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الموضوع الأول

**Part one: Reading**

**(15 pts)**

*Read the text carefully and do the following activities*

Today, everywhere in the world, people have developed a new attitude towards the act of buying. The fact that markets are filled with all sorts of goods encourages everyone to engage in the purchase of a large variety of items. Some of **these** are essential either because they contribute in our biological survival like food and medicines or because they play an important part in protecting our mental balance like music and books.

But next to such vital things we find numerous elements which we feel obliged to acquire although **they** do not have any determining role in our existence. It is the case with luxury items such as fashion clothes, paintings, objects of decoration especially designed furniture, jewels and make up products. We can also integrate in the same category the electronic devices that equip modern houses. The list still includes cameras, phone-mobiles, silver dishes, gold watches, sun-glasses, sport cars, pleasure boats and multitude of other articles which we buy just because they are accessible in the markets.

All these items do not add much to the basic needs of our species. Yet, all of us are eager to get them provided that we have the means to do so. They are all gradually incorporated in our life and form an important aspect of **it**. Initially, **their** production had no other aim than to provide a source of income for their creators or producers. Now, they have brought an additional feature to our life-style and participate in shaping our personality to some extent. We are unable to abandon their use for the simple reason that such an attitude will expose us to severe criticism from our fellows who will think that we no longer belong to modernity and civilization or they will see us as old-fashioned people.

*Adapted from the Internet*

**A/ Comprehension**

**(08 pts)**

1) *Identify the type of the text.*

The text is : ..... a) narrative. b) expository. c) argumentative.

2) *Say whether the following statements are true or false.*

- a) Nowadays, people consume more and more products because of their good quality.
- b) Some products that people buy are unnecessary for their existence.
- c) People purchase some articles only because they are well exposed in the markets.

3) *Answer the following questions according to the text.*

- a) Why are some purchased goods very important in people's life?
- b) Are all the articles we find in the markets essential for life? Justify.
- c) Why are people incapable of living without some nonessential items?

4) *Find what or who the underlined words in the text refer to.*

- a) these (§1). b) they (§2). c) it (§3). d) their (§3).

5) *Identify the paragraph in which the following ideas are mentioned.*

- a) Now, people cannot live without some modern items.
- b) Some goods are very important in people's life.

6) *Give a title to the text.*

**B/ Text Exploration**

**(07 pts)**

1) Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following.

- a) purchasing (§1) = ...      b) reachable (§2) = ...      c) revenue (§4) = ...

2) Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following.

- a) insignificant (§1) ≠ ...      b) ancient (§2) ≠ ...      c) capable (§3) ≠ ...

3) Complete the chart as shown in the example.

	<i>Verb</i>	<i>Noun</i>	<i>adjective</i>
<i>Example</i>	To consume	Consumption	Consumed
	.....	Criticism	.....
	.....	.....	Accessible
	to integrate	.....	.....

4) Ask question that the underlined word below answers

- a) People purchase different articles in the markets.  
 b) He bought his phone 50.000 DA months ago.

5) Rewrite sentence “b” so that it means the same as sentence “a”.

1. a) Internet adverts should be banned and TV adverts should be banned, too.  
 b) Both.....  
 2. a) Food companies have made great profits because of the new methods of advertising.  
 b) Great profits.....  
 3. a) The journalist said that consumers bought articles even though they didn’t need them.  
 b) The journalist said: “.....”

6) Reorder the following sentences to get a coherent passage.

- a) By some estimates, teenagers spend more than \$ 200 billion in sales from shampoo to personal computers.  
 b) Therefore, it is vital for some companies  
 c) In the USA, one out of nine teenagers has a credit card.  
 d) to attract the young consumers before competition does.

**Part Two: Written expression (05 pts)**

Choose ONE of the following topics:

**Topic One:**

Today, advertisers use clever methods to persuade young consumers to spend more and more money for unneeded goods. As a member of an association write an article of about 80 to 120 to raise teenagers’ awareness and show them how to avoid advertisers’ manipulation.

Make the best use of the following notes:

- Not to believe everything in the adverts.
- be well informed about the advertised products.
- Not to buy unnecessary/ unhealthy goods.
- Government to ban deceptive/manipulative adverts.
- Parents to control children’s spendings.

**Topic Two:**

Child labour has widely spread in the Arab world. Write an opinion article of about 80 to 120 words in which you mention why children work, what are the consequences then suggest some solutions to stop such a dangerous phenomenon.

## الموضوع الثاني

### Part one: Reading

(15 pts)

*Read the text carefully and do the following activities*

A striking new image captured by the Hubble Space Telescope delivers a deep look into a mysterious cosmic object called the Red Rectangle Nebula.

The Red Rectangle, so named because of its bizarre shape and striking color, is a nebula — a cosmic cloud of gas and particles. In this case, the nebula is formed by the central star, HD 44179, which is reaching the end of its life and shedding most of its mass into space.

The source of the red light emitted by the Red Rectangle baffled scientists for more than 30 years. The same kind of red emission was seen throughout the Milky Way and in other galaxies, but scientists weren't sure what created it. The mystery was finally solved in 2007: The glow comes from strange activity at the molecular level inside clusters of dust.

This new image gives scientists the best understanding yet of the structure of the Red Rectangle, according to a statement from NASA. Instead of a rectangle, it appears that the nebula around the star is shaped like an "X," with ladder-like rungs of glowing gas connecting the four arms.

The star at the center of the Red Rectangle is similar to Earth's sun and is responsible for those evenly spaced lines as it releases gas and other material to create the nebula and its distinctive shape. NASA experts now believe the star is also a close binary (meaning it has a connected partner), and is surrounded by a dense area of dust, according to the statement.

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### A/ Comprehension

(08 pts)

1) *Identify the type of the text.*

The text is a : ..... a) a letter. b) a newspaper article. c) a web article.

2) *Say whether the following statements are true or false.*

- Nebula is a well-known object.
- Scientists were perplexed by the Red Rectangle for a long time.
- The star at the center of the Red Rectangle looks like the sun.

3) *Identify the paragraph in which is it mentioned that the scientists found that the nebula is not rectangular in shape?*

4) *Answer the following questions according to the text.*

- What is nebula?
- What is its recently found shape?
- Was its secret found at last?
- How did the star at the center of the Red Rectangle create a nebula

5) *Find what or who the underlined words in the text refer to.*

- its (§2).
- it (§5).

6) *Choose the general idea of the text.*

- Hubble telescope description.
- Hubble telescope history.
- Hubble mysterious discovery.

## B/ Text Exploration

(07 pts)

1) Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following.

- a) strange (§2) = ...      b) perplexed (§3) = ...      c) regions (§3) = ...

2) Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following.

- a) beginning (§2) ≠ ...      b) outside (§3) ≠ ...      c) different from (§5) ≠ ...

3) Divide the following words into roots and affixes.

mysterious – unbelievable – misunderstand

Prefix	Root	Suffix

4) Combine each pair of sentences with one of the connectors provided. Make changes where necessary.

- a) Water ice has been found on the Moon's surface. Man cannot live on the Moon.  
(although / in order to)
- b) We cannot see some stars. They are too far from our galaxy. (unless / because)

5) Fill in each gap with the appropriate word from the list given .

astronomical – defined – satellite – moon

A satellite can be ... (1) ... as any object that orbits around something else. There are ten types including ... (2) ... Satellites. For example, the ... (3) ... orbits around Earth and is thus a natural ... (4) ... , but man-made ones are called artificial objects.

6) Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final 's'.

releases - delivers - scientists - galaxies

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/

## Part Two: Written expression (05 pts)

Choose ONE of the following topics:

### Topic One:

A huge sum of money is nowadays spent on space exploration missions. Write a composition of about 80 to 120 words in which you mention the importance of space exploration to the development and wellbeing of mankind.

Make the best use of the following notes:

- Help / developing new technologies.
- Solving further problems / overpopulation / pollution.
- Predicting catastrophes / natural disasters.
- Find out more about the universe.

### Topic Two:

Some businessmen do not respect price regulations. They often sell their goods at too high prices. Write an opinion article of about 80 to 120 words in which you suggest some solutions to fight such unethical behaviours?