

First Term English Catch up Exam

Part One: Reading Comprehension (6.5pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

Child abductions and kidnappings are on the increase, with almost 900 reported cases in the past year alone. Thus, the abduction of children by people other than their parents rose twice as fast as parental abductions.

During 2013-14, 158 children were abducted by parents, 401 children were abducted by people other than their parents, and 321 children were kidnapped. Kidnappings, which are defined by the use of force or fraud to remove a child, include cases such as children taken in return for a ransom. One-fifth of all kidnappings recorded by police involve a child victim. The figures include both successful and attempted crime. However, the charity Parents and Abducted Children Together (PACT) believes that many cases of attempted abduction and kidnapping involving children are never recorded by police, and the true rates of offending may be four times higher than police figures suggest.

Claude Knights, chief executive of the charity "Kids cape", said the figures were an important reminder to parents about the need to talk to children about so-called "stranger danger". An experiment carried out by the charity found that most children could be easily convinced to follow a stranger, even where parents felt they had talked to them about the risks involved.

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1. Circle the letter which corresponds to the right answer:

A - The text is taken from:

a- a newspaper article b- a web article c- a novel

B- The text is:

a- narrative b- expository c- instructive

2. Are these statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement.

- a. No cases of parental abductions are reported.....
- b. Kidnapping children does not always involve the use of force.....
- c. The police figures suggest the exact rates of child kidnappings.....
- d. Parental advice doesn't always prevent child kidnappings.....

3. In which paragraph is it mentioned that some children are kidnapped for an amount of money demanded?

4. Who or what do the bold words refer to in the text?

- a. cases (§1)
- b. their (§1).....
- c. them (§3).....

Part Two: Mastery of Language (13.5 pts.)

1- Transcribe these following words:

- **Cases:**
- **Many:**
- **Had:**

2- Re-write these sentences into the passive voice:

1) The Government is planning a new road near my house.
.....

2) My grandfather built this house in 1943.
.....

3) He had written three books before 1867.
.....

4) People speak Portuguese in Brazil.
.....

5) They are building a new stadium near the station.
.....

6) The wolf ate the princess.
.....

7) Somebody must have taken my wallet.
.....

3- Put the adjectives between brackets in the correct form

- My brother has a (tidy)..... room than me.
- Australia is (big)..... than England.
- I'm (good)..... now than yesterday.
- She's got (little)..... money than you, but she doesn't care.
- Who is (talkative)..... person in your family?

Correction of the First Term catch up English Exam

I Reading Comprehension: (6.5pts)

A- Answer the following questions:

1- The text is taken from a newspaper article 1

B- The text is expository 1

2- True or False: (0.5X4)

1- False.

2- false

3- False.

4- true

3- In the second paragraph 1

4- Words references: (0.5X3)

Cases= child abduction

Their= children

Them= most children

II- Mastery of Language: (13.5pts)

1- Transcription: (0.5pt x 3)

- Cases: /keɪsɪz/
- Many : /meni/
- Had: /hæd/

2- Re-write these sentences into the passive voice: (1pt x 7)

1) The Government is planning a new road near my house.

* A new road is being planned near my house

2) My grandfather built this house in 1943.

* This house was built in 1943 by my grandfather

3) He had written three books before 1867

***Three books had been written before 1867**

4) People speak Portuguese in Brazil.

***Portuguese is spoken in Brazil**

5) They are building a new stadium near the station.

*** A new stadium is being built near the station**

6) The wolf ate the princess.

***The princess was eaten by the wolf**

7) Somebody must have taken my wallet.

***My wallet must have been taken**

3- Put the adjectives between brackets in the correct form: (1pt x 5)

- My brother has a **tidier** rom than me.
- Australia is **bigger** than England.
- I'm **better** than yesterday.
- She's got **less** money than you, but she doesn't care.
- Who is **the most talkative** person in your family?