

امتحان بكالوريا التعليم الثانوي

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اختبار في مادة اللغة الإنجليزية

SECTION ONE : READING COMPREHENSION

(7 points)

Read the passage carefully then answer the questions.

- 1 We can say with complete certainty that all world governments are concerned with population growth. This important topic has been and will always be the subject of many national and international debates. No wonder then that Algeria has been one of the world's nations to focus its attention on demography and work diligently to create a balance between its people and its resources.
- 2 A lecturer indicated that prior to 1750 the population growth rate was rather stagnant because birth rates almost equalled the mortality rates. And because famines, wars and plagues were pervasive, people compensated for the losses with more frequent births.
- 3 As the 'health revolution' developed, the mortality rate went down and the birth rate went up. Consequently, in 1800, world population was at the one billion level, and the rhythm did not go down until we reached five billion human beings in July of 1987. The disparity of distribution is another problem: one third of the world population lives in developed countries, whereas the remaining two thirds populate the rest of the planet, which represents the poorer part. This reality ought to encourage these countries to control their growth rate.
- 4 Let's take the example of Tunisia's efforts in regulating its population growth. Its programme is very rational. Consequently, the growth rate is currently at 1.9%, down from 3.1% around the late 1950's. However, these positive results should serve as a stimulus to achieve even better ones, to enable the country to guarantee all of its citizens a decent and comfortable life.

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Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. What is the problem of all world governments?
2. Why was the growth rate stagnant before 1750?
3. What is the positive result achieved by Tunisia?
4. Why is it important for developing countries to pay attention to the problem of population growth?

SECTION TWO : MASTERY OF LANGUAGE

(8 points)

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

- (a) discussions (§1) (b) unchanging (§2) (c) decreased (§3)

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

- (a) less (§2) (b) went down (§3) (c) negative (§4)

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

1. (a) A lecturer said, "The population growth was stagnant."
(b) A lecturer said that
2. (a) Countries are encouraged by various organisations to control their growth rate.
(b) Various organisations.....
3. (a) All governments are concerned with population growth.
(b) Population growth
4. (a) An economist said that we had to strike a balance between food production and population growth.
(b) An economist said, "....."

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

Townspeople, when they ...¹... to the countryside, often think it is a quiet, peaceful holiday resort where they ...²... relax and have fun. They see the fields, the crops and the flowers and think the ...³... have an easy, happy life. They ...⁴... realise that farm workers must work long ...⁵... in all kinds of weather. Townspeople don't experience the monotony of country life, the lack of services ...⁶... entertainment.

SECTION THREE : WRITTEN EXPRESSION

(5 points)

Choose one of the following topics.

Either 1: Using the following notes, write a composition of about 80 to 120 words.

It is necessary to learn a second language to communicate with other people. What language do you prefer? Why?

- communicate with people from all parts of the world
- listen to radio broadcasts
- read latest books, articles
- take part in world trade
- use it when travelling abroad

Or 2: Write a composition of about 80 to 120 words on the following topic.

What is the best solution to solve the problem of population growth in your country?