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اختبار في مادة الإنجليزية

SECTION ONE: READING COMPREHENSION

(7 points)

Read the passage carefully then answer the questions.

The English Language

- 1 Various factors have contributed to impose the English language as the most suitable means for learning and vehicle for communicating.
- 2 The English language is spoken or read by the largest number of people in the world for historical, political and economic reasons.
- 3 In fact, the British who were very famous seamen navigated throughout all the seas and oceans of the world. This enabled them to settle in several remote places either by founding commercial counters or by taking over lands. This situation **allowed** the English language to be spoken in increasingly varied countries.
- 4 However, it is also true that its wide use is due to its specific qualities and characteristics. One of the most important aspects of English is the easy way with which it has taken elements from other languages. In the 5th and 6th centuries when the Anglo-Saxons first colonised England, the English language was almost pure. But it has become progressively one of the richest and most mixed languages because it has received all along history many kinds of foreign words, and adapted them all to its own character.
- 5 There is a further reason why English is so widespread. Recently, the English use has reached a pick because of the huge advance in science and technology in the USA. This obliges scientists throughout the world to master this language to acquire knowledge about the new technologies and address themselves to the majority of the international scientific community by publishing their own research results in this language.

Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. Is English the most widely spoken language in the world? Justify your answer.
2. Did the British seamen contribute to a wider use of English? Justify your answer.
3. What is the most significant aspect of English?
4. How has English enriched itself?
5. Why has English use spread so extensively?
6. Why do scientists have to learn English?

SECTION TWO: MASTERY OF LANGUAGE**(7 points)**

Synonyms: Find in the text words or phrases closest in meaning to the following.

- (a) distant (§3) (b) adjusted (§4) (c) have a good command of (§5)

Opposites: Find in the text words or phrases opposite in meaning to the following.

- (a) least (§1) (b) mixed (§4) (c) tiny (§5)

Transformations: Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

1. (a) Peter told John to hand him that paper.
(b) Peter said, "....."
2. (a) The teacher said to her, "Why did you make these mistakes?"
(b) The teacher wanted to know.....
3. (a) The librarian has shown me a book on linguistics.
(b) I

Tenses: Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

When Europeans first (come) to North America, they (find) plants and animals they (never see) before. They (give) them Indian names we still (use) nowadays.

Cloze passage: Fill in the gaps so that the text makes sense.

The English language is very rich ...¹... synonyms. This goes back to William the Conqueror ...²... invaded England a thousand years ...³... He and his men spoke Old French. The Anglo-Saxons continued to ...⁴... their own language, Old English. But gradually words formed from French became part ...⁵... English.

Dialogue completion: A and B are speaking with each other. Complete what A says.

- A:
- B: No, I didn't have a good time in England.
- A:
- B: You know I am very bad at English and I can't express myself in that language.
- A:
- B: I could manage with the help of my father who was with me.

SECTION THREE: WRITTEN EXPRESSION**(6 points)**

Choose one of the following topics.

Either 1: Using the following notes, write a composition of about 120 to 150 words.

What are the requirements for a good teacher?

- hold a university degree
- be dedicated
- be interested in young people
- be a psychologist
- be patient and helpful
- be competent
- be a model for his or her pupils

Or 2: Write a composition of about 120 to 150 words on the following topic.

Why is it important for a journalist to master the English language?