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First Term English Exam ***Level:3ALLE***	*December 2018* *Duration :3 hours*

Part one: Reading interpreting (14pts)

In the wake of the Arab Spring, corruption has become one of the Arab World's most talked about problems. Islam strictly prohibits corruption and there are undoubtedly many in the Arab World who take the Quran's injunction seriously. Corruption continues, however, to be a fact of life across the Arab World and has been a key trigger for the popular protests that have swept the region since 2011. Several countries have since stepped up efforts to fight **it**, although with mixed results: the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and the Saudi Arabia.

Though the initiatives are notable in **a region** that has long tolerated corruption, still there is a hidden force in Arab society, which is called *Wasta*. Often jokingly referred to as "vitamin W", *Wasta* is described as "as an intrinsic part of culture that smooths the way to jobs, promotions, university places and much else in business and government. Those with *Wasta* can jump the queue and, with the right connections, can solve almost any problem. While *Wasta* may have a positive side whereby it humanizes bureaucracy, it also hinders economic development and impacts business by providing unfair advantage, yielding decisions based on connections instead of merit and reducing productivity in the Arab world.

Consequently, when doing business in the Arab World, it is critical to be attuned to the invisible hand of *Wasta* by strengthening integrity systems and conducting extensive carefulness. *Wasta* remains a challenge when doing business in the Arab World, but by recognizing and addressing the issue through in-depth carefulness – rather than accepting it as an unavoidable risk of conducting business in the region – one can mitigate the problems associated with this **cultural phenomenon**.

(Rana Feghalli; the Middle East site,2014)

A/Comprehension: (7pts)

1. **The text is :** **a)** a web article **b)** a magazine article **c)** a report **(0.25pt)**
2. **Put the following ideas in the order they appear in the text.** **(1pt)**
   - **a)** Fighting corruption has different results in the Arab World.
   - **b)** "Wasta' can be reduced in the Arab World by admitting its existence.
   - **c)** "Wasta" has benefits and drawbacks.
   - **d)** Corruption initiated several of the Arab world demonstrations.
3. **Answer the following questions according to the text:** **(4pts)**
   - **a)** When has the concept of corruption become most discussed in the Arab World?
   - **b)** Do you think that people in the Arab world respect the Quran's injunctions? Justify.

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c) Why is "Wasta" considered to be a bad phenomenon?

d) What is the best way to handle the problem of corruption and Wasta in the Arab World?

4. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1.5pts)

a) It (§1) **b)** a region (§2) **c)** cultural phenomenon (§3)

5 Choose the general idea of the text. (0.25pt)

a) The spread of corruption in the Arab world.

b) Nepotism in the Arab world.

c) The negative effects of "Wasta" in the Arab world.

B/ Text Exploration: (7pts)

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to. (1.5pts)

a) forbids (§1) = b) accepted (§2)= c) honesty (§3) =

2. Give the opposites of the following words keeping the same root. (1pt)

a) humanize=/= b) connection =/= c) carefulness =/= d) unavoidable=/=

3. Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as (a) (2.5pts)

1/ a) Unfortunately, the "Wasta" is spread in the Arab world.

b) I wish **……..**

2/ a) All people must be honest; otherwise, "Wasta" won't be reduced in the Arab world.

b) providing that…….

3/ a)" Wasta "is spread in Arab world ,it should put an end to it.

b) It'high time……

4. Classify these words according to the number of their syllables. (1pt)

problem responsible critical decisions

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables	5 syllables

5 Fill in the gaps with only 4 words from the list given. (1pt)

companies assume ethical business escape immoral

Some people say that businessmen should apply their own personal……1…. standards when doing business. They tell us that you need……2…… to make money; that the world of business is a jungle and that if we respect ethics, we can undermine the values of hard work and freedom. Let me tell you that I don't agree with these arguments at all. I believe that such arguments are only excuses to……3…… the responsibility of these businesses……4…….. As far as I am concerned, I say that ethics has everything to do with money.

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

Topic ONE: Many companies suffer from a decrease in their productivity because of some of their employee's unethical practices. Write a composition of 80 to 100 words suggesting how these employees should behave to be more responsible and thus more productive. Use the following notes:

- Respect the company's code of ethics.
- Be aware of the necessity of hard work.
- Respect work time.
- Use the company's resources ethically.
- Keep the company's secret information safe.

Topic TWO: Imagine you are a mayor of your town .what would you do to fight corruption?

Good Luck

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Correction of the first exam 3alle

Part one:

A. comprehension (7pts)

1. The text is : a) a web article.

2.

1	2	3	4
d	a	c	b

3.a- It has become most discussed in the Arab World in the wake of the Arab Spring.
b- No, not all. If all people respected the Quran's injunctions, corruption wouldn't be so widespread in the Arab world.
c- "Wasta" is considered to be a bad phenomenon because it humanises bureaucracy, it also hinders economic development and impacts business by providing unfair advantage, yielding decisions based on connections instead of merit and reducing productivity in the Arab world.
d- The best way to handle the problem of corruption and Wasta in the Arab World is by strengthening integrity systems and conducting extensive carefulness.
4. a) corruption b) Arab world c)wasta
5- b) Nepotism in the Arab world.

B. Text Exploration (7pts)

1-Synonyms:
a) prohibits b) tolerated c) integrity
2- a) **de**humanize b) **dis**connection c) care**less**ness d) avoidable
3- 1/b) I wish the Wasta weren't spread in the Arab world.
2/b) Providing that all people are honest, Wasta will be reduced in the Arab world.
3/b) it's high time we put an end to the Wasta.

2 syllables	3 syllables	4 syllables
Problem/	De**ci**sions/critical	Responsable

5- Gap filling :
1- Ethical 2- business 3- escape 4- companies

Part Two : **Written Expression**
Topic one : -form : 3,5 pts **-content :** 2.5pts
Topic two : -form : 3pts **-content :** 3 pts

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