

English Examination (Second Term)

Text: My memories.

I always think of the time when I used to live on a farm and in winter especially we were cut off from the outside world because of the snow. Life used to be very simple for me.

I used to go on foot to the nearest school. Father used to work in the fields and mother used to help him. She worked indoors and outdoors. I used to collect wood and feed the domestic animals and my sisters used to fetch water and help in the house chores.

There didn't use to be many free time activities. We used to listen to the radio and in the evening, all the family used to sit by the fire in a big room where we told tales or discuss.

In summer, we didn't use to have a refrigerator; we used to drink fresh and tasty water from the pottery jars made of clay. My grandma used to make and decorate them. And we used to eat fresh vegetables that father grew.

Now, I am in the city. I live in a small flat. I buy food from the supermarket. The streets seem to be smaller because of the traffic and the air is polluted. I get stressed and I dream of the time when I will be on holidays to be able to leave home and escape to the countryside.

Adapted from the net

Part One: 14pts

A/ Reading Comprehension. 7pts

Activity one (2pts): Read the text then write: true, false or not mentioned.

- 1- The writer didn't use to go to school.
- 2- He has got 4 sisters.
- 3- His grandma made potteries.
- 4- Now, he lives in the town.

Activity two (3pts): Read again the text then answer the questions.

- 1- Did the writer forget about his life in the past?
- 2- Did he use to help his parents?
- 3- Does he like to go back to the countryside for holidays?

Activity three: lexis (2pts)

a/ find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following:

chat =.....

delicious =.....

b/ find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following:

larger =/=

the farthest =/=

B/ Mastery of Language 7 pts

Activity one (2pts): Complete the following sentences using the appropriate relative pronoun.

where, who, when, whose, which.

- I met a friend told me about her past experiences. She wrote a short book was about her reminiscences.
- I didn't use to be bored on my grandparents' farm..... I used to live .
- My best friend , parents were very nice , used to spend much time with me.

Activity two (3pts): Change the following sentences to negative form

1. Life used to be very simple in the past.
2. My grandma used to tell us stories every night.
3. I spent the summer holidays on my grandparent's home.

Activity three (2pts): Pick out from the text word that contain these following vowel sounds.

| / ei / name | / ai / I | / au / out | / əu / no |
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Part Two: Integrated Situation. (6pts)

You certainly remember many special moments and things about your childhood. Write few lines about what you used or didn't you use to do when you were a child (your childhood memories)

Tell about: - which primary school you used to go.

- How did you use to go.
- Your teachers and your favourite subjects / why
- Your free time activities and games after school and during holidays.

** (use the past simple tense and used to)**

Good luck

Best wishes