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Second Term English Examination — 1st subject

Part one: Reading Comprehension

Read the text carefully, and answer the questions

Many people **who** were honest are becoming dishonest. Why? That is the real question! We will not find the answer in figures. The poor civil servants who exploit the poor illiterate's farmers are educated. Does it mean that the education system we have exported in the world is fundamentally wrong and rotten? Indeed, this education is deprived of moral issues. More precisely, this education propagates over the world a lot a wrong ideas coming up from the Materialism.

We have to distinguish the old and the new materialism. The old Materialism (Mainly Marxism) inversed the values. However, any inversion of values does not deny the values by themselves and just replaces some values by other. For example the Marxists considered that some behaviors were morally grounded such as the proletarian heroism. The Marxist leaders had no choice: When you are in charge of command, you are obliged to erect some values shared by the people you rule. No common values, no governance.

With the end of the Soviet Union, this moderate Materialism vanished. Then, the reign of irresponsible scholars began. Disseminated in our faculties, they are propagating a new Materialism. This new Materialism does not inverse the values. **It** states that there are no values at all. It means that it is a true nihilism based on the idea of nothingness. It means that you are the result of random chemicals that came together by chance. Your life is meaningless. You are individually worthless. Good and evil are no sense. Consequently, individuals have no freewill, do not bear any responsibilities and cannot be judged as guilty. All our judicial institutions are meaningless. As a result, the only goal is to exist and to get plenty food and sex. Obviously, corruption is an easy way to reach this new paradise.

1- The text is about:

a- Materialism and its unethical consequences.

b- Corruption.

2- Say whether the following statements are true or false according to the text:

a- Poor civil servants are illiterate.

b- There are two Kinds of materialism.

c- The old materialism is as the same as the new one.

d- The new materialism doesn't believe in values.

3- In which paragraph is it mentioned that.

a- Honesty has almost no place.

b- The result of the new Materialism is corruption.

4- What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

a- Who, were .....(§1)

b- It states .....(§3)

5- Answer the following questions according to the text:

a- Why does the writer consider the education system as wrong?

b- What's the difference between old and new materialism?

c- What are the results of Materialism?

B- **Text Exploration:**

1- Find in the text words closest in meaning to the following:

a- Prevented (§1)

b- Mostly (§2)

2- Complete the following chart as shown in the example:

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
Example: to exist	.....	Existent
.....	.....	Free
.....	Organization	.....
To introduce	.....	.....

3- Ask questions that the underlined words answer:

a- **Moral relativism** is one of the causes of the increase of grand corruption.

b- We may realize **that the capitalism cannot work without a minimum of ethical values**.

4- Give the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

a- Petty corruption (not/exist) in Finland.

b- It's high time the government (to fight) corruption.

5- Delete the unnecessary word in each of the following sentences.

a- Corruption it is easy to commit but far difficult to prove.

b- It is quite impossible to trap the corrupt people as long as you haven't no access to the accounting.

6- Match pairs that rhyme.

A	B
a- Old	1- Courageous
b- Materialism	2- Kind
c- Generous	3- Capitalism
d- Wild	4- Cold

Part two: Written Expression

Write a composition of about 80 to 120 words on the following topic.

Many people who were honest are becoming dishonest. Justify your answer.

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Section one:

a- Comprehension

1. A
2. a) F

b)T

c)F

d)T

3. a) (§1)

b) (§5)

4. a) Many people b) New materialism.
5. a) Because it is deprived of moral values.
   b) Unlike the new materialism, the old one inversed the values. The new materialism states that there are no values at all.
   c) The result is corruption with all its forms.

b- Text Exploration:

1. a) Deprived b) Mainly.
2.

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
To free	Freedom	-
To organize	-	Organized
-	Introduction	Introductory

3. A) What is one of the causes of the increase of grand corruption?
   b) What may you realize?

4. a) Doesn't exist.

b) Fought.

5. a) Corruption is easy…….

b) ……you haven't access…….

6.

a	1
b	2
c	3
d	4

Part two:

Many people who were honest are becoming dishonest. Is it because they are not strong enough to face this life and defeat evil or because life has changed and there is no place for honest people? Corruption, bribery, embezzlement, and nepotism are illegal aspects which have become normal and no one can achieve his target if he still believes in his principles and moral values; for some people and societies, the purpose justifies the means and own principles. Unfortunately, this really happens but does it mean that there is no good, no values and no God to Judge and punish us?

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