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Bouhamza 800/200 Secondary School	**School year: 2017/2018.**
Level: Second year FL	**Time allocated: 2 hours.**

The Second Term English Examination

📖 **Part One Reading: (14 pts) Read the text below carefully then do the activities**

Star Trek, by the American science fiction writer Gene Roddenberry, is generally considered to be the most popular and successful science-fiction story of all time. **Its** popularity grew and grew and today it boasts millions of fans from all around the world.

All science fiction is based on the mix of science and fantasy and no other series of books has really done it better than Star Trek. Long before the technology became commonplace, mobile and hand-held phones were being used in Star Trek. Small portable computers, rather like our laptops today, were being carried around by the characters and speech recognition technology was being used. In many respects, the technology of Star Trek was 'prophetic', and many things which were thought to be impossible then are now objects we use every day.

Some of the technology, however, has still not become reality. Spaceships are still not being sent into space at warp speed (a fictional speed enabling spaceships to travel at around the speed of light). It is argued by some scientists that this will never be possible as it goes against the laws of physics.

Perhaps the most famous technological idea put forward in Star Trek was that of 'beaming' people to different places. 'Beaming' was done in the 'transporter', a fictional machine which could transport people and things to wherever **they** wanted to go immediately. In the case of Star Trek, people were usually being beamed to a strange planet or back to the spaceship and out of danger. In fact, the 'beaming' of people to different places has become one of the most famous aspects of the Star Trek technology and the phrase 'Beam me up, Scotty' became a catch-phrase for a whole generation of Star Trek fans.

Adapted from: H. G. Mitchell et al. (2015-2016). *Traveller 3: Student's Book*. KSA-Edition. P. 92.

A- Comprehension and Interpretation (7 pts):

1- Choose the right answer. The author wrote this text:

a) To narrate the story of Star Trek. b) To give us some facts about Star Trek.
c) To criticize the writer of Star Trek.

2- Say whether these statements are true or false:

a- Star Trek is a sci-fi story which was popular only among the old generations.
b- Star Trek has millions of fans in the USA.
c- Mobile phones had been used by the characters of Star Trek before they were used in people's real lives.
d- Star Trek was well-known for the idea of beaming people to different places.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text:

A- Why does the author say that Star Trek's technology was 'prophetic'?
B- Why do some scientists argue that the idea of 'wrap speed' is impossible?
C- Has the idea of 'beaming' people become a reality now? Justify your answer.

4- In which paragraph is it mentioned that Star Trek used some imaginary technological tools which became later possible to use in our real lives?

5- What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

a) **Its (§1)**…… b) **they (§4)** ……

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🕮 *Text Exploration (7pts):*

1- Pick out from the text words which are closest in meaning to the following:

a) fame (§1)= ….. b) allowing (§3) = ….. c) imaginary (§4) = …….

2- Complete the following table with the appropriate words:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To base	…….	…….
…….	…….	Successful
…….	Reality	…….

3- Put the verbs between brackets into their right forms:

A- If I (to have) a time machine, I (to go) to the year 2050.
B- If you (to put) a stone in water, it (to sink).
C- Algerians (not to get) their independence if they had not fought against the French colonizers.

4- Classify the following words according to their stressed syllables:

Generation - prophetic - popularity– fiction.

On the 1st syllable	In the 2nd syllable	On the 3rd syllable

5- Imagine what A says and complete the following dialogue:

A: ……..?
B: 'Science fiction' is a literary genre that makes imaginative use of scientific knowledge.
A: ……?
B: Yes, I like watching science fiction movies.
A: ……..?
B: The science fiction movie I like the most is Star Wars.
A: ……..?
B: I like the Star Wars movie because of its amazing special effects.

Part Two: Written Expression (6 pts): Choose **one** of the following topics:

Topic One.

If you had a time machine and could travel through time to both the past and the future, where would you go? Use the following notes to write a two-paragraph article to your school magazine talking about where you would go and what you would do if you had a time machine:

- The past: *To go to the prehistoric period and to see how the prehistoric people used to live/ *To go to the year 1830 and see how the French army invaded Algeria/ *To go to the year 1962 and to participate in the celebration the independence of Algeria.
- The Future: *To go to June of this year and to check your results at school/ *To go to the year 2019 and to see if you will pass your Baccalaureate exam/ *To go to the year 2030 and to see how you and your friends will look like then.

Topic Two. Imagine that you have just received a letter from your friend who failed his Baccalaureate exam and he feels depressed about that. Write a reply to your friend's letter in which you show him your sympathy, try to convince him not to lose hope and advise him to give himself a second chance to take the exam again.

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