



FIRST ENGLISH EXAMINATION
TWELFTH GRADE

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TIME: 45 MINUTES

TOTAL: / 40

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Question Number One:

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow: (14 points)

In England, almost 50 % of school leavers go on to higher education. The figure has not always been as high as this. Twenty years ago, it was closer to 30 %, and thirty years before that, it was only about 5 %. Another huge change has been financial. Before 1998 CE, higher education in the UK was completely free for UK citizens. Since then, tuition fees have been introduced. Most students borrow this money from the government. They don't have to repay it immediately. Instead, they pay it back slowly out of future earnings.

Despite the high cost, most students choose to study away from home. A recent survey of 17,000 students revealed that only 7 % wanted to stay at home while they studied for their degree. Of course for most young people, living away from home means borrowing more money from the government. So why don't students choose to avoid debt by staying at home, where they don't have to pay rent? Most of them say that they want to move to the university of their choice, rather than the nearest one. Another strong motive is the desire to live in a new culture. Where do these students live? Many have rooms in halls of residence, especially in their first year; others rent flats or houses. A lucky minority live in property that their parents have bought for them. Most of them need to learn to cook, do their own washing and manage their time and money.

1. Find a word in the text which means “costs or charges”. (1 point)

2. There are many challenges that may encounter students who choose to study away from home. Write two of them down. (2 points)

3. What does the underlined word ‘ **them** ’ refer to? (2 points)

4. The writer mentions that England has undergone two changes regarding going on to higher education. Write these two changes down. (2 points)

5. Quote the sentence which shows that there is a burden on the English government due to the students' debts . (2 points)

6. Studying is a lifelong activity. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

7. University education is recommended, but there are many students who do not go on to it. Suggest three ways for encouraging these students to complete their education. (3 points)

Question Number Two: (6 points)

A. Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences. There are more words than you need. (4 points)

got cold feet , colloquial , tailor-made , undertake , tutorials

1. Space schools adopt curricula in their teaching.
2. Anita was familiar with Arabic as her father is originally from Jordan.
3. These students only have seven hours of a week.
4. The man wanted to jump out of the high building, but he at the last minute.

B. Replace the misused body idiom in the following sentence with the correct one. (2 points)

Have a head for figures! Everything will be fine very soon. Don't worry!

Question Number Three: (14 points)

A. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it. (10 points)

1. What should I take with me for a desert trip ?

Do you know

2. There is less water in the transparent glass than there is in the blue glass.

There is not

3. The cheapest products in this store are the Chinese ones.

The least

4. There is less oil in Jordan than there is in Saudi Arabia.

There is not

5. Please tidy your room.

Do you mind

B. Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentences. (4 points)

1. I wonder the match starts at six or seven.

(if , whether , if / whether , if only)

2. You should try to eat as fresh fruit and vegetables as you can.

(many , often , much , more)

3. The primary stress in the word ‘**compulsory**’ /kəm'pʌlsəri/ lies in the following syllable:

(kəm , pʌls , sə , ri)

4. Could you explain I can solve this Maths problem?

(who , what , how , which)

Question Number Four: (6 points)

A. EDITING (2 points)

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following text which has four underlined mistakes. Correct them.

In finland . however, students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night, and they attend school for less and shorter days than 85% of other develobed nations.

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then write two sentences using all the given notes about what one can do in a free time. Use the appropriate linking words.

What one can do in a free time ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Visiting cultural locations.● Exercising and playing a sport.● Going shopping.● Spending time with friends.

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