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First Term Test

Over the last century, there have been many significant changes in the way we live. Obviously, it is hard to compare the life of the ancient people and the life of the people of the twenty first century because so many changes occurred. However, even the changes that have taken place over the last ten years are amazing.

To start with, people were not able to travel such long distances in such short period. The planes were not that popular then, because they used to be very expensive. Nowdays, we have become very mobile. We have fast and comfortable cars and planes. Moreover, in the past people had to work much harder as they did not have tools. Nowdays, machines and computers do most of the difficult and dangerous work. In the past, the conditions of living were not comfortable as they are now. There were not bathrooms and running water in many houses, besides many people could not afford household appliances like TV.

Another difference between living now and in the past is the fact that nowadays the access to education is much easier. In the past, there were fewer schools and the quality of education provided was much poorer. Besides, nowadays it is very easy to find teaching aids you need thanks to the internet. Another difference is that in the past there were less sources of entertainment. Therefore, people used to spend time with their friends.

All things considering, it is an obvious conclusion that life has changed significantly in the last couple of years. It becomes much faster and busier than it used to be in the past. Moreover, it has also become more dangerous.

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A) Comprehension/ Interpretation:

1. The text is taken from: a) a newspaper article b) a website article c) a magazine article

2 Are the following statements true or false?

a. It is easy to compare the life of ancient people with life in the twenty first century.

b. Thanks to the new technology, dangerous work becomes easy

c. There was no access to education in the past.

d- People were able to travel such long distances in a short period.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text?

-Why is it difficult to compare ancient life with the life of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

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-What is the difference between education in the past and now?

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-Do you think that these changes make our life comfortable? Yes or no. Justify your answer?

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4. Which words do the underlined pronouns refer to?

-We (§1)..... They (§2)..... It (§4).....

5. Give a general idea to the text?.....  
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**B.) Text exploration:**

1. Find in the text words which are opposites to:

-Safe (§2) ≠..... Modern (§1) ≠..... Similarity (§3) ≠.....

2. Put the verbs between brackets in the correct form.?

1-My family (to go).....to the countryside, when I (to be).....young.

2-With the coming of technology, life (to become).....so hard.

3-My friend (to buy).....a new car tomorrow.

3. Correct the misspellings of the words in bold?

1. She purchased a beautiful new gown **four** the dance.

2. Where have you **bean** all this time?.

3. My mother is going **too** travel to Mecca next week.

4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final 's'

Changes- Travels- things- achievements- conditions- works

/s/	/z/	/iz /

5. Fill in the gaps in the reading passage with the following words

(Comfortable- might -- will - hunger - hard -may)

The next decade.....witness many changes as the world undergoes progress and industrialization. Scientists.....invent a cure for dangerous diseases. .... and wars in the world..... disappear. In a short period, our life will become.....as well as .....