



MARCH 2023	Level: 3ASL	Duration : 2h
<u>SECOND TERM ENGLISH EXAM</u>		

Read the text carefully then do the following activities
A/Comprehension (7pts)

Millions of American parents spend countless hours trying to figure out how to help their children get better grades. They want to take a page from Finland **which** scores near the top in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) and places the United States at 21st among 34 countries.

There are three things that have positively affected the quality of Finnish schools that are absent in American **ones**. First, Finland has built a school system that has over time strengthened educational equity. This means early childhood education for all children, funding all schools so that they can better serve those with special educational needs and access to health for all children. Second, play constitutes a significant part of individual growth and learning in Finnish schools. Every class must be followed by a 15-minute recess break so that children can spend time outside on their own activities. Besides, schooldays are also shorter in Finland than in US and primary schools keep the homework load to a minimum. **This** helps students have time for their own hobbies and friends when school is over.

In America, school districts have reduced or eliminated recess in order to free more time for core academics. Additionally, education in US is too much defined by testing and data and places too much reliance in the marketplace choice. Finally, more students in America have novice teachers in their classrooms today than ever.

Adapted from

<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/10/06/opinion/sahlberg-finland-education/>

A. Comprehension (07 points)

1. Say whether the following statements are true or false. (1,5pt)

- The American educational system is less performing than the Finnish one.
- The American schools provide students with enough time breaks.
- The Finnish students receive the same treatment and services without any difference.

2. Identify which paragraph is most American schools had experienced educators in the past mentioned. (1pt)

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

1. Do the American parents care about the education of their children?
2. List two factors that have helped Finland get a successful educational system.
3. Why do teachers minimise homework at schools in Finland?

4. Find what or who the underlined words refer to in the text.(1,5pts)

a- which... (§1) b) American ones ... (§2) c)This helps (§2)

B/ Text Exploration (08 points)

1. a- Find in the text words or expressions that are closest in meaning to the following: (1,5pt)

a) marks (§1) = b) reinforced (§2) =.....c) information (§3)=.....

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

strengthened – requirement – unacceptable

Prefix	Root	Suffix

3. Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).(3pts)

1. a. The Americans said: “Our states can follow the same educational policy as the Finnish.”

b.The Americans said

2. a. The authorities should give a great consideration to educators

b.It’s high time.....

3. a. I regret not having taken a university degree

b. I wish.....

**4. Classify the following words according to their number of syllables (1pt)
(Policy- novice- spend- affected)**

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables

5.Reorder the following sentences to get a coherent passage (1pt)

- a) It helps us to discover what it means to live
- b) The purpose of education is not merely to prepare for job or career.
- c) and to develop habits that make life truly worth living.
- d)It also helps us find our path in life.

PART Two: Written Expression

(05 points) Choose ONE of the following topics:

Topic one: Using the following notes, write a paragraph of about 70 to 80 words on the worries or fears of the sociologists about the alarming or discouraging situation of schools at the present time.

Indifference to education – increase of the level of dropouts -absence of parents’ involvement – bullying – violence. As far as you are concerned, what do you suggest to make schools more attractive and successful?

Topic two: You were a victim several times of counterfeit products. You decided to post on Facebook your bad experience to inform your fellow internauts on the defects and dangers of such goods. Write an opinion article about what happened to you.

Good Luck and best Wishes of SUCCESS

Part One: Reading

(15 Pts)

A. Comprehension (07 PTS)

1. True or false. (1,5)

- a. True. b. False c. True

2. The idea is mentioned in § 3. (1)

3. The answer to the questions (3)

1. Yes, they do.
2. The two factors that have helped Finland get a successful educational system are educational equity and 15-minute recess breaks.
3. In Finland, teachers minimise homework at schools to help students have time for their own hobbies and friends.

4. Reference words: (1,5)

- a. **Which:** Finland
- b. American **ones:** Schools
- c. **This** helps: keeping the homework load to a minimum

B/ Text Exploration

(08

points)

1. a- Synonyms: (1,5)

Marks: **Scores** – reinforced: **strengthened** – information: **data**

2. Roots and affixes. (2)

Prefix	Root	Suffix
///	strength	en ed
////	require	ment
un	accept	able

3. Sentence completion (1,5)

1. b. The Americans said that their states **could** follow the same educational policy as the Finnish.

2. b Its high time the authorities gave a great consideration to educators

3. b. I wish I had taken a university degree

**4. 4. Classify the following words according to their number of syllables
(Policy- novice- spend- affected)**

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables
spend	novice	Policy affected

5.Reorder the following sentences to get a coherent passage

- a) It helps us to discover what it means to live²
- b) The purpose of education is not merely to prepare for job or career.¹
- c) and to develop habits that make life truly worth living.³
- d)It also helps us find our path in life.⁴

**PART
(05 points)**

Two:

Written

Expression