

THE SECOND TERM ENGLISH EXAM

PART ONE: Reading

(15 points)

A/Comprehension:

(07pts)

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Is it Time For Cheating Again?

Humor pages and groups on Facebook have started posting pictures of students preparing for exams. These students are not shown with the old image we used to put in our minds. Today's students are shown in a way that is organized. As they are born in the era of technological revolution, they are talented in using it to their advantage. Accordingly, they xerox all the lessons in different shapes and sizes to help them cheat during exams. Furthermore, students now are equipped with the latest smart phones which can run 3G networks and allow students to take pictures and send them to someone who will work everything out for them and send it back in a single click. With social media, especially Facebook, it is hard to control the flow of information and therefore students get access to many exams, including their answers.

When students are asked why they don't make efforts to study hard, they give a lot of reasons. Some say that there is an overload of lessons and that they can't afford the required time and energy. Others say that they can't master all the subjects so they use cheating as a means of escaping failure in exams. Others are simply not interested in studying at all and only aspire to get the 'BAC' diploma for the purposes of applying for jobs.

If we overlook this dangerous problem, we will produce a generation of failures or the "lost generation" as Ernest Hemingway once called it in one of his novels. It doesn't suffice to write article to address this unfortunate phenomenon—all stakeholders should do their best to provide alternatives to save our schools and to provide a better future for our coming generations.

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1-Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer:

The text is: a- A speech. b-a web article. c-an interview.

2-Are these statements True or False? Write T or F next to the statement:

a-Students use technological revolution positively.

b-Manipulation of information flow is an easy task.

c-Carelessness is one reason behind cheating.

d-Eradicating cheating is mutual responsibility.

3-Answer these questions according to the text:

a-How do students cheat with their smart phones?

b-How do students justify the use of cheating?

c-Did the author suggest any solution to the problem of cheating?

4-In which paragraph is it mentioned that cheating will influence our future?

5-What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text??

a-It(\$1)

b-Their(\$1)

c-this dangerous problem(\$3).

Text Exploration:

(08 pts)

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

a-period of time(\$1).

b- Substitutions (\$3).

2-Give the opposites of the words keeping the same root:

Organized - Unfortunate - regulation - direct

3-Re-write sentence (a) that means the same as (b):

1- a .Some students can be excluded from exams if they keep cheating.

b. Unless.....

2-a.Some students said:"We can't master all the subjects, so we use cheating".

b. They said that.....

3-a.Students are still using cheating as a mean to avoid failure.

b. Cheating.....

4- Underline the stressed syllable in the following words:

Education - student - energy - technological

5- Fill in each gap with only one word from the list:

(schools -enlightened - teach - educated)

Students cheat because they are not1.....; they are not well.....2..... either in home or.....3..... They need not knowledge. What they need is how to use that knowledge as the saying goes, "4..... me how to fish and do not give me fish."

Part two: Written Expression

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic One: Nowadays, cheating which is a wrong conduct is becoming very common in schools.

Use the following notes to write a composition of about 120 words saying what should be done to fight this unethical practice .

- Teach moral values, sense of right and wrong.
- Punish cheating severely.
- Rehabilitate the value of honesty and seriousness.
- Teach self-reliance.

- Topic two:It is said that downloading music and books from the net is a theft. What is your opinion? Justify your answer with concrete examples.

The Best of Luck

