

First trimester English language examPart I: ReadingTwo hours

Two travellers were walking slowly along a country road. They were going to the city because they were looking for work. They were tired (...) and they were hungry (...)

Suddenly, in the woods in front of them, they saw a huge bear. The men were terrified. One of them ran away, climbed a tree, and hid.

The other man fell to the ground and pretended to be dead. (...) The bear came towards him. It bent down, sniffed him, and whispered something in his ear. Then it wandered away.

(...) The other man came down from his tree and went to see how his friend was. (...)

"The bear gave me some advice," said his companion. "He said, 'Next time you go on a journey, travel with someone who won't leave you at the first sign of danger.'"

**A- Comprehension**

1- Entitle (= give a title to) the above text.² (0.5 pt)

2- (1 pt)

2 Read the story. What is the moral?

TRUE FRIENDS ARE HARD TO FIND.

CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS CAREFULLY.

DON'T RUN AWAY FROM DANGER.

3- Answer these questions according to the text. (2.5 pts)

- a- What did the two travellers come across on their way to the city?
- b- Were the two travellers scared?
- c- Did both of them run away? If not, what did they do when they saw the danger?

4 Put these lines in one of the places (...) in the story. (2.5pts)

- 1 ... because they had walked twenty miles.
- 2 He wanted to know what the bear had said to him.
- 3 ... because they hadn't eaten all day.
- 4 After the bear had gone, ...
- 5 He had heard that bears don't like eating dead meat.

² John & Liz Soars, New Headway, Pre-intermediate, Student's Book, 4th edition, Oxford University Press, P 70/71

5- Complete the table. (1.5 pt)

words	location (§)	line	reference
they	1	2	
him	3	2	
it	3	3	

B- Text exploration

1- Match words to their definitions. (1.5 pts)

word	definitions
a journey	the act of travelling from one place to another, especially when they are far apart
danger	to speak very quietly to somebody so that other people cannot hear what you are saying
to whisper	a person or thing that may cause damage, or harm somebody

2- Combine each pair of sentences using the connectors in brackets. (1.5 pts)

- a- Nada wants to get a job. Amira wants to get a job. (**both ..and**)
 b- That cow is not young. That cow is not old. (**neither ..nor**)
 c- Djeha went to the market. Djeha wanted to buy a donkey. (**in order to**)

3- Classify these words according to their final s pronunciation: **travellers – puts – bushes – beds** (2 pts)

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4- Fill in the gaps so the following passage will make sense. Put in: **silent – will – make – right.** (2 pts)

Sara, a little daughter who has grown old enough to know from wrong, learns that her father is cheating his way to money. What Sara do? Will she keep and say to herself: "To hell with business ethics - That is my dad."?

Part II: Writing

Choose either Topic one **and/or** Topic two. Write a composition of about 80 words each.

Topic one: A friend of yours who lives in a foreign country (Japan, Germany, etc.) **is interested** in knowing about **you**, your **likes and dislikes**, and **where you live**. Write an informal letter at his/her request.

Topic two: Write a short story of **Djeha and the elderly man**.

Djeha/had money / to buy a donkey / market / say: God willing / why? / it's in my pocket / etc.

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