

9A-13/12/02

Term Exam in English

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Read the following text “*Different But Competent*” and answer the following questions:

Many people are left-handed, which means that they use their left hands in their everyday life, and these people are only a small minority. The majority of people are right-handed, and naturally, the world is more interested in the safety and convenience of that majority. It is not surprising, therefore, that more accidents occur among left-handers
5 than among right-handers. In fact, this is exactly what the statistics show.

Many accidents occur with tools and cars that are built for right-handers. All over the world, things like scissors and can openers are made for right-handed use. In the majority of countries, drivers drive on the right side of the road, and they use their right hands to change gears. So, left-handers are often injured at work, at home, while traveling
10 and even while participating in sports.

In the past, left handed people were always considered "different" and "awkward", and because of the fear of being different, many parents in many cultures used to force their left-handed children to use their right hands. Nowadays, however, the general attitude to left-handers is not so negative, and people no longer look at them as "strange"
15 or "different".

It has taken a long time, but now people realize that a world designed only for right-handers is an unfair place for the left-handers. Hence, more and more designers and businessmen are designing and making new tools and gadgets specifically for left-handers. Perhaps, if there were more shops that sell such tools and gadgets, there would
20 be fewer accidents.

1. Tick True or False in the following chart next to each sentence, according to the passage, and write the line numbers where you found the answer! [10 pts]

N	Sentence	T	F	Lines
1	There are many left-handed people in the world.			
2	The world is more concerned with the comfort of right-handers.			
3	Left-handed people are sometimes injured when they play sports.			
4	Children were forced to use their left hands.			
5	If more tools are designed for left-handers, fewer accidents will occur.			

2. "*It is not surprising that more accidents occur among left-handers*" (line 4), WHY?[4 pts]

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3. The statistics show that: (Parag. II) [2 pts]

- a. accidents occur because of tools.
- b. right-handers are much stronger than left-handers are.
- c. more accidents happen among left handed people.

4. Give **TWO** examples, which show that our world is designed mainly for right-handers: (Parag. II)[4 pts]

- a.
- b.

NOW ANSWER IN ARABIC !!

5. How did people use to look upon left-handers in the past? (Parag. III) [4 pts]

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6. How did this look change in the present? (Parag. III) [4 pts]

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NOW ANSWER IN ENGLISH !!

7. What did people finally realize? (Parag. IV) [3 pts]

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8. What are designers and businessmen doing for left-handers? (Parag. IV) [3 pts]

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9. Find words from the text according to each of the following instructions: [6 pts]

- a. Find a word which means "**concerned**" in line 3 : _____
- b. Find a word, which means "**take part**" in lines 9-11: _____
- c. Find a word, which means "**weird**" in paragraph III: _____
- d. Find a word, which means the OPPOSITE from "**more**" in, paragraph IV: _____

10. Although myths are usually irrational, and sometimes even funny, they do survive and last for ages. What makes them survive, and why do you think they were invented at the first place? You can use information and examples from unit 3 of your course books. Write about 60 words. Pay special attention to spelling and tenses! [10 pts]

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Grammar

Circle the most suitable answer to complete the following statements: [20 pts]

- a. The Ewe tribe, **(1. which, that, who)** lived in Africa, believed that the first man and woman **(2. is, are, were)** made out of clay. Whereas the ancient Mayas, **(3. which, that, who)** lived in South America, believed that the first people were made out of corn or wood.
- b. People should spend more time reading books because **(4. reading, read, was reading)** is one of the most **(5. enriched, enriching, enrichment)** activities. Books **(6. contain, contains, containing)** a wide variety of information types, and every student **(7. who, which)** looks for academic material is invited to visit a library.
- c. A long time ago, while Persephone **(8. walked, walking, was walking)** in the fields, she **(9. saw, see, was seeing)** a marvelous white flower and **(10. bend, bent, bended)** to pick it. Suddenly, she was **(11. terrified, terrifying,)** to see a huge black knight **(12. that, who, which)** rode a black horse.

Good Luck

Merry Xmas and a happy holiday!