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**Hali Abdelkarim secondary school** **Level/1st year scientific stream**

# The second Examination of English

## Americans waste 40% of their food

Americans are wasteful when it comes to food, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). It has released a report called "Wasted: How America Is Losing Up to 40 Percent of **Its** Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill". The study highlights how much of the food produced in the USA ends up in the trash. **It** says the 40 per cent of uneaten food equates to around $165 billion a year. This figure has increased by 50 per cent since the 1970s, suggesting Americans are becoming more wasteful. The NRDC highlighted the effect on the environment, saying US food production "eats up 10% of the total US energy budget…and swallows 80% of all freshwater consumed in the United States".

The NRDC points out how a change in behaviour could help America's health. It says: "Reducing food losses by just 15% would be enough food to feed more than 25 million Americans every year at a time when one in six Americans lack a secure supply of food to their tables." The Council offered three tips. It suggested the U.S. government should "set national goals for waste reduction," that businesses needed to "streamline **their** own operations, reduce food losses and save money," and that "consumers can waste less food by shopping wisely…knowing when food goes bad…cooking only the amount of food **they** need, and eating their leftovers." It said the average family could save up to $2,275 a year.

**The economist/23rd of August,2012**

**Ex1/Is the text above:** a-Narrative. b-Expository. c-argumentative.

**Ex2/Say if these statements are(True) or (False) according to the text:**

a-Americans waste half of their food every year.
b-The cost of uneaten food estimates to around €165 million.
c-Wasting food can affect the environment,too.
d-The NRDC proposed three suggestions to solve the problem.

**Ex3/Answer these questions according to the text:**

a-Who published the report "Wasted"?
b-Explain how does wasting food affect the environment?
c-What will happen if Americans reduce food losses by just 15%?

**Ex4/What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text:**

a-Its(§1) b-It(§1) c-Their(§2) d-They(§2)

**B/Text exploration:**

**Ex1/Match words in column (A) with its definitions in column (B):**

| A-Words: | B-Definitions: |
|---|---|
| 1-Landfill. | a-Food that has not eaten when a meal has finished. |
| 2-Budget. | b-Using more of something than necessary. |
| 3-Leftover. | c-An area where large amount of waste materials are burried. |
| 4-Wasteful. | d-How much money is planned to spend on particular things. |

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**Ex2/Fill in the following table:**

| Verb | Noun | Adjective |
|---|---|---|
| To produce | | |
| | loss | |
| | | wasteful |

**Ex3/Re-write sentence (a) that means the same as (b):**

A1/The report says:"Americans are wasteful when it comes to food."

B1/The report says……

A2/The journalist asked:"when do Americans reduce food losses?"

B2/The journalist asked……

**Ex4/Underline the silent letters in the following words:**

Could – when – Knowing – Wednesday – guitar – highlight.

**Ex5/Re-order these statements to get a coherent paragraph:**

a-For the good of the planet, it's time to rethink how we use plastic.

b-Plastic pollution has become an epidemic.

c-Every year, we throw away enough plastic to circle the Earth four times.

d-Much of that waste doesn't make it into a landfill,

e-but instead ends up in our oceans,

f- where it's responsible for killing one million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals every year.

| a | b | c | d | e | f |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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**C/Written expression:** **Choose only one of the following topics:**

**Topic1/**This simple bar graph illustrated a survey conducted on nicest fruits,in short paragraph try to comment on it……




**Topic2/** Write a composition saying what people must do & what they musn't do to protect the environment.Use the following notes:

| What to do | What not to do |
|---|---|
| -Launch regularcleaning campaigns -Plant more tree & flowers -Throw rubbish in waste bins - Recycle rubbish | -Throw rubbish any where -Cut trees/burn forests -Build factories inside cities – use pesticides |

Good luck for all

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