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الموضوع الأول:

Part one: Reading (15pts)

Smuggling and the importation of counterfeit products are the main problems facing Algerian officials since the liberalization of the country's foreign trade. (§1)

**The two problems** have negatively-impacted on Algeria's foreign trade and turned the country into a big bazaar where counterfeit products are sold at unbeatable prices. As an example, the multinational computer software company, Microsoft, has lost 20 million US dollars in Algeria due to piracy and counterfeiting, a reliable source said. (§2)

During the first half of 2002 alone, more than 30 percent of products marketed in Algeria did not meet standards. **This** also applies to the health sector, where 2,000 cases of food poisoning were recorded this summer in Algiers, the Algerian capital. Last year, the customs department seized about 860 counterfeit products from Asia and some Arab countries, ranging from electronic appliances to beauty products, detergents, spare parts and clothing. (§3)

Faced with this situation, the ministry of trade is planning to review the commercial law to adapt it to new realities, notably Algeria's impending membership of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The ministry is also planning to complete the re-registration of traders in order to "separate the wheat from the chaff." (§4)

<http://www.panapress.com/Algerian-market-flooded-with-counterfeit-products.html>

A. Comprehension: (8pts)

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

- a) The text is : a- an extract from a book      b- a web site article      c- an email  
b) The text is talking about: a-Embezzlement      b-Child labor      c- Counterfeiting

2. Are these statement True or false?

- a. Smuggling and counterfeit products impact on the economy of Algeria.  
b. Counterfeit products are not sold at unbeatable prices.  
c. Some products marketed in Algeria did not meet standards.  
d. Algeria is a membership of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

3. Answer the following questions according to the text:

a. Why has multinational computer software company, Microsoft, lost 20 million US dollars in Algeria?

b. How many counterfeit products did the customs department seize?

c. Why is the ministry planning to complete the re-registration of traders?

4. What or who the underlined words refer to in the text?

- a. The two problems: ..... (§2)      b. This: ..... (§3)

**B. Text Exploration: (7pts)**

1. *Find in the text words that are synonyms in meaning to the followings ones:*

a- Fake = ..... (§1)                      b – commerce =..... (§2)

2. *Give the opposites of the following words keeping the same root:*

a. Ethical              b. responsible              c. legal              d. fair

3. *Put the verbs between brackets into their correct forms:*

a) Algerians (**to overcome**) ..... their crises providing that they (**to fight**).... bribery, counterfeit and smuggling.

b) The government had better (**to eradicate**) .....smuggling.

c) It is high time the government (**to do**) ..... something to stop counterfeiting.

d) I wish Algerians (**to elect**) ..... more honest members of parliament as the present ones and I wish our future representatives (**to be**)..... more dedicated to serve our country.

4. *Underline the stressed syllable:*

a. Ethics      b. economic      c. mathematics      d. importation

**Part Two: Written Expression (5pts)**

*Choose one topic only.*

**Topic One:** Counterfeit products are sold at unbeatable prices. That's why some people argue that counterfeiting is beneficial to consumers. *Write an article to illustrate the harms of counterfeiting on individuals, companies and governments.* Use the following cues:

- Low quality, not last long,
- Harmful to health: fake medicine: kill people/ fake car parts ; cause accidents...
- Companies loss, loss of job...
- Governments' loss of revenue: counterfeiters not pay taxes ...

**Topic Two:** *Do you think that people who do illegal business help their country? Why or why not? Justify your opinion*

**Part one: Reading (15pts)**

Child labour involves the regular working of children in their childhood at very young age from five to fourteen years. Children in many developing countries are forced to work hard for full day against **their** will at very low pay for their survival. They want to go to school, play with their friends and need love and care by their parents like other children living in rich houses. But unfortunately, they are forced to do something against their will.

In developing countries, the rate of the child labour is high because of the poverty, low level awareness for education and poor schooling opportunities. Most of the children of age group 5 to 14 are found to be involved in the agriculture by their parents in the rural areas. In most cases, parents of those children are jobless or having low financial income. **They** send their children to work under inhuman conditions. Poverty and lack of schools are the primary reasons of child labour in any developing country all across the world.

Childhood is considered as the happiest and vital experience in the life of everyone as childhood is the most important and friendly period of learning. Children have full rights to get proper attention from their parents, love and care, proper schooling, guidance, playing with friends and other happy moments. Child labour is corrupting the lives of many precious children every day. **It** is the high level of illegal act for which one should be punished but because of the ineffective rules and regulations it is going side by side.

(Adapted from [www.indiacelebrating.com](http://www.indiacelebrating.com))

**A. Comprehension: (8pts)****1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.**

The text is taken from: a. a newspaper    b. a book of history    c. a website

**2. Are the following statements True or False according to the text?**

- Children from poor families are deprived from schooling in many developing countries.
- Rich parents often send their children to work at early age.
- Cases of child labour are found mainly in rural areas especially in agriculture.
- Child labour is spoiling the lives of many precious children every day.

**3. Answer the following questions according to the text:**

- What is Child Labour according to the text?
- Are children forced to work against their will?
- What are the main reasons of child labour?
- What are children's rights?

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

- a. their (§1)    b. they (§2)    c. it (§3)

**B. Text Exploration: (7pts)**

1. *Find in the text synonyms to the following words:*

- a. involuntary (§1) =..... b. chances (§2)= ..... c. significant (§3) = .....

2. *Complete the table.*

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To impoverish	.....	....
.....	.....	Violated
.....	Exploitation	.....

3. *Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).*

- a. Children’s right to education should be protected by law.  
➤ Law.....
- b. Businessmen in agriculture are employing innocent young children.  
➤ Innocent young children.....
- c. The journalist said: “There are many cases of child labour in India”.  
➤ The journalist said  
that.....

4. *Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables:*

Childhood – poverty – rights – developed

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables

**Part Two: Written Expression (5pts)**

*Choose one topic only.*

**Topic One:** Following the International problem discussed in the text which is child labour. Try to use your own words to define this issue, its main causes and at the end the solutions proposed to eradicate it. Make use of the following notes:

- Children forced to work / mainly aged from 5 to 14 years old
- deprived from schooling /deprived from playful childhood moments
- severe working conditions / inhuman treatment / low salaries / because of poverty / lack of schools

**Topic two:** People disagree about the relation between ethics and business, some of them think that ethics has nothing to do with business and others think that ethics has everything to do with it.

Write a short paragraph in which you express you own opinion with arguments.