

مسابقة في مادة اللغة الإنكليزية المدة: ساعتان

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Part One: Reading Comprehension (Score: 12/20)

Read the following text in which the writer highlights on the efforts made to solve the problems of poor communities. Then answer the questions that follow on the answer sheet.

Laptops for the Hungry

1 One of the problems faced by many poor countries around the world is child labor. Children are not getting good education since they are out of school working to help their families with the income. The working hours are often very long- 10 or 12 hours a day. For example, many young children in Bangladesh work under difficult and terrible conditions all day long, breaking old bricks in very hot weather. Another widespread problem is that over a billion people worldwide still don't have access to clean water and good hygiene. To help children in poor countries, a goal was set to give every child a laptop.

2 A company has designed a very simple laptop that is powered by a hand-charged battery so that it can be used in areas which don't yet have electricity. In case that at least 100 million laptops could be ordered, the final price tag would be no more than 100 dollars. The plan for governments and charities is to buy these laptops and **distribute** them to children in the poorest areas of the world. It is not yet clear what kind of software will be **installed** on the laptops, but it will surely include one or two educational games.

3 When hearing news like this, it is not easy to avoid being enthusiastic. It would be great if everyone had a computer and access to the internet as a learning tool. There is hope that this technology would help **improve** the children's living conditions and create better life chances for the future. However, nowadays, so many children are falling ill and dying from water-borne diseases, which is a dangerous problem that needs to be solved.

4 One of the difficulties with the plan is what families are likely to do with the laptops. The hundred-dollar price tag is equal to an adult salary for three months in many cases. These families are much more likely to try and sell the computer and get money to buy grain, fertilizer or food, than to let their kids play with it in the evenings while the rest of the family sit feeling hungry. Therefore, international organizations should raise awareness about the value of keeping and benefiting from these laptops.

5 In conclusion, the laptops and their software can **persuade** the young and the poor in the world that their problems are being dealt with seriously. The whole world should be working hard to help **lessen** the rate of child labor and poverty in order to live peacefully, hoping that these problems will have been solved by 2030.

Questions

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own.

(Score: 04)

1. Based on paragraph 1, poor countries are facing many problems. State four of them.
(01pt)
2. According to paragraph 2, choose and rewrite the correct answer. (01pt)
-The company had to design simple laptops because:
a- there is no electricity b- their prices are low
3. Based on paragraph 4, what does the author advise international organizations to do?
(01pt)
4. Based on the indicated paragraphs, what does each of the underlined pronouns refer to?
(01pt)
a- Paragraph 2: it
b- Paragraph 4: it

B. Choose and copy the correct word given between brackets that best completes the meaning of each sentence. (Score: 02)

1. Mothers try to (distribute, get) their gifts equally among their children.
2. It is difficult to (help, persuade) a stubborn person of your opinion.
3. Developed countries helped poor countries to (lessen, get) their social problems.
4. The ultimate goal of our school is to (join, improve) both students' performance and communication skills.

C. The reading selection has 5 paragraphs (1-5). Each of the following extracts (A) and (B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection.

Read extracts A and B carefully. Then choose from paragraphs (2, 3 and 4) the one that correctly fits with each extract. (Score: 01)

Extract (A) Those children in Bangladesh will be pleased to know that after a long day breaking bricks, they can relax with their laptops and play their favorite computer games.

Extract (B) Overcoming such health problems and deadly diseases enhances children's lives and makes them optimistic.

D. The table below shows the percentage of schools using technology in Finland and Tunisia in 2005 and 2010.

Read the table carefully. Then answer the following question in a complete sentence. (Score: 01)

- How are schools in Finland and Tunisia similar in the use of technology?

**The Percentages of Schools Using Technology in Finland and Tunisia
between 2005 and 2010**

Country Year	Finland	Tunisia
2005	45%	10%
2010	65%	20%

E. In each of the following sentences, there is ONE grammatical error in bold.

Copy and correct it. (Score: 02)

1. A vegetarian can be defined as someone who **do** not eat meat, fish, or other animal products.
2. If we don't make changes in our lives soon, they **would** be very boring.
3. Some Japanese universities are developing medical robots to **detecting** certain kinds of cancer.
4. I don't know why **did** the United Nations **announce** this in 2005.

F. Choose the correct answer. Copy it (Score: 02)

1. It is more beneficial to look for a solution in collaboration with others _____ to do it alone.

- A. but B. after C. than D. then

2. It was so late; _____, he still insisted on calling her.

- A. although B. despite C. nevertheless D. moreover

3. Dinner will be ready when you _____ home.

- A. have come B. will come C. come D. comes

4. I wish I _____ that second piece of cake. I had a stomachache all night long.

- A. would not eat B. had not eaten C. did not eat D. had eaten

Part Two: Writing (Score: 08)

Choose ONE of these two prompts to develop into an essay of 150-200 words.

Prompt (A)

Children are being negatively influenced by violence in media such as video games, movies and the Internet.

Write about the negative effects of such violence on children... (violent actions at home and at school - breaking of toys, house stuff...- bullying...)

Suggest 3 ways to deal with this problem.

Provide an outline and a suitable title, and then develop your ideas in a well-organized essay.

Prompt (B)

Some successful people manage to overcome the problems they have faced in their lives by gaining the support of their community (governments, schools, family, friends, etc...).

Narrate a story of a successful person you know or you have heard about.

-**Who** is he or she?

- **What** problems did he or she face?

- **How** did he or she achieve his or her goal?

Copy and **fill** the chart with the proper information.

Develop your narrative by providing sufficient details about the problem, people involved, and the solution.

Title	
Setting	Where? When?
Characters	Who?
problem	
Events	What happened?

Your essay will be evaluated based on ideas and organization (Score: 2.5), language and style (Score: 2.5), outline/chart and title (Score: 02) tidiness and legible handwriting (Score: 01)