

Part one: Reading comprehension (15pts):

A/ Comprehension: (8pts): Read the text carefully and do the following activities:

People in Beijing cannot see the sun. The air is full of smog (**a mixture of smoke and fog**).the smog is so thick that **it** blocks the sun all day. People really miss seeing the sun. Beijing's leaders decided to do something so people could see the sunrise. They put giant **LED** screens across the city. People stand in front of the digital screens and watch the sunrise. The screen in Tiananmen square also had a special message on it. It was a public announcement that read: "protecting the atmosphere and environment is everyone's responsibility. "The live, digital sunrise is already a hit with tourists. Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said: "it looks like science fiction. It's kind of cool, but it's also worrying. This smog sucks."

The air quality in China's cities often becomes bad in winter. People burn more coal for heating in the winter months. This makes more pollution. Beijing 's mayor promised to make the air cleaner. **He** said the city would spend **€2.4** billion this year to improve the air quality. Many workers wore face masks on their way to work. They did not want to breath the poisonous air. One man told reporters: " I couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning. The smog has become worse in the last two to three years. " he said the smog usually makes him feel bad: " I often cough and my nose is always running" he said. The US embassy, advised people to, "avoid all physical activity outdoors".

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140121.sunrise.html>

1/ This text is: a) a newspaper article b) a web site article. c) an expository excerpt.

2/say whether the following statements are true or false.

- a)people in Beijing are not able to see the sun there.
- b) The smog in Beijing blocks the sun in the morning.
- c) People in Beijing can now watch the sunrise on their TVs.
- d) People in China burn coal in winter.

3) Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a) Why do authorities in Beijing put giant LED screens?
- b) Whose responsibility is it to protect the atmosphere and environment?
- c) Does the air quality in China actually get better in winter?

4) In which paragraph is it mentioned that: A man could not see the tall buildings across the street.

5) What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

It (§1) =

He (§2) =

B/ TEXT EXPLORATION. (07pts)

1/Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following. (01pt)

A very big (§01) =Toxic (§02) =

2/Complete the table below:

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
To react		
.....		Solved
.....	Protection	

3. Rewrite the sentence “b” so that it means the same as sentence “a”.(03pts)

1.a) People must reduce air pollution.

b. air pollution.....

2.a)Governments recycle rubbish to protect nature.

b.Rubbish.....by governments to protect nature.

3.a) Many respiratory diseases can be caused by air pollution.

b) air pollution.....

4. Fill in the blanks using the following words (one word is irrelevant).

emissions, pollution, cars , air, gases,

Air pollution consists of chemicals or particles in the...1 that can harm the health of humans, animals, and plants. It also damages buildings. Pollutants in the air take many forms. They can be2..... solid particles, or liquid droplets. Air.....3.... is most common in large cities where4.....from many different sources are concentrated. Sometimes, mountains or tall buildings prevent air pollution from spreading out.

Part Two: Written Expression: (05 points) / Choose one of the following topics:

Topic one: Air pollution is a dangerous problem nowadays; it can affect humans, animals and nature in general.

Write a paragraph of about 80 to 120 word suggesting solutions to reduce its affects.

Make the best use of the following hints: -Air pollution consists of chemicals or particles in the air / types of air pollution/ large cities in poor and developing nations tend to have more air pollution / it is usually thought of as smoke from large factories or exhaust from vehicles.

Topic two: People in Gaza are suffering from collective genocide, hunger and marginalization.

Write a speech of about 80 to 120 word in which you talk about how can we free Palestine, and what can we do as Muslim people to establish peace in its land.

Good luck!