

Paper: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Section A: Reading Comprehension (20 mks)

Read the following passage carefully then answer all the questions set on it in good English using, as far as possible, your own words.

Every day you are the victim of a serious crime. This crime affects you and millions of other people too. Although it is as terrible as fraud, robbery, and even murder, this crime is seldom punished. The crime is pollution and it is endangering our survival.

Let's take fraud. If you think that fraud is, for example, printing counterfeit money, you are right. The dictionary defines fraud as deception and counterfeiting money. This is certainly deceiving. Pollution, however, can also be fraud. Think about those colourful packages at the grocery shop. Did you ever think that they could be part of a fraud? Well, you often pay more for the package than for the product inside. And that is fraud because you are being deceived. Without knowing it, you are paying more for something that you never even asked for. It is pollution, too. What do you do with that expensive package? You just throw it away, of course, extending the amount of garbage that is produced every day.

Now, think about robbery for a minute. If three men with guns held up a bank and off with all the money, you would agree that this is robbery, another serious crime. We all know that robbery means taking things away from other people. But robbery isn't just stealing money. Pollution is also robbery. For example, when cities throw raw sewage (*) into rivers, the water becomes polluted and all the living organisms in it die. That kind of pollution robs you of the pleasure of fishing. What about those oil ships which break up, spilling their oil into the ocean? That's pollution, too, and it robs you of clean, white beaches and the enjoyment of swimming on a hot, summer day. Finally, let's discuss murder. When you think about murder, do you think of a bank robber shooting a policeman? This is indeed murder. Sometimes murder is quick, but other times the killer prefers to torture his victim until he dies. Pollution murders in that way.

Pollution is one of the worst killers in our society. Air pollution causes about half of all human diseases. Thousands of Canadians die every year from heart and lung diseases caused or made worse by pollution. And they do not die immediately. They often die slowly, painfully, facing worst death throes.

Pollution is all around you, making your life less pleasant and endangering your health. Highways and parks are littered with old cans, papers, and bottles, ruining the natural beauty of our environment. The noise of jets and of city traffic cause noise pollution that affects your ability to hear and can even make you deaf. Cars, buses, and industries poison the air you must breathe. Pulp and paper, one of Canada's largest industries, causes a lot of pollution. Even though we have used up many natural resources, hundreds of trees are still cut down every day. Chemical sewage and old logs are thrown into rivers and the air around the pulp and paper factories is polluted with sulphur.

Mercury, carelessly permitted to run off into many of the lakes and rivers in Canada, cause harm to fish. When people eat fish poisoned by mercury, they too become poisoned. The mercury slowly makes them die.

What are you going to do about pollution? You can't always count on someone else to figure out a way to solve the problem.

You can start by cleaning up the pollution in your own neighborhood. Save up old newspaper, bottles, and cans and begin a recycling depot. Plan an antipollution campaign. Talk over the problem of pollution with your neighbors and tell them about its dangers. Encourage your government to make new laws which will help cut down on pollution.

Don't you think that it's time to stop this terrible crime, pollution? Remember, pollution is endangering our survival.

(*) Sewage) = eaux d'égouts

Questions

- a) Why is pollution considered as a crime and what is peculiar about it? **4mks**
- b) Why is counterfeit money defined as fraud? Give an example of fraud other than those given in the passage. **4mks**
- c) What is pollution compared to and why? **2mks**
- d) Why are colourful packages fraud? **2mks**
- e) What does pollution deprive you of? Name at least 3 **4mks**
- f) List the types of pollution mentioned in the passage and their consequences **4mks**

SECTION B: GRAMMAR 15 marks

A- Reconstruct each sentence starting with the prompt given (5mks)

1. In spite of his hard work, he failed the examination last week.

_____ Although _____

2. I regret buying that low quality gadget.

I wish I _____

3. We will launch the new product next month.

The new product _____

4. You must go to bed now.

It's time _____

5. If the bus to the airport hadn't been late, we would have caught the flight

Had _____

B- Fill in the gaps with a word of your own (5mks)

- 1. He had never travelled abroad _____ he was 36.
- 2. When asked to resign, Mr. Ngha said he had no intention of doing _____
- 3. Polly is keen _____ cycling round the world. She loves travelling.
- 4. The students _____ missed the bus. They were just on time to catch it.
- 5. _____ I carry that bag for you? Oh, thank you.

C- Choose the correct word in bracket to complete the sentences (5mks)

- 1- I couldn't forgive him despite his _____
(the fact that he apologises, apology, apologised)

- 2- Is it really _____ to take such a decision at this particularly critical moment?
(necessary, important, serious)
3. There can be no _____ in such a rowdy place, (working, studying, eating)
4. The convicted manager pleaded not guilty _____ he? (hadn't, did, didn't)
5. University lecturers must be well paid, _____ there will be a considerable brain drain, (however, unless, otherwise)

SECTION C: VOCABULARY (15 marks)

A- i- Form nouns from these words. (10mks)

- a) to lose _____ to acknowledge _____

ii- Give the superlatives of the adjectives in brackets.

- b) It's the _____ (well-known) waterfall in Cameroon.
- c) Politicians make _____ (unusual) promises during election campaigns.

iii- Complete with the correct alternative in brackets.

- d) The commissioner wants the armed robbers dead or _____. (living, alive, lively)
- e) Whenever I see him playing, he _____ me of Eto'o Fils (recollects, remembers, reminds)
- f) You can tell Betty any secrets. She's actually _____ (true, comprehensible, trustworthy).
- g) Don't rely on Peter, he is a _____ boy. He would never face a difficult situation. (timidly, fearfully, cowardly)
- h) The spectators _____ loudly when their goal keeper save a penalty (feared, cheered, jeered)
- i) Leslie resembles his father very much. He is a true _____ of him. (image, picture, copy)
- j) When the drowning man was pulled out of the water, he was _____. (content, impressed, overjoyed)

B- Reconstruct a meaning phrase by taking an element from each box. Use each element once only. (5mks)

a)	To build	- is synonymous	- a millstone around one's neck.
b)	A stitch	- can be	- fallen.
c)	Taking drugs	- upon success	- to a death sentence.
d)	How are	- in time	- to ensure a better future.
e)	Lack of education	- the mighty	- saves nine.

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____
- v. _____

SECTION D: ESSAY WRITING 10 MKS

Write an essay of about 300 words on One of the following topics.

- 1 - Our future depends on our today's actions
2. There is too much violence in the world today. What are the causes, the different forms it may take, and the consequences of such violence.
3. "Without education we cannot live happily". Do you agree?

