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Ghalmi Abdelkader Secondary School — *School Year: 2019/2020*
Level: 3rd year Lit&Ph — *Timing: 2 hours*

Second Term English Exam

Part One: Reading

A/ Comprehension

Read the text carefully then do the activities bellow

Finland is not satisfied with constantly being top of the world's education leagues. The government is now planning to reform **its** education system so that young Finns are better prepared for the digital age. A key part of the proposed reforms is to place as much emphasis on digital and workplace skills as on more traditional subjects. An example of this would be to use 3D printers in history classes so students can create models of ancient buildings. The government also wants to promote vocational training and encourage learning in real-life work settings. Students' performance would be evaluated by a teacher as well as by an official from the company helping the student.

One teacher, Kirsti Lonka, explained why a shift in educational methods was necessary. She said: "Traditionally, learning has been defined as a list of subject matters and facts you need to acquire, such as arithmetic and grammar….But when it comes to real life, our brain is not divided into disciplines in that way. We are thinking in a very holistic way, and when you think about the problems in the world - global crises, migration, the economy, the post-truth era - we haven't really given our children the tools to deal with this inter-cultural world." **She** added: "I think it is a major mistake if we lead children to believe that the world is simple, and that if they learn certain facts, **they** are ready to go.

Adapted from:www.helsinkitimes.fi/1st June, 2017

1- The text is:

a- conversation b- a website article c- a report

2- Read the text and put the following ideas in the order they appear in the text

a- It was very important to make changes in the Finnish educational system.
b- Finland is not happy of having the best educational system in the world.
c- The Finnish government prepares for the reconstruction of its educational system.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text?

a- What is the aim behind Finland's improvements in the field of education?
b- Who will assess students' performance?
c- Do Finn kids have the needed means to face the difficulties of life according to Kirsti Lonka? Justify.

4- Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?

a- its (§1) b- she(§2) c- they(§2)

5- The text is :

a- descriptive b- expository d- argumentative

B/ text exploration

1- Find in the text words opposites in meaning to the following

a- bottom (§1) b- current (§1) b- solutions (§2)

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2- Complete the following chart as shown in the example

Verb	*Noun*	*Adjective*
Example: to satisfy	***Satisfaction***	***satisfied***
……	Education	……
To help	……	……..
……..	……..	believable

3- Give the correct form of verbs in brackets

a- It's high time our students **(to use)** modern technology in their classrooms.

b- Unless students use modern technology, they **(not to keep)** pace with the digital world.

c- I wish our educational system **(to become)** successful as the Finnish one soon.

4- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final "ed"

prepared - evaluated - worked - divided

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5- Fill in the gaps with words from the list given

knowledge - national - wants - people

Finland is a country where…1… believe in education. Even today there is a broad …2……consensus that Finland's wellbeing is and will be based on …3…. and expertise. The current government has set an ambitious vision for 2025: Finland will be a country where everybody ……4…to learn more all the time.

Part Two: Written Expression

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic One: You have come to study unit three**" Schools: Different & Alike "** with your teachers of English and s/he asked you to do a research about the educational system in Finland since it is considered the best educational system in the world. Write an expository article of about 80 to 100 words in which you speak about the Finnish educational system and the causes of its success.

The following notes may help you:

- Children staying with the same teacher for at least six years/ school like an extension of home
- Teachers have high degree (Master's degree)
- Teachers choose programmes / material to teach students
- Playtime important part of learning

Topic Two:

You were shopping with your friend and you noticed that he bought only fake products, when you asked him/ her for what reason he told you because they gave him access to buy lower price goods. Write an article of about 80 to 100 words for the magazine of the association you belong to, to tell people that buying counterfeit products is not beneficial and it is just a waste of money.

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