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Allotted time: 2 hours

The First Term Exam of English

Part One: Reading (14 points)

A/ Comprehension (07 points)

Read the following text very carefully then do the activities below

My life forty years ago used to be drastically different from the way I live today. The primary players in this huge transformation are technology and globalization. None of my past life habits are maintained: I eat, dress and entertain different.

Looking back to my old life makes me quite nostalgic. I used to live in a small mountainous village in a house that was quite ragged and whose walls were made of stone and clay. There used to be a barn where we kept our sheep and the donkey. I was then a five-year old reckless boy and much of my time was spent with my father in the farm. We used to plant almost everything we need for the dinner table. Our meals used to be healthy and safe. Therefore, we rarely went downtown for shopping. During winter, we didn't use to have warm jackets or sophisticated heater. We rather used to wear kechabias which our mother made from the wool of the sheep. At night, we all used to sit around wood fire listening to our grandma telling us stories and riddles.

However, that simple, traditional lifestyle is no longer existing now. Today, I live in a tiny apartment in the city. My parents still live in that village which actually looks like a town now. Now, I work all day in a factory and before I come home, I buy all I need for the dinner table. Yet, I always miss having lunch with my family and instead prefer to take a snack at work. When the weather turns cold, we just switch on the heating system to warm the entire flat. Most of us order the latest fashionable jackets and shoes online. To keep in touch with my friends and relatives, I spend some time chatting on social media and when I get bored I switch on TV to watch my favorite movies.

Almost half a century was able to turn my life as well as my generation's living patterns upside-down. Though it is undeniable that the modern appliances made everything easier and handy, there was much complacency and satisfaction in the simplicity of the past.

Written by the teacher

1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the correct answer (0,5pt)

- The text is ... a. a letter b. a story c. a speech

2. Are the following statements true or false according to the text (01,5pts)

- a- Technology is one of the major factors behind the changes in the author's life. ⇨.....
b- The author doesn't like his old way of life. ⇨.....
c- The author and his parents still live together. ⇨.....

3. Fill in the table below with information from the text

Features	The authors life in the past	The author's life today
Area of dwelling And housing		
Eating habit (s)		
Dressing habit(s)		
Entertainment habit(s)		

4. In which paragraph does the author express his appreciation for both past and present lifestyles? (0,5pt)

» In § 2 ...

5. Say to what or who the underlined words refer in the text (01,5pts)

- a. whose (§2) b. which (§3)

6. Give a suitable title for the text above (0,5pt) »

B/ Text Exploration (07 points)

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following (0,75pt)

a. Change (§1) = **b. refined (§2) =** **c. 50 years (§4) =**

2. Complete the chart (01pt)

<i>Noun</i>	transformation			simplicity
<i>Adjective</i>		fashionable	healthy	

3. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense form (03,5pts)

a- After this exam, I (to make) a quick revision of the next subject.

b- It is more likely that students (to study) at home using the net in the coming decades.

c- I (to see) my friend tomorrow because she called and we agreed to meet.

d- Women in the past (to go) to work. They (to stay) home as housewives, but today many of them (to occupy) different jobs just like men.

e- A: The door is knocking. B: Okay. I (to go) and answer it.

4. Insert defining or non-defining relative clauses in the gaps (01pt)

a- My grandmother used to tell us funny stories.

b- Clothes are traditional.

5. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “s” (0,75pt)

movies - habits - farms	/s/	/z/	/iz/

Part Two: Written Expression (06 points)

*Choose only **ONE** topic:*

Topic One: Imagine you were the author of the text. How would you imagine your life twenty more years from now? Write the third part of the story about the possible changes that may happen to our eating, dressing and entertainment habits in the future. *You may use the following notes:*

- Eat more GMFs – meals in the form of pills - do all our shopping online ...
- Buy 3D machine to print our clothes – wear / four-season clothes...
- Schools/ disappear - children / stay home to study online / Virtual Reality gaming/ become very common

Topic Two: The technological inventions have long had a great impact on people's relationships making them more nostalgic to the old good times. As an active defender of traditions and social bonds, write a 100 word article for the school magazine in which you explain how modern communication distanced people from each other.

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