

FIRST TERM EXAM

PART ONE: READING

(15points)

A) Comprehension:

(8points)

Read the passage carefully then do the activities.

Scam Profiles

In recent years, the internet has become a central hub for job hunting, offering quick access to employment opportunities through various online platforms. However, **this convenience** has also led to a rise in scam or "ghost" job offers—fake listings created by fraudsters to steal personal information or money from job seekers.

These scammers often impersonate recruiters or companies, posting roles that promise high pay, flexible hours, or little required experience. **Their** goal is to exploit individuals, especially **those** in urgent need of work. However, they end up by discovering that the job never existed. Such schemes use emotional pressure and urgency to push people into quick decisions. The consequences can be serious, ranging from financial loss to identity theft.

While the internet has made job searching more accessible, it has also created new risks. Caution and awareness are key to avoiding deception in today's digital job market.

Adapted from: Consumer.gov/Job Scams Explained

1/ Say whether the following statements are "True" or "False":

(2pts)

- Online platforms have increased both job opportunities and scams.
- Fraudulent job offers frequently imitate legitimate companies to trick job seekers.
- Job fraudsters can gain access to job seekers' finances.
- Caution and awareness are useless to avoid scams.

2/ Identify the paragraphs in which the following ideas are mentioned:

(1pt)

- Tactics used by scammers.
- The aim behind scamming and exploiting people.

3/ Answer the following questions according to the text:

(3.5pts)

- How has the internet impacted the way job seekers find employment?
- What do fraudulent job posts offer to attract job seekers?
- Which qualities should people have in order not to be deceived?

4/ Find what or who the underlined words in the text refer to:

(1.5pt)

- This convenience (§1)
- Their (§2)
- those (§2)

B) Text Exploration

(7points)

1/ Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to:

(1.5pt)

- centre (§1)
- mimic (§2)
- convenient (§3)

2/ Give the opposite of the following words keeping the same root:

(1.5pt)

- employment
- convenience
- use

3/ Combine the pairs of sentences using the connector provided in (). Make changes where necessary:

(2pts)

- Scammers manage to deceive job seekers. Job seekers are not careful. (**As long as**)
- Many individuals are exploited because of the tricky ways job fraudsters use. (**so ... that**)

4/ Fill in the gaps with only Four words from the list given:

(2pts)

avoid - influence - others - verify - information- take

People can mislead(1)..... by presenting false evidence, which may.....(2)..... their decisions. It's crucial to(3)..... the facts and(4)..... jumping to conclusions.

PART TWO: WRITTEN EXPRESSION

(5points)

Choose ONE of the following topics:

Topic1:

With the widespread use of the Internet, many people get deceived by scammers. As a member of an anti- fraud agency, write an article of about 80 to 120 words for a local newspaper to suggest measures to raise people's awareness and make them alert to stay safe.

Make the best use of the following notes:

- Verify offers through official company websites
- Question overly attractive listings
- Avoid sharing personal or financial details without confirmation.
- Online platforms must strengthen security and monitor suspicious activity.

Topic2:

Corruption is a devil that is widespread in most countries of the world. As an agent in the government, write a composition of about 80 to 120 words to sensitize people of its effects on societies.

