy as it used to be .The problem of dirty air, polluted rivers, acid rain and nuclear waste make a lot of people worry about the future .They feel that it's important to do something quickly before it's too late.

Acid rain is one of the biggest problems in Europe .Smoke from factories and power stations in European countries goes up into the atmosphere .This smoke contains sulphur and other chemicals .When the wind blows across Europe, it falls with the rain in Scandinavia, Germany and Britain .This is acid rain .It damages trees and kills the fish in lakes and rivers.

Governments should find a way to solve the problem of acid rain. Most of the European countries have agreed to reduce the amount of sulphur in the air. British experts, however, feel it's not enough to control industry .They are certain that the real problem is the smoke from millions of cars in Europe.

I- COMPREHENSION : (14 marks)

A) Which paragraphs express these problems: (2 marks)

1. Problems of smoke from vehicles
2. Problems of one particular chemical substance.

B) Find in the text words or phrases which mean the same as: (2 marks)

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| 1) be anxious = | 3) quantity = |
| 2) causes harm to = | 4) find a solution = |

C)- Find in the text the opposite of : (1 mark)

- 1) comes down # 2) increase #

D) Say whether these statements are true or false. Justify (4 marks)

- 1) All the European countries have agreed to find a solution to the problem of acid rain .
- 2) British experts think that controlling industry is the only solution to stop acid rain.

E) Answer these questions fully. (5 marks)

- 1) What makes the earth different from what it was in the past ?
- 2) Why is acid rain the biggest problem in Europe ?
- 3) What does this word in the text refer to ?
They (Line 3 paragraph 3)

II. LANGUAGE: (14 marks)

A) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the list: (3 marks)
after / should / mustn't / for / about / since / ago / neither / so / must / either

- 1) We haven't eaten out _____ last month .
- 2) Anas: I hate watching golf .
Peter : _____ do I.
- 3) Mary has been in hospital _____ about a week .She's going to have an operation .
- 4) Kamal: I don't think boxing is as dangerous as motor-racing
Tom: _____ do I .
- 5) My friend is a real eco-warrior .He cares _____ the main environmental problems .
- 6) " you _____ light a fire in the forest . It's dangerous".

B- Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (4 marks)

Mr Robson doesn't live near his office, so he usually (**take**) the bus to work . Last month , he (**buy**) a car , but he's still afraid of driving it.

" I (**just /pass**) my driving licence test. I think I need some time before I can drive with some confidence," Mr Robson is saying to a friend of his. " How about your wife?" his friend asks " well , right now , she (**take**) driving lessons," Mr Robson answers.

C) Complete the words (1,5)

Reporter: How much do you w _____ ?

Shaquille: 143 kilos .

Reporter : How t _____ are you ?

Shaquille : 2.18 metres .

Reporter: What s _____ shoes do you take?

Shaquille : 55.

D) Put a question tag at the end of each sentence (4 marks)

- 1) Football is a popular sport in Morocco,?
- 2) Ronaldo has never played for a German Club, ?
- 3) You like Ronaldino better than Maradona ,?
- 4) Ronaldo and Roberto didn't play in the last match against Valencia,?

E) What would you say in the following situations? (1,5)

1) John : What is the most serious environmental problem ?

You :(give your opinion)

2) Your friend : I'm getting fatter.

You :(advise your friend to practise sport)

