

The First Term English Language Test

Full name: Class:

Reading.

A. Comprehension.

Read the passage below then do the activities that follow.

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Over the last years, there have been many important changes in the way we live. Our grandparents' lifestyles used to be different from ours. Yet, even the new changes **that** have taken place over the last years are great.

To begin with, our grandparents used to spend more time together at home. **They** used to tell jokes and stories which taught the youngsters moral values. However, nowadays we rarely spend time together. In fact, we spend most of our time either at work or online. Moreover, people in the past used to ride animals to travel long distances, whereas we now use vehicles.

To conclude, it is clear that life has changed a lot in the last couple of years. Life is definitely much easier now. But, it is not easy to decide whether things now are also better.

Adapted from the Internet.

1. Say whether the following statements are 'true' or 'false'.

- a. Life in the past and life in the present are the same.
- b. Travelling long distances used to be slower in the past.

2. In which paragraph is it mentioned that it is difficult to say which lifestyle is better?

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3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a. What has recently happened to the way we live?

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- b. Do people nowadays have time to spend with their family?

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

that (§1) —→

They (§2) —→

B. Text Exploration.

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following.

- a. essential (§1) b. teenagers (§2)

2. Join each pair of sentences using ONE of the relative pronouns provided. Write the FULL sentence.

who - which - when

- a. We live in a diverse world. The world has many cultures and traditions.

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- b. People can still appreciate different cultures. People love their own traditions.

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- c. In the south, harvest happens in October. The weather in October is warm.

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3. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final ‘s’.

traditions - distances - jokes - years

/s/	/z/	/Iz/

4. Reorder the following sentences to get a coherent passage.

- a. where everyone is influenced by the cultures of other countries.
b. This means of communication has made the world a small village
c. Communication between people has changed over the years.
d. It is now done through technological means like the Internet.

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Do your best!