



Level Test

June 2021

## Second Term English Exam

**PART ONE:/Read the text carefully then do the activities.**

### SMOG MAKES BEIJING PUT SUNRISE ON GIANT TV

People in Beijing cannot see the sun. The air is full of smog (a mixture of smoke and fog). The smog is so thick that it blocks the sun all day. People really miss seeing the sun. Beijing's leaders decided to do something so people could see the sunrise. **They** put giant LED screens across the city. People stand in front of the digital screens and watch the sunrise. The screen in Tiananmen Square also had a special message on **it**. It was a public announcement that read: "Protecting the atmosphere and environment is everyone's responsibility." The live, digital sunrise is already a hit with tourists. Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said: "It looks like science fiction. It's kind of cool, but it's also worrying. This smog sucks."

The air quality in China's cities often becomes bad in winter. People burn more coal for heating in the winter months. This makes more pollution. Beijing's mayor promised to make the air cleaner. **He** said that the city would spend \$2.4 billion this year to improve the air quality. Many workers wore face masks on their way to work. They did not want to breathe the poisonous air. One man told reporters: "I couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning. The smog has become worse in the last two to three years." He said the smog usually makes him feel bad: "I often cough and my nose is always running," he said. The US embassy advised people to, "avoid all physical activity outdoors".

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#### **1 - Reading Comprehension (8pts)**

1) **The text above is talking about (0,75pt)**

a) Environmental problem    b) tourism in Beijing    c) Us embassy

2) **SAY if the following sentences are true or false (2pts)**

- a) People in Beijing can't watch the natural sunrise  
 b) The air quality in china actually gets better in winter  
 c) Beijing's mayor will spend €2.4 million on clear air  
 d) The American embassy said that people should not exercise outside

3) **Answer the following questions according to the text (3pts)**

- a) Why do people in Beijing miss seeing the sun?  
 b) Which fuel do Chinese people burn for heating in winter?  
 c) Who advised people to avoid exercise outside?

4) **What or who do the underlined text in words refer to? (1,5pts)**

a) They (1§).....    b) It(1§).....    c) He(2§).....

5) **In which paragraph is it mentioned that cold weather worsens the quality of air in Beijing? (0,75 pt)It is mentioned in.....**

**Text Exploration (7pts)**

1) **Find in the text words which are closest in meaning to the following (1pt)**

- a) Make better (2§)=.....      b) Toxic (2§) =.....

2) **Complete the table (1,5pts)**

<b><u>Verb</u></b>	<b><u>Noun</u></b>	<b><u>Adjective</u></b>
To advise	.....	.....
		protected
.....	pollution	.....

3) **Rewrite sentence” b” so it means the same as sentence “a” (3pts)**

- 1) a- The Mexican tourist said : “It looks like a science fiction”  
b- He said that .....
- 2) a- Factories dump toxic chemicals. Consequently, we will have allergies  
b – .....since.....
- 3) a- Nature will not be in danger , in condition companies and governments listen to the opinion of scientist.  
b- If .....

4) **Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “ed” (1,5pts )**

(Asked - advised - cleaned - decided - missed - protected)

<b><u>/t/</u></b>	<b><u>/d/</u></b>	<b><u>/id/</u></b>

**Written Expression (5pts)**

**Topic1** : Write an SOS message (save our souls= urgent call for help) Use the information below. Make use of if clauses.

- Earth become desert/plant species disappear
- Stop spilling oil in seas and oceans/ fishermen lose their jobs
- People / not have enough food

**Topic 2** : Suppose you are a reporter working for a local TV channel, conducting a survey about air pollution in Beijing. Imagine a short interview with Chinese citizen about the matter and write it down.

**Good Luck**

**Correction**

**Reading comprehension (7pts)**

- 1) **The text is talking about** :a )environmental problem
- 2) **Say if the following sentences are true or false**
  - a) True
  - b) False
  - c) True
  - d) True
- 3) **Answer the following questions according to the text**
  - a) The people in Beijing miss seeing the sun because the air is full of smog which is thick and block the sun all day.
  - b) The Chinese people burn coal for heating in winter
  - c) The US embassy advised people to avoid exercise outside
- 4) **What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to**
  - a) They : Beijing leaders      b) It : screen      c) He: Beijing mayor
- 5) **It is mentioned in the** 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph

**Text exploration (8pts)**

1) **Synonyms**

- a) Make better= improve      b ) Toxic= poisonous

**2)Complete the table**

<b><u>Verb</u></b>	<b><u>Noun</u></b>	<b><u>Adjective</u></b>
To advise	advice	advisable
<b><u>To protect</u></b>	<b><u>protection</u></b>	Protected /protective
To pollute	pollution	Polluted/ polluting

**3) Rewrite sentence” b” so it means the same as sentence “a” (3pts)**

- 1) a-The Mexican tourist said : “It looks like a science fiction”  
b- He said that it looked like a science fiction.
- 2)a-Factories dump toxic chemicals. Consequently, we will have allergies  
b – We will have allergies since factories dump toxic chemicals..
- 3) a- Nature will not be in danger , in condition companies and governments listen to the opinion of scientist.  
b- If companies and government listen to the opinion of scientist , nature will not be in danger.

**4)Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “ed”( 1,5pts)**  
**(Avoided - advised - cleaned - decided)**

/t/	/d/	/id/
Asked      missed	advised      cleaned	Decided      protected

**Written Expression (5pts)**



