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Class: 2nd Sc exp. Maths

The Third Term Exam Of English

***PART ONE*: *Reading and Interpreting* (15 points)**

Read the text carefully then do the activities

On the day of the celebration of the Aïd el Fitr (Islamic Feast), very strong flooding took place in all the towns of the valley of the Oued (stream) Mzab, of **which** Ghardaïa is the capital city, at around 600 km south of Algiers in the middle of the Sahara desert. This was a historical flood because such a one had not been seen since more than one hundred years ago.

I went **there** three days after the start of the flooding, and I was able to observe by myself the magnitude of the damage, the disarray of stricken population and the apocalyptical landscape that followed. Material damage is tremendous. According to official statements, there were around fifty dead only in the city of Ghardaïa, but the figure of a hundred dead and missing people is certainly closer to reality.

Happily, there have been no dead or wounded among the people I met; however, two of them had their houses severely damaged.

(adapted from http://library.susiladharma.org/)

A/ Reading / Interpreting(8pts)

1.Copy the title you think is the most appropriate to the text : *(1 pt)*

a- A flood in Ghardaia
b- The valley of Mzab .
c- A Disastrous Earthquake.

2. *Match each idea with its corresponding paragraph*. *(1.5 pt)*

a- All the people I saw there were safe.	§1
b- The casualties of the flood were considerable and noticeable	§2
c- The flood hit the city of Ghardaia	§3

3. *Answer the following questions according to the text* : *(4 pts)*

a. When did the flood hit Ghardaia?
b. How far is Ghardaia from Algiers?
c. How many people died in the city?
d. Had the flood hit in the last ten years?

4. *Circle the letter which corresponds to the right answer*. *(0.5 pt)*

The text is: a) Narrative b) Argumentative.

5. *Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text* ? *(1 pt)*

a- *Which (§1)* ..... b- *There (§2)* .....

B/ Text exploration (07pts)

1.*Match words and their synonyms* : *(1.5 pt)*

Words	*synonyms*
▪ wounded	▪ degree
▪ magnitude	▪ terrible
▪ tremendous	▪ injured

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2. ***Find in the text a words opposite in meaning to*** : *(1 pt)*

Weak ≠ ..... *(§1)* Unfortunately≠ ..... *(§3)*

3. ***Which adjectives can be derived from the following words?*** *(0.5pt)*

a. courage *b*. hero

4. ***Rewrite the sentence B so it means the same as A*** *(1pt)*

a) The reporter asked me, "Did you contribute anything to help?"
b) The reporter asked me.....

a) They said, "He saves two children from certain death."
b) They said that.....

5. ***Circle the silent letters in the following words:*** *(1 pt)*

thoughtful – knee – comb – castle

6. **Fill in the blanks with the following words:** **buildings- measures-victims- scale.** *(2 pts)*

On June 4th, 2000, an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter ……*(1)*… struck Sumatra and had devastated the third of the region's …*(2)*…and dozens of people were killed. This earthquake did not cause many human …*(3)*… because it hit the region when most people were awake and couldn't take some ……*(4)*… to save their lives.

PART TWO Written Expression (05 points)

Choose one of the following topics

Topic 01 Use the information in the survey and the layout to write a report about why went the Oscar of the best actress for 2009 to **Kate Winslet** for her film " The Reader ".

Survey : *Why did Kate get the Oscar award ?*

22 % : She has had a beautiful smile *50%* : She has inspired people in "The Reader"
10 % : Her dress was very attractive *18 %* : She has mastered the role in "The Titanic"

Reporting Verbs : **considered - believed – regard -stated – said**

********** ***Layout*** **********

The Oscar of the best actress for 2009 went to Kate Winslet for her film The Reader. We have carried out a public opinion survey to find out about the reasons why she was so chosen.
Here are the findings. 22 % .....
The results showed that.....

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Topic 02 **:** Imagine that you were the mayor of Ghardaia . Write an announcement advertising the safety measures that citizens should take **before** , **during** and **after** a flood

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