

Level : 2ASLIE	March 2013
Second TERM ENGLISH EXAM	Timing : 03h00

Part one: reading and interpreting

Read the text carefully then do the activities

If we evaluate nowadays the potential of technology and science, like for example to foresee a natural catastrophe and prepare the means to remedy the situation. We can say *that the scientists' work is still very slow. The natural catastrophe may cause many victims and a great damage that leave thousands of people without shelter.*

The last violent earthquake that occurred in the South-East of Asian shores on December 26, 2004 ravaged many regions *by a murderous wave called 'Tsunami'.* The scientists did not foresee the earthquake to evacuate the population from that giant tidal wave. However, we recognize the International Community's *big help and intervention means, which* were set up for the population's *rescue, care and emergency shelters.*

Unfortunately, in this domain, it is not the lack of means that matters, but the methodical organization to put an end to all forms of anarchy.

COMPRHENSION/INTERPRETING:(7points)

1.Are these statements true or false according to the text?(2points)

- a- The disaster causes a few victims and no damage .
- b- 'Tsunami' occurred in the South of Africa .
- c- The scientists had foreseen the earthquake before it occurred .
- d- The International Community was helpful.

2.Answer these questions according to the text:(3points)

- a. What does the natural catastrophe cause?
- b. Where did the last earthquake occur?
- c. Did the scientists foresee the earthquake before it occurred?

3.In which paragraph is it mentioned that the scientific performance is still slow? (1 point)

4. What/who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1pt)

That:

Which:

B/TEXT EXPLORATION:(8POINTS)

1.Circle the word that is closest in meaning to the following words:(1,5point)

1) foresee:

- a) Imagine
- b) guess
- c) expect

2) Shelter:

- a) Building offering protection
- b) harm
- c) destruction

3) Remedy:

- a) Cease
- b) care
- c) to make right anything bad

2.Match the following words with their synonyms:(1,5point)

words	synonyms
Occurred	Loss
Ravage	Happened
damage	Destroy

3.Give the correct form of the verbs between brackets(2,5points)

- a- The world never(know) such a disaster before.
- b- My husband and I (weep) when we (hear) the terrible news.
- c- It (be) the first time that an earthquake of such magnitude (hit) our country.

4-Complete the following table:(1points)

infinitive	Past participle
Take	
.....	Fought
See	
.....	eaten

5-Supply punctuation and capitals where necessary:(0,5point)

what were you doing when she entered

6-underline the stressed word in each of the compound words:(1point)

odd-looking /bad-smelling /bedroom/ overlook

PART TWO:WRITTEN EXPRESSION(5POINTS)

Choose one of the following topics.

Topic one:

Take the information below to write down a paragraph *about* ' tsunami ' .

Earthquake: December 26, 2004

Place: Indonesian Islands

Region: full of tourists

Disaster: ravaged the region

Population: many people were killed and others were homeless

Solution: shelter in the mountains at night

Topic 2:

You have heard about or experienced an emergency situation (earthquake, flood, cyclone) narrate what happened in a composition.

COMPREHENSION/INTERPRETING(7POINTS)

1.(2points)

a.f(0,5)

b.f(0,5)

c.f(0,5)

d.t(0,5)

2.(3points)

a. it causes great damage and many victims. (1)

b. it occurred in the South-East of Asia.(1)

c. *no, they didn't.* (1)

3.It is mentioned in the first paragraph(1)

4.that : violent earthquake (0.5pt)

which : intervention (0.5pt)

B-TEXT EXPLORATION:(8POINTS)

1. 1) c 2) a 3) b (1.5pt)

2.occured:happened(0,5)

Ravage: destroy(0,5)

Damage: loss(0,5)

3.a-had never known (0,5)

b- wept(0,5)/had heard(0,5)

c-was(0,5)/had hit(0,5)

4.taken(0,25)

fight(0,25)

seen(0,25)

eat(0,25)

5.What were you doing when she entered?(0,5)

6.odd-looking(0,25)

bad-smelling(0,25)

bedroom(0,25)

overlook(0.25)

Part two:(5points)**Writing:**

A terrible earthquake occurred in the Indonesian Islands on December 26, 2004

Causing a giant tidal wave called 'Tsunami'. The region was full of tourists when the catastrophe happened .They were spending their winter holidays there; the disaster ravaged the region; many people were killed there and many others were homeless .It was not the first time that these regions had been hit by such phenomenon. However, the population has not found any solution to the problem except to shelter in the mountains at night and come back home in the morning. Many of them are fishermen; the sea is their source of life.

This phenomenon has become known throughout the world because of the disaster it caused.