

The Second term test of English

In the past, the way people lived was very different from nowadays. It includes lifestyle, ways of dwelling, education, communication, fashion, entertainment, transportation and many other aspects.

In old times, life was difficult. The conditions of living were not comfortable. People used to live in houses made of mud ,clay, bricks and wood with no electric appliances and running water. In addition, people used to do most of the work by hands. They used to dress up in simple ways and travelled using cycles, tongas and animals. There were not many schools and sources of entertainment. People used to spend more time with their friends. They played simple games and told stories to each other.

Nowadays, we live in comfortable houses, in high buildings with household appliances like fridge TV set, vacuum cleaner... etc. Most of the work is done by the computers and other machines whether at home or at work places. Education is much easier thanks to the internet. Scientific achievements and technological progress are amazing. They make our lives more and more comfortable in all aspects Life is definitely much easier now. However it is not easy to decide whether it is also better.

1) Reading comprehension : (7pts)

Task 1: Read the text and say true or false : (2pts)

- 1- life was hard in the past.
- 2- People lived in high buildings in old times.
- 3-Technology makes our lives comfortable today.
- 4-In the past, people had electric appliances at home.

Task 2: Read the text and answer the questions: (3pts)

- 1- Did people live in comfortable houses in old days?
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- 2-How did they spend their free time?
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- 3- Do computers and machines help people at work today?
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Task 3:

- 1- find in the text words which are closet in meaning to the following: (1pt)
 - Said =
 - wear =
- 2- find in the text words opposite in meaning to the following : (1pt)
 - hard ≠
 - modern ≠

