

## FIRST EXAMINATION OF ENGLISH

### READING COMPREHENSION

*Read the text carefully then do the activities*

*Edward Snowden: 'I do not expect to see home again'*

The individual responsible for one of the most significant leaks in US political history is Edward Snowden, a 29-year-old **former technical assistant** for the CIA and current employee of the defense contractor Booz Allen Hamilton. The Guardian, after several days of interviews, is revealing his identity at his request. From the moment he decided to disclose numerous top-secret documents to the public, he was determined not to opt for the protection of anonymity. "I have no intention of hiding who I am because I know I have done nothing wrong," he said

**Snowden** will go down in history as one of America's most consequential whistleblowers, alongside Daniel Ellsberg and Bradley Manning. He is responsible for handing over material from one of the world's most secretive organizations – the NSA.

In a note accompanying the first set of documents he provided, he wrote: "I understand that I will be made to suffer for my actions," but "I will be satisfied if the federation of secret law, unequal pardon and irresistible executive powers that rule the world that I love are revealed even for an instant."

**Despite** fears, he remained hopeful his outing will not divert attention from the substance of his disclosures. "I really want the focus to be on these documents and the debate which I hope this will trigger among citizens around the globe about what kind of world we want to live in." He added: "My sole motive is to inform the public as to that which is done in **their** name and that which is done against them."

**He** has had "a very comfortable life" that included a salary of roughly \$200,000, a wife with whom he shared a home in Hawaii, a stable career, and a family he loves. "I'm willing to sacrifice all of that because I can't in good conscience allow the US government to destroy privacy, internet freedom and basic liberties for people around the world with this massive surveillance machine **they're** secretly building." *'I am not afraid, because this is the choice I've made'.*

Glenn Greenwald, Ewen MacAskill and Laura Poitras in Hong Kong  
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*1/The text is about: a-whistle blowing b- Money laundering c-Nepotism*

*2/ Are the following statements true or false?*

- a) Snowden was obliged to reveal his identity.
- b) Snowden immortalizes his name as one of America's most significant personalities.
- c) The American government is proposing tougher punishments for Snowden.
- d) Nowadays, Snowden is enjoying his life.

**3/ In which paragraph is the name of newspaper responsible for revealing Snowden identity mentioned?**

**4. Answer the following questions according to the text.**

- a) Why is Edward Snowden not expecting to see home again?
- b) *Mention some of America's most known whistleblowers?*
- c) When will Snowden be pleased ?
- d) How is the US government destroying privacy, internet freedom and basic liberties?

**5/ what or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?**

Former technical assistant §1                      their §5                      they §4

**B/ Text Exploration**

**-Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to:**

- a) Considerable §1                      b an amnesty §3                      c) optimistic §4

**-Complete the chart as shown in the example**

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE
To smuggle	Smuggling	Smuggled
To reveal	.....	.....
.....	Surveillance.	.....
.....	.....	equal

**Rewrite these sentences using the given structure**

1/**The Guardian**, after several days of interviews, is revealing Snowden’s identity. ...

**Snowden’s identity** .....

2/ **He wrote:** " I will be made to suffer for my actions," but "I will be satisfied if the federation of secret law, unequal pardon and irresistible executive powers that rule the world that I love are revealed even for an instant."

**He wrote that** .....

3/**Citizens** should be informed as to that which is done in their name and that which is done against them.

**It’s about time** .....

4/ The US government destroyed privacy, internet freedom and basic liberties for people Snowden wishes they .....

**Classify the following words according to their number of syllables**

good conscience government destroy privacy, internet

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables	Four syllables

**PART TWO: WRITING (5points ) Choose one topic only:**

**\*Topic 01:** In no more than 100 words write a composition about: **White-Collar Crime**

**has** become an increasing problem . /**An illegal acts** committed by middle or upper-class people . /**Popularized** in 1940 by the American criminologist Edwin Sutherland/ **Includes** crimes such as fraud, embezzlement, tax evasion, misuse of public funds, and abuse of political power. / **Historically**, the chief sanctions have been loss of position and public trust, loss of professional licence/ **Jail** sentences were rarely imposed.

**Topic 02:** Write a paragraph on the following topic:

How important are honesty and integrity in business.

**NO PAIN NO GAIN**

