

Second term test

Part One: Reading.**A. Comprehension****Read the text then do the following activities.**

It was after 10 p.m, and most of Armero was fast asleep. Suddenly a heavy downpour fell over the central Colombian town-not of rain, but volcanic ash. Within an hour, the Lagunilla River on the edge of town, burst its banks sending waves of mud six feet high crashing through the streets. The deluge swept away trees, cars, and entire houses. Hundreds of people rushed outside, shouting: "Get out of your houses! Get out of the town! People are drowning!". Some managed to get to small untouched places or to take hold of tree branches above water level. But, thousands of others were not so lucky. They lost their balance as the mud slides carried off everything in their way.

Truck driver, Pedro Mancera, 25, shouted to his wife and two young sons to run for their lives. The family hurried into the street just in time to see a wall of mud fall on their house. They walked about six feet, then another avalanche lifted them into the air, separating the parents from the children. Mancera was thrown against some objects, and for three minutes he was able to rest. Then, a third mud slide enveloped him. He stayed afloat by gripping the edge of a rooftop. But the killer current kept coming, throwing him against an uprooted tree and breaking his left arm.

Mancera survived, but thousands of others did not. Colombian authorities estimated that more than 20.000 people were killed, thousands were injured and up to 60.000 were left homeless in one of the worst volcanic disasters in history. When the Arenas crater erupted inside the 18.000 foot peak, it melted the mountain's icecap and sent floods and mud slides cascading into the nearby Lagunilia and Chincina valleys. The deluge buried almost all of Armero and damaged many smaller towns. At the week-end, the government reported two more eruptions and urged residents on both sides of the volcano to remain on alert in case of a new evacuation order.

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1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer

The text is : a. a letter b. a report c. an article

2. Say whether the following statements are True or False? Correct the false ones.

- a. Armero was quiet during the volcano eruption.
- b. P.Mancera was a policeman.
- c. He was saved.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a. What's Armero ?
- b. When did the volcano eruption happen ?
- c. How could Mancera survive ?
- d. Why was Armero buried

4. What do the underlined words refer to in the text?
 a) They (§1) b) his (§2) c) them (§2) d) it (§3)

B. Text Exploration (07 pts)

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following:

a-deluge (§1) = . . . b- screaming (§1) = . . . c-exploded (§3)= . . .

2. Turn to the active or passive:

- a. They held the 2000 Olympic Games in New Zealand
 - The 2000 Olympic Games
- b. English is spoken here
 - They English here.

3. Put the verbs between brackets into the past simple, past continuous or past perfect :

- a. When I (arrive) home, I (starve). I (not have) anything to eat all day.
 b. When you (go) to the States ?
 c. While the waiter (pick) up the broken plates, he (cut) his finger.
 d. When I got to the office, I (realize) and I (forget) to lock the front door.

4. Use the following lists to form compound words:

1. A five star	a. rise
2. A goal	b. mannered
3. A sun	c. keeper
4. Hard	d. pool
5. Good	e. hotel
6. swimming	f. working

5. Add the missing word in each sentence.

- a. Mexico City is probably fastest growing city in the word.
 b. Are you frightened spiders?

6. Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

Young, eruption, slides, lifted

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables

Part Two: Written Expression (05 points)

There was a natural disaster some time ago somewhere in the world. Describe the state of the area and what did the people do to help the victims.

Answer sheet 2ASL

Part One:

A/

- 1- The text is : c- an article
- 2- a- F deluge, people shouting, rushed out
b- F a truck driver
c- T
- 3- a- Armero is a Columbian town
b- after 10 p.m/ Now. 1985
c- Mancera could survive by an up rooted tree.
d- Armero was buried because of the deluge/ mud caused by the volcano
- 4- a → **people** b → **truck driver pedro Mamcera** c → **the family** d → **arenas crater**

B/ Text Exploration

- 1- deluge = downpour screaming = shouting exploded =erupted
- 2- a- The2000 Olympic Games were held in NZ
b- They speak English here
- 3- a- arrived – was starving – hadn't had
b- When did you go to the States?
c- Was picking up – cut
d- realized – had forgotten
- 4- 1→ e 2→ c 3→a 4→f 5→ b 6→d
- 5- a/.....**the** fastest b/.... frightened **of**
- 6-

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