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Third Term English Test

PART ONE : READING & INTERPRETING (15 PTS)

During the past decade, there has been a considerable increase in the number of natural disasters which have caused hardship and suffering in many countries. **They** are not confined to particular region, nor do they discriminate between developed and underdeveloped countries. For the past year alone, widespread floods in France, Algeria and Vietnam as well as devastating earthquakes in India have reminded us of the need to take global preventive measures against disasters.

Although many people assumed that these catastrophes were natural, some of **them** are associated to human actions. The uncontrolled growth of population and megacities, deforestation and desertification; erosion of agricultural land through poor irrigation practices and the destruction of rangelands through overgrazing are all human factors **which** play a key role in the increase of natural disasters.

The most crucial lesson we should learn from the recurrence of disasters is that close coordination and long-term commitment are necessary to promote a culture of decreasing disasters.

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A/ COMPREHENSION / INTERPRETATION

1- Say whether the following statements are true , false

a- There had been huge increase in natural disasters in the past few decades.....

b- Disasters are restricted to specific areas.....

c- Close coordination and long-term commitment are necessary to promote a culture of decreasing disasters……..

d- The uncontrolled growth of population and megacities increases natural disasters……..

2- Read the text and answer the questions:

a-What kind of measures do we need to take against natural disasters?.....

…….

b-- How can we reduce natural disasters?.....

.....

3-Complete the following Table

country	disaster
.....	.....
.....	.....

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4- What do the underlined words refer to?

They § 1: Them§2: Which§3:

5- Choose the best title for the text

a- The explanation of natural disasters

b- Solidarity in natural disasters

c- The effects of natural disasters

B/ TEXT EXPLORATION

1-Find in the text words that are similar in meaning to the following:

a-Distinguish §1: b- Vital§3:

2 Find in the text words that are opposite to the following:

a--Irrelevant §2: B- Disappearance:

3-Complete the following table

Verb	noun	adjective
To increase	increase	increasable
.....	growth	…….
……..	……	preventive

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4- Underline the silent letters of the following words

a-which b-climb d-foreign

5- Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a)

1-a-‘‘I have witnessed a real disaster yesterday’’, the woman said.

b- The woman said……

2-a-The man asked me if I would join their organization

b- The man asked:……

3-a- you should help people after natural disasters

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