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Level: 3ASLLE

Duration : 2H

## SECOND TERM ENGLISH EXAM

### Part one: Reading

#### A/COMPREHENSION 7pts

School absenteeism is a widespread problem and has harmful consequences for children's school achievement. This is because children miss out on teacher-led lessons, peer interactions and the development of positive psychosocial dispositions that may stimulate their learning and development.

School absences in childhood may affect educational and labour market attainment in different ways. Students develop their skills through regular exposure to education, and once that exposure is stopped, they stop advancing **their** skills. As a result, students who attend school less frequently are disadvantaged academically and may not progress as quickly as children who attend more frequently.

In addition, students who are frequently absent from school may feel less connected to their classmates. They may struggle to participate in classroom activities and interactions with teachers and peers. Over time, reduced engagement may negatively influence both their academic development and their sense of belonging at school.

School absenteeism may affect longer-term educational attainment. It may affect individuals' life courses through their impact on lowering school qualifications, **which** decreases the likelihood of achieving favourable outcomes in higher education and the labour market in the short and long run. However, through early intervention, strong home-school partnerships and supportive learning environment, schools can reduce absenteeism and promote better educational outcomes for all learners.

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#### 1- Choose the answer to complete each statement. 1,5pts

A- Skipping school has serious consequences on students'.....

- a) health                      b) outcomes                      c) behaviours

B- School absenteeism may lead to learning.....

- a) failure                      b) success                      c) progress

C- Absentees interact .....with teachers and peers.

- a) confidently                      b) hard                      c) easily

#### 2- Put the following ideas in the order they appear in the text:1pt

- School absenteeism's relation with lack of achievement.
- Long term drawbacks of skipping school.
- Nonattendance effects on academic development.

#### 3- Answer the following questions according to the text:3pts

- a. Why is school absenteeism considered as a serious issue?
- b. How can skipping school affect students interaction with their teachers and mates?
- c. Does school absenteeism have only short term effects? Justify your answer.

**4- Find who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text 1pt**

- a) their( 2§)
- b) which(4§)

**5- Choose the general idea of the text. 0,5pt**

- a) The causes of school absenteeism.
- b) The importance of school attendance.
- c) The effects of school absenteeism.

**Text Exploration( 7pts)**

**1. Find in the text words or phrases whose definitions follow:1,5pts**

- a)accomplishment (1§).....
- b) develop(2§) ....
- c)decrease( 4§).....

**2.Divide the following words into roots and affixes 1,5pts**

**Educational - disadvantaged - ineffective - demotivate**

| Prefix | Root | Suffix |
|--------|------|--------|
|        |      |        |

**3. Rewrite sentence “b” so that it means the same as sentence “a”. 1,5pts**

- 1-a) If we don’t work hard to fight school absenteeism ,we will not achieve great results at exams.
- b)Unless.....
- 2- a) An expert said “school absenteeism has significant short and long term consequences “
- b) An expert said .....
- 3- a) Parents and administration must control pupils' attendance.
- b)It’s about time.....

**3. Classify the words below according to the number of their syllables:1pt**

Attainment      teacher -      skill -      initial

| One syllable | Two syllables | Three syllables |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
|              |               |                 |

**4. Re-order the following sentences to get a coherent paragraph:1pt**

- a. hinder social interactions and increase the risk of dropping out of school altogether.
- b. School absenteeism refers to the consistent patterns of students missing school without valid reasons.
- c. Therefore, stakeholders should cooperate to combat it.
- d. This phenomenon can significantly lead to poor academic performance,

**Part Two: Written Expression**

**Choose ONE of the following topics.**

**Topic One:**Many pupils of third year skip school before the school year ends. This affects their results negatively.

**Write a speech of about 80 to 120 words in which you suggest some solutions to fight this phenomenon.Make the best use of the following notes:**

*-Make learning more interactive*

*-Reward good attendants.*

*-Parental involvement./ - Collaborate with local community (mosques, associations....)*

**Topic Two:** Counterfeiting has become one of the most dangerous issues in the third world countries.

Write an *opinion article* in which you denounce this unethical practice and urge the authorities to take the necessary measures to eradicate this phenomenon

## Correction

### Reading comprehension

#### 1) outcomes failure hard

#### 2) Read the text and put the following ideas in the order they appear in the text:

- a. School absenteeism's relation with lack of achievement.1
- b. Long term drawbacks of skipping school.3
- c. Nonattendance effects on academic development.2

#### 3) Answer the questions

- a) Because children miss out on teacher-led lessons peer development of positive psychosocial dispositions that may stimulate their learning and development.
- b) Students who are frequently absent from school may feel less connected to their classmates. They may struggle to participate in classroom activities and interactions with teachers and peers.
- c) No, it doesn't School absenteeism may affect longer-term educational attainment

#### 4) REFERENCE WORDS

Their : students which lowering school qualifications

#### 5) The general idea is the effects of school absenteeism

## Text Exploration

#### 1. Find in the text words or phrases whose definitions follow:

- a) accomplishment (1§)=achievement    b) develop(2§)= progress    c) decrease( 4§)=reduce

#### 2. Divide the following words into roots and affixes

Educational - disadvantaged - ineffective demotivate

| Prefix | Root      | Suffix |
|--------|-----------|--------|
| ///    | Educate   | ional  |
| Dis    | advantage | Ed     |
| In     | effect    | Ive    |
| de     | motivate  | //     |

#### 3. Rewrite sentence “b” so that it means the same as sentence “a”.

- 1-a) If we don't work hard to fight school absenteeism ,we will not achieve great results at exams.
- b) Unless we work hard to fight school absenteeism, we will not achieve great results at exams

2- a) An expert said “school absenteeism has significant short and long term consequences “

b) An expert said that school absenteeism had significant short and long term consequences

3- a) Parents and administration must control pupils' attendance.

b)It's about time parents and administration controlled pupils' attendance.

3. **Classify the words below according to the number of their syllables:**

Attainment      teacher -      skill -      initial

| One syllable | Two syllables | Three syllables    |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| skill        | Teacher       | Initial attainment |

4. **Re-order the following sentences to get a coherent paragraph:**

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b. School absenteeism refers to the consistent patterns of students missing school without valid reasons.1

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d. This phenomenon can significantly lead to poor academic performance, 2

**Part Two: Written Expression**