

Second Term English Test

Text:

Final-year students at a university in England are angry after they took an economics exam. Students from the University of Sheffield have signed a petition to say the exam questions were 'impossible' to answer. Nearly all of the 100 students who took the exam complained and signed the online petition. They want the university to look into this. The students say the exam contained questions on topics that were not in their course. They also say the questions included a lot of difficult maths that **they** had not been taught. One student said a lecturer told them they would only need 'simple' maths. They are now worried that they will get low test scores, and that **this** will affect what kind of degree they get.

The head of the economics department, professor Andy Dickerson, told the BBC that the exam was fair. He said not all the questions needed maths. He said the level of maths in the exams was the same as the level taught to students on the course. Professor Dickerson also said all the exam questions were on topics the students had studied. He said: "All questions were based on topics taught in the course and for which further reading was provided." He added that one question in the exam used a term that students may not have seen before. He said **this** was no problem because the question explained the meaning of the term. The university said it would look carefully at the results.

A. Comprehension

1-The text is a...

- a) speech b) a story c) a report d) a conversation

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2-Are these statements true or false according to the text Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement?

- a) The students said all topics in the exam that were on the course (.....)
b) A professor said students had studied all the topics in the exam (.....)
c) Students were given extra reading for some topics in the exam. (.....)
d) There was only one term in the exam that students knew. (.....)

3-Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a) In what year were the students who complained?
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b) What did the students do online?
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c) How many terms in the exam might students not have seen before?
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d) What extra thing was provided for students to help with the topics?
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4-In which paragraph is it mentioned that a lecturer told students they would only need simple maths? Paragraph:.....

5. What or who the underlined words refer to in the text

they. (§1) **this** (§1) **this**(§2)

B. Text Exploration:

1. Match the following words with their corresponding synonyms:

Words	Synonyms
1. angry	a. significance
2. disciplined	b. given
3. meaning	c. furious
4. provided	d. well mannered

2. Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following :

calm ≠ (§1)..... complicated ≠ (§1)..... different ≠ (§2).....

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

- a) If government gives more importance to education students will have a better level.
- b) **Unless**
- a) Many students left school young and unprepared so they failed at getting good jobs.
- b) **If**
- a) "Did all students do their exams?" the teacher asked.
- b) **The teacher asked**
- a) The University of Sheffield has signed a petition; yesterday.
- b) **A petition**

4-Fill in the gaps with words from the list

education - priority - work - future

Today, education has become a..... for many parents seeking to secure a goodfor their children in this rapidly changing world. They believe that if their children apply themselves andhard at school, then they will increase their opportunities for going to higherand eventually getting a good job.

5- Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables

read - republic - conversation - succeed - young - increase

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables	Four syllables

Good Luck