

The Second Term Exam of English

Part One: Reading: (15 pts) Read the text and do the activities

There has been a lot of talk lately in the U.S.A about the importance of teaching values in the classroom. Values are characteristics such as honesty, kindness, hard work, and integrity. Actually, I am inclined to believe that the classroom should not be responsible to make sure that these ideas are taught. Schools had better support these values, but they should not be held responsible to teach them. It is up to the parents to decide what values should be taught. This is the parent's job and right.

One reason is that the schools do not have time to teach all of the necessary values. Teachers barely have enough time to teach the subjects and topics they are already responsible for teaching. Furthermore, how would the schools decide which values to teach? There would be teachers who disagree with parents on what to teach.

Another reason is that there is not enough money to take on this job. In other words, school budgets are already stretched so thin that schools do not have the needed resources to teach values adequately. Students need consistent modelling and instruction on these life skills, things which cannot be done with the current budgets given to public schools.

In a nutshell, let the schools support these values but focus more on the curriculum.

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A. Comprehension:

07 pts

1- Say whether these statements are true or false. Correct the false ones.

- a- Schools have no role in teaching values.
- b- Schools have the right to choose which values to teach to the pupils.
- c- Teachers cannot find time to teach values.
- d- Teaching values and ethics requires money and materials that are not available in public schools.

2- Put the following ideas in the order they appeared in the text:

- A- Teachers and parents might have different opinions on the values that should be taught to children.
- B- Schools should concentrate on their syllabuses, giving a little importance to teaching values.
- C- There were many debates about the role of school in teaching values and ethics to children.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text:

- A- What does the author think about teaching values in the classroom?
- B- According to the author, who must be responsible for teaching values and ethics to children?
- C- List from the text two arguments that the author gave to support her point of view on this issue.

4- What or whom do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- they §1
- them §1
- they §2

B. Text Exploration:

08 pts

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

a- morals (§1) = b- sufficient (§2) = c- abilities (§3) =

2- Give the opposites of the following words keeping the same root:

a- necessary ≠ b- responsible ≠ c- adequately ≠ d- sure ≠

3- Combine each pair of sentences with the connectors given between brackets. Make changes where necessary.

A. Values are important. We need to teach values to our children. (so...that)

B. Parents teach their children honesty and integrity. The children become good citizens. (unless)

C. Schools have small budgets. Schools cannot get the necessary resources to teach values. (because of)

4- Imagine what A says, and complete the following dialogue:

A.?

B. Yes, I agree that the government must increase the budgets given to public schools.

A.?

B. No, the Algerian government is not thinking to give schools more money. On the contrary, the school budgets are reduced each year.

A.?

B. School budgets must be increased because the current budgets are not sufficient to get the necessary materials that schools need.

A.?

B. These materials include paper, maps, books for the library, chemicals for experiments, sports equipment...etc.



PART TWO: Written Expression (05 pts):

Choose topic one **OR** topic two.

Topic One: In some countries, like Algeria, governments do not invest much money in education, and public schools are given small budgets as if education has little or no importance. However, this is a big mistake that the decision makers ought to avoid in the future. Write an argumentative article of about 80 to 120 words to your school magazine to defend the view that the government of your country has to invest more money in education and to increase school budgets.

The following notes may help you:

- Schools/ to have little resources/ to need more money.
 - Education/ very important/ deserve huge investments.
 - All developed countries/ to give importance to education/ spend much money on education.
- “If you think education is expensive, try ignorance”, Derek Bok (President of Harvard University).

Topic Two: Although all of the world countries have laws which ban child labour, millions of children are still working in hazardous conditions. Write an essay of about 80 to 120 words to explain to your classmates the causes of child labour and its consequences on the lives of those working children

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