

END-OF-TERM TEST 3 (Bac Blanc) /4eme Lettres

A-READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

Reading Text:

1-A young mother opens her kitchen fridge, taking out mango yoghurt for her 11-year-old son. She calls him to the table three times. When the boy fails to appear, she runs up the stairs to get him. Minutes later, the boy finally enters the living room. Imran is a handsome boy and seems perfectly normal, but when you look closer, you can see hearing aids tucked behind each of his ears. Imran is profoundly deaf.

2-Medically, there is nothing that can be done to cure his disability. It is the same affliction that has struck his teenage cousin, a girl called Myra. Two of the children's uncles also suffer severe deafness. Is this a tragic coincidence or is the family just unlucky? According to Imran's mother, Zuhra, the answer is an emphatic "No".

3-"I married my first cousin, which is why Imran is deaf," she says. "When I started my family I was just a young girl. I had no idea that marrying a close relative would be medically dangerous for any children I had. My parents didn't know either. They were culturally backwards. They emigrated from a rural village in Pakistan and moved here so my father could work and send money back home. Now our son is paying the price of our ignorance."

4-British Pakistanis, half of whom marry a first cousin, are 13 times more likely to produce children with genetic defects than the general population in Britain according to government-sponsored research. One in ten children of cousin marriages either dies in infancy or develops a serious life-threatening disability. The human genetics commission in London says that nowadays it would be up to the couple to decide whether to have a family or seek help through medical technology.

5-"I am not angry with my parents," says Zuhra, "but my father would like my oldest daughter who is 18 and at college, to marry her cousin. He already has a male relative in mind. But I would do everything to avoid it happening." She tidies up the tea table and lets Imran go back upstairs before whispering: "If I had had an inkling that a marriage to my cousin would make my youngest son deaf, I would have never conceived him."

Daily Mail, February 16, 2008

Comprehension Questions:

1) Tick the right alternative (2 marks)

- A- The text is about children born with genetic defects because
- their parents are disabled.
 - their parents are poor.
 - their parents are cousins.
- B- The purpose of the text is mainly
- to advertise.
 - to describe.
 - to sensitize.

2) Complete the table with information about Imran (3 marks)

Name	Home country	Present residence	Disability
Imran			

3) Correct the following statements with details from the text (3 marks)

- a- Imran's disability is curable. (par 2)
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- b- Zuhra's parents were aware that their daughter's marriage would be harmful for her children. (par 3)
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- c- Zuhra felt helpless towards her father's decision to marry her daughter to a cousin. (par 5)
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4) Circle the right alternative (2 marks)

- a- The percentage of British Pakistanis marrying a first cousin is: •25% •50% •75%
- b- By saying : "If I had had an inkling that a marriage to my cousin would make my youngest son deaf, I would have never conceived him." Zuhra expresses: •indifference •regret •pride

5) Find in the text words meaning the same as: (3 marks)

- a- suffering/difficulty (par 2):
- b- early childhood (par 4):
- c- considered/ thought of (par 5):

6) What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

- a- our son (par 3) refers to
- b- it (par 5) refers to

B-WRITING (15 marks)

1) Develop the following notes into a coherent paragraph about country life. (5 marks)

Benefits	Drawbacks
-clean environment: pure air/ good water quality → have good health -peaceful life (no noise) -people: friendly and helpful	-no easy access to services -life: boring and monotonous/ no entertainment

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2) Do you think that having money alone makes a person happy?

Write a 10-line article to express your opinion about the topic and support it with examples. (10 marks)

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C-LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1) Fill in the paragraph with words from the box. (3 marks)

profitable / emissions / pouring / impacts / survival / face / within / hotter

The world is warming up as a result of burning coal, oil and gas which are into the atmosphere. Already 150.000 people are dying every year because of climate change.

..... 50 years, one third of all land-based species could extinction.

If we carry on the way we are now, by 2100 the planet will likely be than it has been at any point in the past 2 million years. There will be more flooding, more droughts, more disease and more famine. But if we start cutting our of CO2 that is caused basically by transport, then there is a chance to avoid the most catastrophic of global warming.

2) Circle the correct alternative. (3.5 marks)

People think of ethics as treating others as they themselves would like to be treated. Ethics is not a science, it is a **(behaviour / awareness / commitment)** that each of us needs to be aware **(about / of / with)** when we make decisions.

If good ethical decisions **(weren't made / aren't made / wouldn't be made)** while at work, then tensions of the work environment will start. Along with tensions at work **(come / came / comes)** stress. The individuals **(affected / effected / infected)** by stress at work have the possibility for personal health problems. Technology in the work place is **(actually / actuality / actual)** increasing stress. The advanced technology is making it easier to take work home and never have the **(faith / intention / feeling)** of getting away from the office by using computers, cell phones and wireless internet.

3) Supply the right tense or form of the bracketed words. (3.5 marks)

Tobacco use is one of the biggest public health threats the world **(ever/face)** There are more than one billion smokers in the world. **(global)**, the use of tobacco products **(to increase)** every day although it is decreasing in high income countries. Almost half of the world's children breathe an air **(pollute)** by tobacco smoke. As a matter of fact, tobacco use kills 5.4 million people and accounts for one in ten adult **(die)** worldwide. Besides, it kills up to half of all **(use)** Unchecked tobacco-related deaths will rise to more than 8 million a year by 2030 and 80% of those deaths **(to occur)** in the developing world.