

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE FIRST TERM EXAM

It is amazing to see how the different events in history have influenced and changed the way people have dressed throughout time. Some of the most popular fashions are classic, they can stand the test of time and hardly ever "go out of style", only experiencing minor changes to keep up with the trends. Other clothing items could be considered "fads" styles that are only popular for a short season and then never worn again. Often certain fashion trends are dependent on the tastes of particular groups of people or cliques and are usually associated with social status or cultural preferences like the type of music a person likes.

Fashion can also be influenced by world events such as war or the economy. For example, during World War II, people were only allowed a certain amount of fabric so they were forced to create simple outfits that were practical enough for wartime duties.

As we entered the 1980's, fashion evolved once more. Skirts and dresses were once again longer and featured straight lines and more serious design. As more and more women joined the professional work force business suits became a trend for women. In the eighties, fashion became highly influenced by music stars and movies with eclectic looks shown off by Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, and movie star Molly Ringwald. In the 1990s, skirts and dresses were not as prominent and more casual looks became acceptable. Skirts and dresses were usually short, especially in the latter part of the decade; however, loose and flowing dresses as well as long denim skirts were also notable trends.

From the 1920s to the 1990s, popular fashions reflected the mood of each decade and showcased changes in society as the styles of clothing and accessories evolved with the times.

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## PART ONE: READING:

## A- COMPREHENSION: (7 pts)

1. Are these sentences True or False? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement. Correct the false ones:

- a- History doesn't affect people's way of dressing.
- b- In World War II, people were obliged to wear simple clothes.
- c- In the eighties, the style of clothes was influenced by the singers' and actors' way of dressing.
- d- Loose and casual clothes didn't appear until the 2000's.

2. Complete the following table with information from the text:

|                             |                               |                                                   |                                                                    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| way of dressing during WWII | way of dressing in the 1980's | .....<br>.....                                    | .....<br>.....                                                     |
| .....<br>.....              | .....<br>.....                | People started to wear more casual loose clothes. | Fashion and style of clothing reflected the changes in each decade |

3- Give a title to the text:

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

- a- They (§1)   b- they (§2)   c- that (§2)

5- In which paragraph is it mentioned that even the war affects the way people dress.

## B- TEXT EXPLORATION:

### 1- Find in the text words which are closest in meaning to the following:

- a- Fashionable ( §1)      b- affected (§2)      c- relaxed and comfortable (§3)

### 2- Divide the following words into roots and affixes:

Amazing – misuse – unbelievable.

| prefix | root  | suffix |
|--------|-------|--------|
| .....  | ..... | .....  |

### 3- Rewrite sentence 'b' so that it means the same as sentence 'a':

a- In the past , people had the habit of worshipping the sun.

b- .....

a-Scientists said that there is a possibility to eat more GMFs in the future.

b- .....

a- In daily life Algerians wear casual clothes contrary to special occasions in which Algerians dress up.

b- .....

a-Obese persons are not accustomed to practice sport.

b-.....

### 4- Fill in the gaps with the following words:

**However- which- century- fashion- the way – changes – stylish:**

Over the last ....., there have been many significant changes in ..... we live. Obviously, it is hard to compare the life of the ancient people and the life of the people of the twenty first century because so many ..... have occurred. ...., even the changes that have taken place over the last ten years are amazing.

### 6- Classify the words according to the number of their syllables:

clothing – style- prominent – casual – fashionable- change.

| One syllable | Two syllables | Three syllables and more |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|              |               |                          |

## PART TWO: WRITTEN EXPRESSION ( 5pts)

Choose one of the following topics:

### TOPIC ONE:

Recently, you've presented a project about the life style of some countries. So, write an essay about one of these countries' life style.

### TOPIC TWO:

Life has changed significantly in the last couple of years, in all the fields; clothes, transport, education, comfort, etc.

Write an essay describing the changes in the way we live through time using the following notes:

- Means of transport: donkeys – horses- camels – cars – planes – trains – slow - fast .....
- Houses: no bath rooms – lack of creature comforts – developed machines.....
- education : no educational system – no schools – developed methods of teaching - .....
- entertainment: storytelling – staying with friends – social media – electronic games.....

**Best of luck**