



Level :2ASLLE

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## Second term test

**PART ONE/ A) Reading comprehension (7pts)****Read the text carefully ,then do the activities**

American President Barack Obama has said the oil giant British Petroleum (BP) is responsible for paying for cleaning up the huge oil spill off America's southern coast. The oil slick is now the size of Jamaica and has started washing up on beaches in Louisiana. Obama told reporters that BP "is ultimately responsible under the law for paying the costs of response and cleanup operations". US Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano echoed her boss' words. She called on BP to take urgent action to send resources to tackle the disaster. BP's CEO Tony Hayward is in the area to personally direct the emergency mop-up and damage limitation exercise. President Obama has also visited the area.

The catastrophe began last week when a BP offshore oil rig exploded and sank in the Gulf of Mexico. As much as 5,000 barrels of oil a day are now pouring into the sea. Experts believe it is on its way to becoming the worst oil spill in U.S. history. Even worse than the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster. The spill could cause enormous environmental and economic damage to the southern U.S. states. Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi have all called a state of emergency. One of the biggest problems is the difficulty of cleaning up the oil. The affected coastline is full of wetlands that are difficult to reach by boat. Hundreds of different species are under threat including very rare bird and marine life.

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**1. Say whether the following statements are "true" or "false" according to the text (1pt)**

- The U.S. president has said BP is responsible for oil-spill cleanup costs.
- The oil spill has reached as far as Jamaica in the Caribbean.
- BP is not legally responsible for paying for the cleanup.
- BP's CEO is nowhere to be seen.

**2. Answer the following questions according to the text (4pts)**

- When did the catastrophe start?  
.....
- According to The article, is the spill now the biggest in U.S. history?  
.....
- How many barrels of oil a day are spilling into the ocean?  
.....
- Which US states have declared emergencies?  
.....

**3. In which paragraph is it mentioned that (1pt)**

- "The areas affected by the spill are not easy to reach." .....
- "BP has taken full responsibility for cleaning up the spill in the gulf." .....

**4. What do the underlined words refer to in the text?(0,75)**

- her(1§).....
- The area(1§).....
- It(2§).....

**5. Choose the general idea of the text: .....(0,25)**

- a) Obama: BP must pay for oil spill clean-up
- b) The Exxon Valdez disaster was the worst oil spill in U.S. history.
- c) BP apologies for not stopping oil spill.

**B-TEXT EXPLORATION: (8pts)**

**1. Match words with their synonyms (1pt)**

| Words           | synonyms      |
|-----------------|---------------|
| a) Cleaning up  | 1. Disaster   |
| b) catastrophe  | 2. Spilling   |
| c) pouring      | 3. endangered |
| d) Under threat | 4. Mopping up |

**2) Complete the table (1,5pts)**

| Noun     | Verb       | Adjective |
|----------|------------|-----------|
| .....    | .....      | polluted  |
| survival | .....      | .....     |
| .....    | To explode | .....     |

**3) Rewrite sentence “b” so that it means the same as sentence “a” (3pts)**

- a) We must protect our environment.
- b) Our environment.....
- a) Fumes from factories and vehicles polluted our environment
- b) Our environment.....
- a) Marine biologist has explained the phenomenon.
- b)The phenomenon.....

**4) Fill in the gaps with: will be able to , was/were able to , have /has been able to (1,5pts)**

- a) In the past, man ..... to live in harmony with nature.
- b) They .....(not) find solutions to the problem of pollution, yet .
- c) May be in the future, we .....live in a clean environment .

**5) Mark the intonation at the end of the following sentences. (↑ /↓ )(1pt)**

- a-Could you explain what is meant by climatic changes ,please ?.....
- b-You can hardly breathe fresh air in cities.....

**6) Fill in the gaps with words from the following list (5pts). (Contaminated, seas, polluted, environmental, wastes)**

Water pollution is one of the most serious ..... problems. It occurs when water is .....by such substances as human and animal....., toxic industrial chemicals, agricultural residues, oil and heat. Most of our water bodies- rivers, lakes ..... , oceans estuaries and underground water sources are gradually becoming .....

**Answers**

**Reading comprehension**

**Say if the statements are true or false**

True false false true

**2) Answer the questions**

- 1) The catastrophe started last week.
- 2) Yes, it is.
- 3) 5000 barrels of oil a day are spilling into the ocean.
- 4) The US states are : Alabama , Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi.

**3) In which paragraph are mentioned**

- a) The areas affected by ..... (2§)
- b)BP has taken full responsibility for cleaning up..... (1§)

**4) The referring words**

Her :Janet Napolitano

The area : America’s southern coast

It: the catastrophe

**5) The general idea : Obama : BP must pay for the oil spill clean-up**

**Text Exploration**

**1)Synonyms**

Cleaning up =mopping up

Catastrophe = disaster

Pouring = spilling

Under threat = endangered

**2)Complete the table**

|           |            |           |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| noun      | Verb       | adjective |
| pollution | To pollute | polluted  |
| survival  | To survive | survived  |
| Explosion | To explode | exploded  |

**3)Rewrite the sentences**

- 1) Our environment must be protected
- 2) Our environment was polluted by fumes from factories and vehicles
- 3) The phenomenon has been explained by marine biologist

**4)Fill in the gaps with the right modal**

- 1) Was able to
- 2) Have not been able to
- 3) Will be able to

**5 )Mark the intonation at the end of the following sentences. (2pts)**

a-Could you explain what is meant by climatic changes ,please ?....↑....up...

b-You can hardly breathe fresh air in cities.....↓... down.

**Fill in the gaps**

Environmental ,contaminated ,wastes ,seas , polluted