

The First Term English Exam

PART ONE : Reading (7pts)

A. Comprehension

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

Plagiarism

Due largely to the amount of information available on the Internet it is becoming easier for everyone to plagiarize. Whether intentional or not, schools and universities consider plagiarism a form of academic dishonesty and unethical practice.

Obvious plagiarism includes buying a paper or copying another person's work and presenting it as yours. This can be information or items copied from Web pages, books and newspapers, TV shows or any other artwork. Essentially, it is a form of piracy; a theft of the author's intellectual property. The educational systems are so tolerant that the rate of plagiarism scandals has doubled in recent years.

One of the scholars pointed out, "Before trying to avoid plagiarism, we must tackle the causes which include: the lack of academic integrity, the students' ignorance, their difficulty with citing, in addition to the weaknesses in language skills". The University of California, at Devis explains that the effects of plagiarism are ranging from damaging the student's academic career and causing serious legal problems to tarnishing the institution's reputation.

The policies detailing the guidelines on the problems of plagiarism that have been established, should be explained by teachers periodically. Whenever ideas or works are borrowed from another source, students must cite or quote that source. This is the best way to minimize plagiarism.

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1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.

The text is:

- a. a book extract. b. a Website article. c. a newspaper article.

2. Write the letter that corresponds to the right answer.

A. Today, it is easier to plagiarize from the Internet because of.....

- a. the lack of information.
b. the inaccessibility to information.
c. the availability of information.

B. Plagiarism is a form of piracy like

- a. stealing another person's property.
b. borrowing another person's property.
c. selling another person's property.

C. Students have to cite the source of borrowed works so as to

- a. help their teachers.
b. be fair.
c. improve their language skills.

3. In which paragraph is it mentioned that plagiarism is an unfair school behaviour?

4. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a. How is plagiarism defined? .
b. Mention two causes of plagiarism?
c. What are the consequences of plagiarism stated by the author?

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

- a. it (§2) ... which (§3) b. their (§3)

B. Text Exploration**(8pts)****1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to:**

a. purposeful (§1) b. purchasing (§2) c. shortage (§3)

2. Complete the following chart

verb	noun	adjective
.....	theft	
damage		
.....		tolerant

3. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the connectors provided. Make changes where necessary.a. There is available information on the Internet. It becomes easier to copy another person's work. **(such...that)**b. Students are weak in language skills. They choose to plagiarize. **(so...that)****4. Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).**

1/a. I regret having plagiarized his works.

b. I wish.....

2/a. universities should fight plagiarism.

b. It's high time.....

5. Reorder the following sentences to make a coherent paragraph.

a. that the students who were accused of fraud,

b. Last week, our college knew three cases of cheating.

c. would fail the assignment or be expelled.

d. After holding a consultation, the headmaster declared

PART TWO: Written Expression**(5pts)****Topic One:**

Some students tend to plagiarize simply because they don't want to read and research. Write a composition of 100 to 120 words about the importance of reading. Use the following notes.

-Provides knowledge- develops language skills -improves vocabulary and understanding- improves school results -helps develop personality -develops imagination - a form of entertainment – relaxes the body – calms the mind

Topic Two:

UNICEF declared "Many children all over the world are exploited physically, mentally and morally. Having no respect for their rights". You are a Mayor of your town; deliver a **speech** of about 80 to 100 words to your citizens in which you suggest solutions to it.

Where is a wish ,there is a way**Best of Luck**