

The First term English Exam

Read the text carefully and do the activities that follow :

The problem of arms trafficking is multidimensional. Firearms are manufactured and traded both legally and illegally thus, it is very complex to identify and trace illegally manufactured and trafficked firearms. Furthermore, most firearms are produced legally and then diverted into the illicit market. Notably, illicit arms are present in most forms of violent crimes and increase the power of organized criminal groups.



The Global Organized Crime Index 2021 ranks arms trafficking as the third most prevalent criminal market globally, and is particularly rife in Africa, the Americas and Asia. Arms trafficking is linked to human trafficking and smuggling, as well as to the illicit trade of non-renewable resources such as gold, petrol, diamond etc. Violent crimes in Latin America and Africa, and drug trafficking in Europe have also been heavily linked to the presence of illicit arms markets.

The civil war in Sierra Leone lasted from 1991 to 2002, and left 75,000 people dead. Gunrunning played a significant role in this conflict. Weapons of all sorts were shipped to all sides in both Sierra Leone, and Liberia from abroad. These included small arms, such as, pistols, assault rifles, grenades, Claymores, knives, machetes, etc. Larger weapons such as missiles, light machine guns, mortars, anti-tank missiles, tanks, and planes were also used.

Exploring the links between firearms trafficking and other forms of organized crime requires analysis of how guns enter illicit markets; how they enable other criminal markets to flourish; what actions are taken by governments to control their flow within and across borders.

Source <https://globalinitiative.net/analysis/arms-trafficking-and-organized-crime/>

A/ Comprehension:

1- Choose the best answer (a, b or c)

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| a- The type of discourse is : | a- Descriptive | b- Expository | c- Narrative |
| b- The text is: | a- an extract from a book | b- a website article | c- a speech |

2- Say whether the following statements are true or false :

- a- Illegally trafficked arms are easily traced.
- b- Illegally traded arms strengthen criminal groups.
- c- Arms trafficking is considered the most widespread criminal market.
- d- Gunrunning is rife in one continent only.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text :

- a- Is arms trafficking related to other forms of illegal practices ? justify
- b- List three kinds of weapons that were used in the civil war in Sierra Leone.
- c- How can the link between gunrunning and organized crime be reached?

4- What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text :

This conflict (\$3).....these (\$3)..... They (\$4).....

B/ Text exploration

1- Find in the text words whose definitions are the following:

- a- Illegal, not allowed by law, or disapproved of by society. (\$1)
- b- The activity of buying and selling goods or people illegally (\$2)
- c- The activity of bringing weapons into a country illegally (\$3)

2- Divide the following words into roots and affixes : smuggling -illicitly -criminal

Prefix	Root	Suffix

3- A- Join the pairs of sentences using the connectors in brackets :

a- 75.000 people lost their lives. Arms trafficking in Sierra Leone was widespread.. (so...that)

b- Weapon smuggling continues to take people's lives. Governments remain inactive. (providing that)

B- put the verbs into their correct form:

Weapons smuggling is taking millions of lives, ripping families apart. It's high time governments (to control) their flow within and across borders. I wish they (to act) as soon as possible to stop it .

4- Fill in the gaps with the words from the list:

(rights- smuggler - death- smuggling)

Unlike human trafficking, people1.....is characterized by the consent between customer and.....2.....-a contractual agreement that typically terminates upon arrival in the destination location. However, smuggling situations can nonetheless in reality descend into situations that can best be described as extreme human.....3..... abuses, with smuggled migrants subject to threats, abuse, exploitation, and even.....4.....at the hands of smugglers.

Part Two: Written Expression (5 pts)

Write a composition of about 20 lines on ONE of the following topics:

Topic one:

In a message on Facebook, one of your friends told you that he or she intends to leave the country on board a small boat with the help of a smuggler in order to look for a better life in Europe. Write a paragraph talking about people smuggling and advising your friend not to take the risk. **You can use these notes:**

- People smuggling /unethical /illegal behavior
- human right abuse
- risk of death
- not take the risk/be patient/study hard /work hard.....

Topic two:

Corruption practices such as fraud, bribery and embezzlement spread quickly in our society causing terrible problems everywhere, for instance, in banks, administrations and even schools. Write a composition of about 100 to 120 words saying what should be done in order to fight and reduce the impacts of these misbehaviours.

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