

Level: 2nd year M, TM and ST Streams

May 2023

3rd TERM ENGLISH EXAMINATION

PART ONE/ Reading (15pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

Bushfires are wildfires that burn in grasslands, scrublands, or forests. They are sometimes called forest fires. Different regions in the world experience thousands of bushfires every year <u>which</u> can be devastating.

Fires are often considered natural disasters, but most fires are started by people, either accidentally or deliberately. The most common natural cause is lightning.

Long periods of hot and dry weather increase the risk of fire. Periods of rainfall result in growth of plants and trees. When hot weather arrives, however, those plants dry out. Dry grass and other fuel catches fire more easily and creates more intense fires than moist fuel. Grass burns more quickly than trees, but trees make a fire more intense.

The most dangerous and destructive fires are **those** that occur close to populated areas. Fires can cause many deaths and even destroy whole towns. The smoke produced by bushfires spreads widely. That creates health problems for people who are not directly affected by the flames. Some of the vegetation that is burned, such as rainforests, can take decades or even hundreds of years to regrow. Bushfires can also kill many animals and sometimes destroy the habitats of threatened or endangered species. When herds of livestock are killed, the people who rely on **them** for their livelihood are affected as well.

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A/ Comprehension 8pts

- 1) The text is: (0.5pt)
- a) Narrative

b) descriptive

c) argumentative

2) Say if the following statements are true or false according to the text: (1.5pt)

- a) Fires are frequently considered natural disasters.
- b) Long periods of hot and dry weather lessen the risk of fire.
- c) The most destructive fires are those that occur close to populated areas..

3) Answer the following questions according to the text: (04pts)

- a) What is meant by bushfires?
- b) May people be responsible for bushfires?
- c) How can dry grass and trees make devastating fires?
- d) Do bushfires only affect people by the flames?
 - 4) In which paragraph, it is mentioned that forest fires can be both natural and man-made disaster?: (1 pt)
 - 5) What do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1.5pt)

<u>Which(</u>§01):<u>Them(</u>§04):<u>Those(</u>§04):.....

B/Text Exploration 7 pts

- 1) Find in the text words closest in meaning to: (0.5pt)
- a) destroying (§01) = b) happen (§04) =

2) Find in the text words or expressions opposite to: (0.5pt)

a) mitigate(§03) =/=b) construct(§04) =/=

3) Complete the table below: (01pt)

Word	Noun
mitigate	
occur	
creative	
grow	

4) Rewrite sentence (b) so as to mean the same as sentence (a): (03pts)

- 1. A) 'Crouch under the table.' The earthquake expert advised people.
 - B) The earthquake expert advised people.....
- 2. A) 'Has any wild fire occurred in this region?'
 - B) A reporter asked.....
- 3. A) The president declared that he didn't think volunteers could do better.B) The president declared:
- 5) Underline the silent letters in the following words: (1pt) Whistle - condemn - light - wreck
- 6) Fill in the gaps with the following words: (1pt) Man-made/ inland/ tsunami/ natural/ estuarine

PART TWO/ WRITTEN EXPRESSION 05 pts

Choose **<u>ONE</u>** of the following topics:

Topic1: A home fire occurs every 86 seconds in the world. Write an announcement in which you explain what people should do before, during and after the fire; to reduce the risks. Use the following notes:

- Before: Install and maintain smoke alarms/ Avoid using portable heaters/ Have a fire extinguisher.
- **During:** Get out and stay out/Crawl under low smoke/If smoke, heat or flames block your exit, stay in the room with the doors closed/ Place a wet towel under the door and call emergency services.
- After: Check on vulnerable family members who may require special assistance/Have injuries treated by a medical professional.

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