



Level :3ALLE

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English Exam Second Term

Duration :0 3h

Juan is one of 800.000 children farm labourers in the United States, half of **whom** are under 15. Every day, he is up before 5a.m to gather grapes in the field of California. By 7a.m, his eyes start weeping from the sulphurous pesticides in the soil. As the sulphur finds its way into his lungs, he becomes weak and wanting to vomit. Even for an adult, it would be an inhumanly cruel suffering.

In California, Arizona and Washington States, children as young as Juan are employed as cheap labour in the billion-dollar agriculture industry. Juan works illegally: he is an “undocumented” immigrant from Mexico Across the nation, the migrant faces varying hazards. In Washington state the harvesting of apples and cherries runs nearly all year from January to November. Workers arrive from Mexico to face organophosphates- a deadly poison- and a variety of injuries. Many workers have attributed skin problems, headaches and muscle cramps to the chemicals and physical hardship they endure.

A human Rights Watch report last week contained declarations from workers who said **they** were paid as little as 2dollars an hour while the minimum wage is 5, 15 dollars. And it is still legal for a child to work provided he doesn't miss school for more than 90days in a row.

Democratic congressman Tom Lantos says that many of the mistreatments workers face are illegal “We need greater funds so that laws to protect children will be passed “he adds .Mr. Lantos also wants new pesticides safety limits for children: the current exposure limits are set for a man of 70 Kg in weight.

But as Juan returns tonight to the viaduct beneath which he sleeps, the distinction between man and boys has never been so slight.

**Part One: A/Reading comprehension (7pts)**

**1) The text is about: (0,5pt)**

a- Agriculture and industry in the USA    b- child labour    c- immigrant from Mexico

**2) The text is: (0,5pt)**

a-Descriptive    b- narrative c- expository

**3) Say if the following statements are true or false according to the text. (2pts)**

- a- Juan is a victim of child labour practices.  
b- Juan is a documented immigrant.  
c- Working children face illegal mistreatments.

d- Children are working in safe conditions.

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

- a- What are the risks the children are exposed to?
- b- What do they complain about?
- c- Are children treated fairly? Justify.

**5) In which paragraph is it mentioned that: (0,5pt)**

-Children get little money for their work. Justify. (§)

**6) What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (0,5pt)**

- a) whom (§1).....b) they (§3).....

**B/ Text exploration  
(7points)**

**1) Find in the text the words whose definitions follow: (0,5pt)**

- a) Substance used to destroy insect, pests (§1) =.....
- b) Cutting and gathering of grain and other food crops (§2).....

**2) Divide the following words into roots and affixes (1,5pt)**

word	prefix	root	suffix
mistreatment			
undocumented			
democratic			

**3) Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. (2pts)**

- 1-a) - Immigrants can't work in the fields if they don't have the necessary documents.  
b) Unless.....
- 2-a) Mexican children work hard. However they are badly paid.  
b) In spite of.....
- 3-a) The government doesn't find any solution to fight the spread of child labour.  
b) It's high time.....
- 4 -a) Children are being exploited by many companies  
b) Many companies .....

**4) Ask questions which the underlined words answer (1pt)**

- 1) Criminal organizations are exploiting young employees.
- 2) Children are exposed to many skin problems and headaches.



**5) Underline the stressed syllable (1pt)**

Immigration , democratic , poverty , gather

**6) Re-order the following sentences to make a coherent paragraph (1pt)**

- a) The term “child labour” is often defined as work that deprives children for their childhood,
- b) In its most extreme forms , child labour involves children being enslaved and separated from their families at a very early age.
- c) Child labour is a worldwide phenomenon which is considered inhumane by many international organizations.
- d) their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development.

**Part two: written expression ( 6points)**

**Choose one of the following topics.**

**Topic one :**

Using the following notes , write a composition of 120 to 150 words on :

The causes and consequences of child labour all over the world

Poverty/ illiterate parents

Lack of motivation on schooling

No protection nor care from families

Exploitation by rich owners

**Topic two :**

Most Algerian companies look for profit but don't care about ethics in business.

If you were appointed manager of one of those companies, how would you fight unethical practices?

**Good Luck**

## Correction

### Reading comprehension

The text is about child labour

The text is expository

#### 2) Say if the sentences are true or false

True false true false

#### 3) Answer the questions

1) They are exposed to skin problems, headaches muscle cramps and to chemical and physical hardship

2) They complain about the wages

3) No, they are not "many of the mistreatments workers face are illegal"

It is mentioned in the 3<sup>rd</sup> §

### THE REFERRING WORDS

Whom : farm labourers      they : workers

### Text exploration

#### DEFINITIONS

a) Pesticides

b) Harvesting

#### Divide the following words into roots and affixes (1,5pt)

word	prefix	root	suffix
mistreatment	mis	treat	ment
undocumented	un	document	ed
democratic	////	democracy	tic

#### 4) Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. (2pts)

a) - Immigrants will not work in the fields if they don't have the necessary documents.

Unless immigrants have the necessary documents, they won't work in the field.

b) Mexican children work hard. However they are badly paid.

In spite of the hard work of Mexican children, they are badly paid.

c) The government doesn't find any solution to fight the spread of child labour.

It's high time the government found any solution to fight the spread of child labour.

c) Children are being exploited by many companies

d) Many companies are exploiting children.

#### 5) Ask questions which the underlined (1pt)

1) Who are exploiting young employees.?

2) What are children exposed to ?

#### 6) Underline the stressed syllable (1pt)

Immigration, democratic, poverty, gather

#### 7) Re-order the following sentences to make a coherent paragraph (1pt)

a) The term "child labour" is often defined as work that deprives children for their childhood,1

b) In its most extreme forms, child labour involves children being enslaved and separated from their families at a very early age.4

- c) Child labour is a worldwide phenomenon which is considered inhumane by many international organizations. 3
- d) their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development.2

**Written expression 6pts**