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Sirine Lakhmissi Secondary School

First Year Scientific Stream. ***2017-2018***

Second Term English Exam

Part one: (15 pts)

A/ Text Comprehension: Read the text carefully then answer the following questions **(8pts)**

Do you want to be a better reader? Turn off the television! A recent study found that kids younger than 10 spend about two hours a day watching TV, playing video games, or using computers. That is about the same amount of time **they** spend with a book! The study which was released on Tuesday included more than 1,000 parents of kids between the ages of 4 and 10 years.

Spending a lot of time on the computer, watching TV or playing video games can make it hard to get better at reading. Kids who live in homes where the TV is on "most of the time" are less likely to be able to read by age 6.

Reading is still popular, though. Almost 80 percent of kids under 6 are exposed to books. In fact researchers say kids spend an average of 49 minutes a day with a book. And what is the average amount of time spent in front of the TV or computer? About 2 hours and 22 minutes!

Victoria Rideout, a researcher for the study, says: "Kids, who watch TV, use computers, and play video games will have an advantage in **their** lives." "Media can help their learning, but there are disadvantages, too." **She** adds.

Dr. Henry Shapiro studies kids' development and behaviour. He says: "reading, playing with toys, and talking with others is much better for kids' learning than watching TV". He also says: "There is a good side of TV, computers and video games; kids are home, safe, they are learning things."

Adapted from www.timeforkids.com. Oct 31st, 2017.

A. Comprehension (8pts)

1. **Choose the letter that corresponds to the right answer: (1.5pts)**
   - **a. This text is taken from:** a) a newspaper article b) a website article
   - **b. It is about:** a) children, media and reading b) learning with computer and TV
   - **c. This text aims at:** a) Proving that reading is the best way to learn.
     b) Proving that media are the best way to learn.

2. **Say whether the following statements are true or false. (2pts)**
   a. Children spend less time watching TV than reading.....
   b. According to Rideout media have disadvantages only.....
   c. TV affects children's reading habits.....
   d. Dr. Shapiro is totally convinced that TV is bad.....

3. **Answer the following questions according to the text. (2pts)**
   a. When was the case study released?
   ....
   b. How many parents were included in the case study?
   ....
   c. What was the age of their children?
   ....
   d. What is the effect of media on children?
   ....

4. **In which paragraph is it mentioned that reading is much better for children's learning than watching TV**? **(1pt)**
   .....

5. **Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1.5pts)**
   They (§1) →…….. **Their** (§4) →…….. **She** (§4) →……..

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B/Text Exploration: (7pts)

1. **Find in the text words closest to the following:** **(0.5pt)**

a) Children (§1) = …….. b) Difficult (§2) = ……..

2. **Complete the following chart:** **(1.5pts)**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To hope	…….	…….
……	advice	…….
……	…….....	apologised

3. **Rewrite sentence "b" so as it means the same as sentence "a":** **(3pts)**

1. a) Dr Shapiro says: "There is a good side of TV, computers and video games; kids are home ,safe, they are learning things."

1. b) Dr Shapiro said ……..
……..

2. a) The researchers enquire : "What is the average amount of time spent in front of the TV or computer?"

2. b) The researchers enquired .....
……

3. a) She asked me : "Do you want to be a better reader?"

3. b) She asked me ……..

4. **Mark the stressed syllable of each word in the following list:** **(1pt)**

Operation - Strategic - proverbial - comedian

5. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the following list:** **(1pt)**

watching, than, picture, both

We can learn a lot from …….....books and television. However, I prefer ……. television because it is more relaxing. Moreover, you have the sound and the…… which help you understand better. Therefore, I spend more time watching TV …… reading books.

Part two: Written Expression. ***Choose ONE of the following topics:*** **(05 points)**

Topic One: Use the following questionnaire results to write a report about teenagers' reading habits**:**

Reading habits-Questionnaire results

Number of informants: 68 (Boys: 34 Girls: 34)
Age: 15 -20
Favourite reading:
Boys: adventure stories (23)-detective stories (9)-newspapers (03)
Girls: romances (20)-fairy tales (03)-novels (06)-magazines (05)
Kind of rubrics (newspapers / magazines):
Boys: sports events (32) - politics and world news (02)
Girls: horoscope (01) - celebrities' page (33)

Boys and girls have the same reading habits: Yes ☐ No ☒

Topic Two: Write a short paragraph in which you shed light on the effects that Social Media have on students' school achievements

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Correction of the Second Term Exam of English

Part one: Reading Comprehension (15pts)

A. Comprehension ***(08points)***

Answers	*points*
1.Choosing the right answer: ***A. The text is*: a web article** **B.** It is about **: children, media and reading** C. The text aims at: **Proving that reading is the best way to learn.**	*0.5×3pt*
2. True /False. a. **False** b. **False.** c. **True** d. **False.**	*0,5 ×4pts*
4.Answering the questions: **a. The survey was released on Oct 17th, 2017.** **b. 1000 parents were included in the case study.** **c. Children were between 4 and 10 years old.** **d. The effect that media can have on children is that it can make it hard to get better at reading.**	*0.5×4pts*
4. The idea is mentioned in the fifth paragraph.	*01 pt.*
5.Reference words: **They (§1)** → kids younger than 10 **Their (§4)** → Kids' lives **She (§4)** → Victoria Rideout	*0.5×3pts*

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B.Text Exploration: ***(07points)***

1.Finding words closest in meaning to the following: *0.5×2pts*

b) Children (§1) = kids b) Difficult (§2) = hard

2. Completing the chart: *0,25×6pts*

Verb	*Noun*	*Adjective*
To hope	**hope**	**hopeful**
To advise	advice	**advisable**
To increase	increase	increasing

3. Rewriting sentence "b" so as it means it means the same as sentence "a": *1×3pts*

1. a) Dr Shapiro says: "There is a good side of TV, computers and video games; kids are home ,safe, they are learning things."

1. b) Dr Shapiro said **that there was a good side of TV, computers and video games ;kids were home, safe, they were learning things.**

2. a) The researchers enquire : "What is the average amount of time spent in front of the TV or computer?"

2. b) The researchers enquired what was the average amount of time spent in front of TV.

3. a) She asked me : "Do you want to be a better reader?"

3. b) She asked me if/whether I wanted to be a better reader.

4. Marking the stressed syllable of each word in the list. *0,25×4pts*

Oper**a**tion - Stra**te**gic - pro**ver**bial - co**me**dian

Part two: Written Expression *05pts*

Topic One: Using the questionnaire results to write a report about teenagers' reading habits.

Topic Two: Writing a short paragraph shedding light on the effects that Social Media have on students' school achievements.

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