



SECOND TERM EXAM

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Grade: Common Core (Sc)

When you visit the USA, one thing is certain : you will be amazed -among other things-by the number of cars on the streets. Of course, there's a reason for this. Americans do almost everything by car, so it's no wonder there are so many vehicles around.

Imagine this : you've run out of milk and you are short of cash. What do you do ? You get in your car, go to a drive-through ATM and get some cash. Then, you drive straight to a drive-through minimart and do your shopping in no time. And if you feel that your life has become so busy that you don't even have time for some coffee, no worries ! You can always grab a cup of a drive- through espresso coffee bar. Convenient, huh ? What do you think ?

A proper meal at home, with the whole family sitting around the table, is certainly what most people would wish for, but most Americans are used to eating in their cars nowadays. There are hundreds of drive-through fast food outlets and burger bars in the cities, where you can grab a bite to eat. And the business is still booming !

The roots of those drive-through restaurants go back to the drive-ins of the 1950s. Similarly, drive-in movie theatres are not a new idea. They date back to the 1930s and they were originally designed for families who wanted to see a movie without having to get dressed up or find a babysitter. Today, there are about 1000 drive-in movie theatres. People often go there to catch a movie and eat in their cars.

Apart from eating, drinking and having fun, there's much more you can do without having to get out of your car. Say you are planning to get married, but you want to avoid all the trouble and cost of sending out invitations and preparing for the big day. In that case, Las Vegas is the place for you. For a long time, it has been famous for its wedding chapels, where you can get married quickly and at a low cost. Nowadays, there are even drive-through wedding chapels, where the couple doesn't even have to get out of the car. This practice might seem out of the ordinary, but it's catching on pretty fast in the States.

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

5 pts **A) Read the above magazine article and choose the most suitable sentence from the list (A-E) for each paragraph (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you don't need to use :**

- A- They just drive up, park and the ceremony takes place through the window. A
- B- This can prove quite useful when you can't find a place to park and you have screaming kids in the back seat. B
- C- They were status symbols and were seen as works of art. C
- D- Of course, such places are convenient only for people who use the highways. D
- E- In fact, there are endless lines of cars outside these places at peak times especially between 12 : 30 and 2 : 30 a.m. E

4 pts **B) Are these statements true or false ? Justify your answer.**

- 1- The "life-on-the-go" is likely to be the only amazing aspect of American ways of lives.
- 2- The idea of drive-through restaurants originates from the 1930's

2 pts **C) Answer these questions :**

- 1) In what different ways do the Americans depend on their cars ?
- 2) Is the idea of drive-in movie theatres originally designed for teenagers ? Explain.

2 pts **D) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate information :**

The idea of drive-through wedding chapels is becoming so popular because

2 pts **E) Find in the text words or expressions meaning the same as :**

- 1) increasing : (para 3)
- 2) becoming popular : (para 5)

(15 pts) **II/- Language :**

3 pts **A- Rewrite these sentences beginning with the words given**

- 1) The hairdresser is cutting Kate's hair at the moment.
↳ Kate is having
- 2) Ben was ill, but he attended the conference.
↳ In spite of
- 3) It's a pity I don't speak French fluently.
↳ I wish

3 pts

B- Write the words between brackets in the correct form

- 1) “The film is a bit depressing as it deals with the reality of **(home)**people in India,” Peter said.
- 2) The **(comedy)**made everybody laugh with his stunts on stage.
- 3) ‘Bermuda Triangle’ is one of the **(mystery)**places in the world.

3 pts

C- Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the list :
(Pay attention to the form.)

bump into - look up with - come up with - get down - sleep on - talk over - hang out with - break down - turn down.

- 1) There was an interesting meeting at the townhall. One of the members the idea of building a sports centre in our city.
- 2) “Whenever I with my friends, we spend unforgettable moments together,” says Jane.
- 3) “While I was walking along the park the other day, Ione of my old friends. We were extremely delighted to see each other,” says Alberto.

3 pts

D- Put the verbs between brackets into the correct tense :

- 1) I promised **(help)**my brother to finish his project.
- 2) By the time the police **(come)**, the thieves **(escape/already)**. They stole all the money in the bank.

3 pts

E- What would you say in these situations ?

- 1) **You** : Do I have to stay in bed, doctor ?
Doctor :(*expresses lack of necessity*)
- 2) **Your friend** : We are free this afternoon. What shall we do?
You :..... (*make a suggestion*)

10 pts

III/- Writing:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement ?

“Having a car can be more stressful than useful”.

☞ Write an essay, giving your point of view and supporting it with specific reasons and examples.