



SECOND TERM ENGLISH EXAM

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Levels: 2AS/ MT/M/GE

PART ONE: Reading Comprehension

(15 pts)

Read the text carefully then do the following activities

Our world today confronts terrible natural, economic and social problems because of its fast development, which never took into consideration the importance of protecting the environment and social standards. This development has resulted in serious problems around the world such as massive migration, poverty, unemployment, overpopulation, freshwater shortage, forest destruction, species extinction, air pollution and climate change. The need for sustainable development nowadays is urgent; otherwise, there will be no resources for the future generations.

Sustainable development means different things to different people, but broadly speaking **it** refers to environmental, economic and social well-being for today and tomorrow. It focuses on improving the quality of life for all of the earth's citizens without overusing natural resources beyond the capacity of the environment .It requires understanding that human actions have negative consequences and that we must find innovative ways to change policies and practices at all levels, from the individual level to the international one.

Sustainable development is not a new idea. Many cultures over the course of human history have recognized the need for harmony between the environment, society and economy. What is new is an articulation of these ideas in the context of a global industrial and information society.

Some key actions are urgently needed to ensure a good quality of life for people around the world such as to meet essential needs and aspirations, jobs, food, energy, water and sanitation.

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A) Comprehension

(8pts)

1) Choose the correct answer.

(1 pt)

The text is: a) narrative b) argumentative c) expository

2) Say if the following sentences are true or false according to the text.

(2 pt)

- Environment protection and social features are not neglected.
- Many issues emerged as a result of the world's development.
- Sustainable development is crucial.
- Citizens are unimportant in sustainable development.

3) In which paragraph the idea of “the risks of neglecting sustainable development“ is mentioned

(1pt)

4) Answer the following questions according to the text.

(3 pts)

- Is the world today safe? Justify
- What are the results of this fast development?
- What do we mean by sustainable development?

5) What or who do the underlined words refer to ?

(1pt)

Which (1§)=..... it (2§)=.....

B) Text Exploration

(7pts)

1) Find in the text words closest in meaning to the following. (1 pt)

- a) Ameliorating (§2)= b) Fundamental (4 §) =

2) Complete the following table .

(1.5 pts)

Verb	Noun	Adjective
	use	
To economize		
		developed

3) Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as (a)

(3pts)

- a- the Brazilian government took strict measures to protect the amazon rainforest
- b- Strict measures
- c- People must stop water overuse.
- a- Water
- b- Many animal and plant species will be affected by climate changing.
- c- Climate changing

4) Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “ed”

Started - recycled- developed – reused- neglected

(1.5pt)

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PART TWO : Written Expression (5pts)

Choose one of the following topics and write a composition.

Topic 1 : : Our planet is in danger of many threats like pollution, climate change...etc What should be done to help preserving it ? Use these notes:

To use dustbins for waste / not to waste resources of energy / raise people’s awareness/To use recyclable objects....

Topic 2 : There are a lot of people all over the world suffering from poverty, starvation , illnesses , illiteracy, unemploymentetc . Do you think that, one day, their problems will be solved and that fairness and justice will prevail? If yes how?

Key

1- Choose the correct answer. (1 pt)

The text is : a) narrative b) argumentative c) **expository**

2- Say if the following sentences are true or false according to the text. (2 pt)

- a) Environment protection and social features are not neglected. false
- b) Many issues emerged as a result of the world’s development. true
- c) Sustainable development is a crucial step. true
- d) Citizens are unimportant in sustainable development. false

3- In which paragraph the idea of “the risks of neglecting sustainable development“ is mentioned 1§ (1pt)

a. Answer the following questions according to the text. (3 pts)

- a) Is the world today safe? Justify **No the world is not safe because the world’s fast development results in social, economic and natural problems.**
- b) What are the results of this fast development? **This development has resulted in serious problems around the world such as massive migration, poverty, unemployment, overpopulation, freshwater shortage, forest destruction, species extinction, air pollution and climate change.**
- c) What do we mean by sustainable development? **Sustainable development means different things to different people, but broadly speaking it refers to environmental, economic and social well-being for today and tomorrow**

b. What or who do the underlined words refer to ? (1pt)

Which (1§)= fast development it (2§)= Sustainable development

C) Text Exploration (7pts)

1) Find in the text words closest in meaning to the following. (1 pt)

- a) Ameliorating (§2)= improving b) Fundamental (3 §)= essential

2) Complete the following table . (1.5 pts)

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To use	use	useful
To economize	economy	economized
To develop	Development	developed

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

- d- the Brazilian government took strict measures to protect the amazon rainforest
- e- Strict measures were taken to protect the amazon rainforest by the Brazilian government
- a- People must stop water overuse.
- b- Water overuse must be stopped
- d- Many animal and plant species will be affected by climate changing.
- e- Climate changing will affect many animal and plant species.

4) Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “ed” (1.5pt)

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developed	reused recycled	started neglected

Written expression: 5pts

