

Second Term English Test

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Corruption is a threat to civil society. It is the use of official position, rank or status by an office bearer for a personal benefit. Following from this definition, examples of corrupt behaviors would include bribery, fraud, embezzlement, nepotism, and appropriation of public assets and property for private use.

Corruption is widely spread mainly in developing countries, due to their poverty, low salaries, the weak legislative and judicial system, and the poorly developed principles of ethics as well as the political instability. The effects of corruption on these countries can be summarized in three main points. First, there will be lower investments including direct foreign investments. Second, the economic growth will be reduced. Third, the country will be exposed to currency crisis.

No country is entirely free of corruption. Corruption takes such proportion that it can hinder economic growth and undermine efforts to establish good governance. Thus, those attempting to reduce corruption should focus on creating an anti-corruption culture.

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1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer. The text is.... **1pt**

- a. argumentative b. expository c. narrative

2. Are these statements true or false? **3pts**

- a. Corruption is not without a threat to the civil society.
- b. Developed and developing countries are recording the same levels of corruption.
- c. Corruption is a real obstacle to a country’s economic development.

3. Fill in the table with information from the text. **3pts**

Forms of corruption	Main causes
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4. Answer the questions according to the text. **4pts**

- A. Does corruption encourage investments within the country? Justify from the text.
- B. What solution is suggested by the writer to decrease the effects of corruption?

5. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following: **2pts**

- a. a menace (§1) b. prevent (§3)

6. Re-write sentence “b” so that it means the same as sentence “a” **3pts**

- A. a. Citizens didn’t involve themselves enough in the fight against corruption.
- b. We wish.....
- B. a. We strongly feel decision makers should have reformed our judicial system.
- b. It’s high time.....
- C. a. . Corruption is hindering economic growth.
- b. Economic growth

7. Re-order the following sentences to get a coherent passage. **4pts**

- a. For example, it undermines democracy and the rule of law.
- b. That’s why urgent measures ought to be taken to eradicate this evil.
- c. It also leads to violations of human rights, allows organized crimes.
- d. Corruption is an insidious plague with a wide range of negative effects on societies.

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1. (b) expository 1pt

2. 3pts

a	b	c
True	False	True

3. 3pts

Forms of corruption	Main causes
- bribery - fraud - embezzlement - nepotism	- poverty - weak legislative and judicial system

4. a. No, it doesn't. "there will be lower investments including direct foreign investments." 2pts
b. The solution suggested is to create an anti-corruption culture. 2pts

5. a. a threat b. hinder 2pts

6. A. b. We wish citizens had involved themselves enough in the fight against corruption. 1pt
B. b. It's high time decision makers reformed our judicial system. 1pt
C. b. Economic growth is being hindered by Corruption. 1pt

7. 4pts

a	b	c	d
2	4	3	1