



CLASS: 2 ALLE

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## The First Term English Exam

### Part one: Reading

#### **A-Comprehension.**

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

Peacekeepers are groups of soldiers, officers or civilians that go to a conflict area and try to keep warring parties apart. **They** do many things, for example, monitor elections, organize meetings between enemy factions or protect human rights.

UN peacekeepers are often called Blue Helmets because of their headgear. The United Nations Security Council must approve of peacekeeping missions before soldiers are sent there. Sometimes **it** gives NATO or other military organizations permission to send peacekeepers to conflict areas. They are not always soldiers. Although they carry weapons they are only allowed to fight back when attacked. Normally peacekeepers are sent to conflict areas to observe a ceasefire and keep enemies apart. In the meantime diplomats can try to find a political solution in a conflict.

The first United Nations peacekeeping operation started in 1948, only three years after the UN had been founded . UN soldiers were sent to the Middle East to supervise the conflict between Israel, **which** had just become an independent country, and the Arab states. In 1953 UN forces lined up on the border between North and South Korea after the Korean War where they stayed until American soldiers took over in 1967.

Not all peacekeeping is controlled by the United Nations. Mostly American soldiers have been on duty on the Sinai Peninsula since Egypt made peace with Israel in the 1970s. In the 1990s NATO sent troops to Bosnia and Kosovo with permission by the UN.

<http://www.english-online.at/government/peacekeeping.and-other-missions.litm>

#### **1 - Copy the title you think is the most appropriate.**

a- Wars and Conflicts in the World. b-the Role of Peace Keepers. c-The Role of the United Nations

#### **2- Are these statements True or False according to the text.**

a-The role of peacekeepers is to maintain peace only.  
b-The blue helmets can start missions after the permission of UN Security Council  
c-The UN had been founded in 1945.

#### **3- Answer the following questions according to the text.**

a-What are peacekeepers' task?  
b-Are peacekeepers allowed to fight and attack at any moment ?justify from the text.  
C-Why were blue halmets sent to the Middle East ?

#### **4- Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?**

They (§1). ..... it (§2)..... which (§3).....

**B- Text Exploration:**

**1. Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following**

Few ≠ ..... (§1).                  Received ≠ ..... (§3)

**2. Complete the chart**

Noun	Adjective
Modernity	.....
Peace	.....
Economy	.....
Independence	.....

**3. Give the correct form of the idiom verb “be able to” or the modal “can”**

In the past, the League of Nations (can) ..... Solve some problems, but some famous figures in the history (be able to) ..... rise the Second World War.

**4. Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as (a)**

1. a. Peacekeepers protect human rights.  
b. Human rights.....
2. a. A widow is a woman, her husband is dead.  
b. A widow .....

**5. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final /s/**

States – missions – parties – announces – watches – groups

/s/	/z/	/iz/

**6. Fill in the gaps with words and expressions from the list:**

*Portugal – United Nations – Refugees – politician*

Antonio Guterres who was born on April 30-1949 is a Portuguese ....(1) ..... and diplomat who is serving as the ninth Secretary-General of the .... (2) .... Previously, he was the United Nations High Commissioner for ..... (3) ..... Guterres was the Prime Minister of .... (4) .... From 1995 to 2002.

**Part two: Written Expression**

Choose **ONE** of the following topics

**Topic One:** Use the following notes to write a short paragraph on how to live in peace.

- Solving problems peacefully with negotiation
- Wars are destructive
- Democracy, freedom, Equality, Justice and brotherhood between people
- Spreading of peace principles
- Spending money on housing, healthcare, education and food rather than on massive destruction weapons.

**Topic two:** Write a short paragraph about lifestyle in the past in terms of food and clothes.

***Good luck***

## Correction

**Part one:**

### **A- Comprehension**

1- The title is : b

2- a- F, b-T, c- T

3-

a- The tasks of peacekeepers are monitor elections organize meetings between enemy factions or protect human rights.

b-No, they are not «Although they carry weapons, they are not allowed to fight back when attacked ».

c-The blue helmets were sent to the Middle East to supervise the conflict between Israel and the Arab states.

4-

They : peacekeepers.    Which : Israel.    It: UN

### **B- Text Exploration**

1-

Few ≠ many.    Received≠ sent

2-

Modern, peaceful, economic, independent.

3-

Could. Were able to.

4-

1(b)- Human rights are protected by peacekeepers

2(b)- A widow is a woman whose husband is dead.

5-

/s/	/z/	/iz/
Groups- states	Missions- parties	Watches- announces

