

THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATION OF ENGLISH

A) Reading(15pts)

Read the text carefully then do the activities:

Last Wednesday, Microsoft Company launched a web site to stop people from pirating or using pirated versions of its software. The company also revealed that it has filed 20 more lawsuits against people it claims are dealing counterfeit or pirated software.

The new website provides information for how customers can tell whether software is genuine or not. It shows examples of suspicious packaging and other clues that can help alert users of they possess the real deal or fake copy of windows or other Microsoft software.

"Lawsuits were filed against alleged counterfeiters in several states", Microsoft said. The company has been systematically investigating and filing lawsuits over the past two years against individuals and companies that are illegally counterfeiting or pirating versions of its software.

Wednesday's moves are part of Microsoft's Genuine Software Initiative (GSI), which the company launched in July 2005 to prevent pirated counterfeited versions of Microsoft software being sold to users. According to some analyst reports, software companies lose billions of dollars every year to software pirates.

People have mixed views of Microsoft's efforts to prevent software pirating and counterfeiting. Some feel that the company's investigative measures are intrusive, such as windows genuine advantage, an automated program that checks users' PCs automatically through windows to see if they are running a genuine version of the software. Others say Microsoft is merely protecting its business interests by down on software piracy.

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A) Comprehension :

1. the text above is about :(1pt)

a-Microsoft new software.

b-Piracy.

c-Microsoft pursuits software pirates.

b- the text is : a- an article

b- a letter

c- a Statement.

2/Say if these statements (True) or (False) according to the text: (2,25pt)

a- Microsoft Company launched a web site to promote piracy.

b-the site provides customers with fraudulent copies of windows.

c-people have divergent views of Microsoft efforts.

3/Answer these questions according to the text:(3pts)

a-What is the purpose behind launching the Web site?

b-Why did Microsoft filed lawsuits against individuals and companies?

c- What is the aim of GSI ?

4/In which paragraph are people's opinions mentioned ? (0,75pt)

5 / what/who do the underlined words refer to in the text ? (1pt)

a-Its(\$3)

c-They(\$5).....

B)Text Exploration:

1. Find in the text words closest in meaning to : a- warn =...(\$2) b- various =...(\$3). (2pt)

2. Find in the text words opposite in meaning to :a- questionable #. .(\$2) b permit #....(\$4)

3. Divide the following words into roots and affixes : (1pt)

Words	Prefix	Root	suffix
International			
Distinctive			
Shortened			

4. Rewrite sentence B so that it means the same as sentence A : (1,5pt)

a- punitive measures should be taken to eradicate piracy.

b- It's high time

a- The public funds are being deviated.

b- Some groups

a- I want the citizens to have an ethical behaviour one day.

b- I wish the citizens

5. Combine the following pairs of sentences using link words provided : (Make any necessary changes) (0,5pt) Provided that - such ..that -however .

a- The government encourages any work. The work should be legal.

b- The system of security is well implemented by microsoft. Pirates avoid to pirate it.

7. Reorder the following sentences to have a coherent paragraph : (1pt)

a. that the students who were accused of fraud,

b- Last week, our college knew three cases of cheating

c- would fail the assignment or be expelled.

c- After holding a consultation, the headmaster declared

8. Underline the stress syllable in the following words : (1pt)

Systematic - domestic - identical - practical

PART2 : Written Expression : choose one topic

Topic one : Are you **for** or **against** piracy ?

Use the notes below to write a paragraph answering the question above.

a- **For** : pirated products are more accessible/everyone is using them/ cheaper/ the authentic and pirated products look the same/pirated products look better....etc

b- **Against** : form of stealing/they don't get profit from it/ companies and other businesses are affected/ some products are dangerous(eg ;drugs ;makeup..)

Topic two : write a paragraph of no more than 10 lines speaking about the role of cogernments,companies and customers in fighting counterfeiting and piracy.

Good luck