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First Term Examination

Part One: Reading and interpreting (15 points)

Read the text carefully then do the following questions

Americans have become less ethical in recent decades when it comes to getting ahead – doing well in school, advancing in **their** careers and making money. Evidence of this trend can be found in numerous parts of American life.

Scholars of academic integrity find that cheating has increased among high school, college and graduate students. Reports show that tax evasion, workplace theft and occupational fraud have risen and now cost the government billions of dollars a year. The frequency and seriousness of corporate scandals has risen significantly since the 1970s. Ethical problems have risen in key professions. Medicine has been convulsed by reports of widespread conflicts-of-interest involving doctors and pharmaceutical companies. Chronic overbilling has been commonplace in major law firms. The use of performance enhancing drugs in professional sports soared in the 1990s and the last decade has seen an endless string of scandals involving top athletes like Lance Armstrong.

Evidence of America's crisis of ethics is everywhere. However, what is notable is that **this alarming shift** has occurred at the same time that Americans have actually improved their behaviour in some areas of social behaviour. Crime is way down from because drunken driving deaths have fallen by nearly 40 percent and fewer Americans smoke today than in 1960. The divorce and abortion rates are much lower. In addition, surveys find that Americans are less racist than they were thirty years.

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A. Comprehension (08points)

1. What type of text is it? (01)

a- narrative b- descriptive c- expository

2. Choose the right answer. (01.50)

1. **American schools of different levels have a bad reputation because of**
   a- cheating **b-** tax evasion **c-** fraud
2. **Some American sportsmen used to dope themselves by drugs in order to**
   a- To build their muscles **b-** cause scandals **c**- better their results and win rewards
3. **Today, the Americans have made a lot of efforts to**
   a- worsen their behaviour **b-** shift from wrongdoings to ethics **c-** increase the rate of divorce

3. In which paragraph is it mentioned that the American society suffers a great deal from different unethical practices? **(01)**

4. Answer the following questions according to the text. **(03.50)**

1. What do Americans do to earn much money, pass the exams or get promotions?
2. Did any American athlete use doping?
3. What is the major consequence of unethical practices on the American economy?
4. List four immoral deeds that are mentioned in the text.

5. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (01)

a. in **their** careers…….**(§1)**
b. that **this alarming shift** has occurred….**(§3)**

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B. Text Exploration (07points)

1. Lexis:

Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following: (01.50)

10 years (§2) – companies (§2) - besides (§3)

2. Complete the table as shown in the example. (02)

Noun	Verb	Adjective
Example: Behaviour	**To behave**	**Behavioural**
Government	…….	……..
…….	To graduate	…….

3.A- Combine these pairs of sentences using the connectors provided. Make any necessary changes(01)

a. Some American students use an unethical practice, therefore they pass the exams. (**Such…that)**

b. American police will stop drunken drivers. The roads will become safe. (**Providing that)**

B- Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a) (01)

1. **a.** Lance Armstrong regrets having taken some drugs in Tour de France

b. Lance Armstrong wishes……

2. a. Medicine has been convulsed by reports.

b. Reports……

4. Complete what (A) says (01.50)

A: …….

B: I don't agree with the report. America is more ethical nowadays.

A: ……..

B: No, just a few businessesmen do not pay taxes.

A:……..

B: The financial authorities can oblige them to honour their taxes on time.

Part two: Written expression (05points)

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic one: You are invited as the President of a Social Movement to attend a forum or a meeting of rich businessmen and famous bosses. Using the following notes, write a speech of about 80 words on how you can encourage them to pay their taxes.

Develop and boost economy – create job opportunities – reduce poverty

Hope and welfare - put a limit to theft – maintain peace – good reputation.

Topic two: Write a letter to the manufacturer of a product telling him about its bad quality. Show him that you were disappointed and, by the way, give him some advice. Sign the letter by "S.A.M"

All the Best

A sample correction:

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Aim: To interact with the students when correcting the exam by listening to their answers, choose the correct ones and unveil the areas of defects.

Part One: Reading and interpreting **(15 points)**
A. Comprehension **(08points)**

1. The text is : c- expository **(01)**
2. The right answer. (01.50)

1	2	3
a	c	b

3. The idea is mentioned in **the 2nd (second) paragraph (01)**

4. The answers to the questions. **(03.50)**
1. To earn much money, pass the exams or get promotions Americans become less ethical.
2. Yes, he /they did.
3. The major consequence of unethical practices on the American economy is the loss of billions of dollars a year
4. Four immoral deeds are: tax evasion, cheating, fraud and doping.

5. Word reference: (01)
their: Americans
this alarming shift : crisis of ethics

B. Text Exploration **(07points)**
1. Lexis: Synonyms:
10 years : **a decade** – companies: **firms** - besides: **in addition**

2. Table completion (02)

Noun	Verb	Adjective
Government	**To govern**	**Governmental /governing/ Governable**
Graduation / graduate	To graduate	**Graduated**

3.A- Sentence combination (01)
a. Some American students use **such** an unethical practice **that** they pass the exams.
b. Providing that American police **stop (s)** drunken drivers, the roads **will become** safe.
B- Sentence completion (01)
1. Lance Armstrong wishes he **had not taken** some drugs in Tour de France
2. Reports **have convulsed** medicine

4. Dialogue completion (01.50)
A: **Do you agree with the report claiming that America is less ethical?**
B: I don't agree with the report. America is more ethical nowadays.
A: **But its businessesmen evade from paying taxes. Don't they?**
B: No, just a few businessesmen do not pay taxes.
A: What can the authorities do in such a case? What is the authorities' role?
B: The financial authorities can oblige them to honour their taxes on time.

Part two: Written expression **(05 points)**

Topic 01: Form: 03 **Content : 02**
Topic 02: Form: 02.50 **Content 02.50**

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