

SUBJECT TWO

Read the following text carefully and do the activities: (14pts)

Ambition is the strong desire we feel to reach some goal in our life. It is one of the main forces which motivates our actions and sustains the hard efforts we make during long years. When **it** takes hold of our minds we go to extremes to satisfy it and give a material existence to any of the relations we want to accomplish in the future.

When we are animated with the ambition to obtain something we get filled with an intense determination to reach the end we have in view. Neither dangers nor obstacles are strong enough to deviate us from target. We do not recoil in front of sacrifices and we do not hesitate to throw ourselves in the harshest battles if we think that the price to win is worth the risk. We completely forget about the possibility of defeat and evacuate from our brains all factors that may prevent us from turning our dreams into reality.

Ambition helps us to release great energy and inner confidence in our hearts. It turns us into powerful and optimistic individuals. When we shelter it we get protected from laziness and other weakening realities. We get even ready to mix up with people whose ideas we do not share and evolve in contexts which clash with our personality. It is also a condition that allows **us** to keep in touch with our environment and get a useful learning from it. The changes this last one undergone and the new tends it takes do not frighten us but get gradually integrated into our behavior so that we acquire a better capacity for adaptation.

Another scale the fact of being ambitious can have positive results on people around us. For example the purpose we set our deeds may benefit others whether they are relatives, friends or the members of our community. In this case we not only win their respect and admiration but we also build more willpower and get more convincer about the soundness of our attitude. Everything we do then gets justified and all the worries that affect us seem insignificant and easier to bear.

**Part one: A/ Reading and interpreting. (7pts)**

1- What is the type of the text (0.5pt)

2- Are the following statements true or false according to the text? (1.5pts)

- a- Dangers and obstacles are strong to deviate us from target.
- b- Ambition releases energy and confidence in our hearts.
- c- Ambition doesn't have positive results on people around us.

3- Answer the following questions on the text (3pts)

- a- What is ambition?
- b- can ambition have a positive influence on the people surrounding us?
- c- Does ambition improve our self-confidence?

4- In which paragraph is it mentioned that: (0.5pt)

-Ambitions make people face all kind of hindrances and difficulties (§...)

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

It (§1)..... us (§3).....

6- Choose the suitable title to the text: ( 0.5pt)

- The power of ambition.
- The effects of ambitions.
- How to become ambitious.

**B/ TEXT EXPLORATION (7pts)**

1- Find words that are closest in meaning to: (2pts)

- Wish or want (§1)=.....
- Trust (§3) =.....
- Permits (§3) =.....
- Anxieties (§3) =.....

2- Fill in the table :(1.5pts)

Noun	Verb	Adjective
Existence	.....	.....
.....	.....	Tolerant
.....	To satisfy	.....

3- Write correctly the verb in brackets: (1pt)

- We had better (to help) each other to acquire adaptation
- People (not suffer) as long as they are optimistic

4- Rewrite the second sentence so as it means the same as the first one given: (1.5pts)

- 1. We will be protected from laziness if we shelter ambition.  
2. Unless we .....
- 1. The psychologist claimed: "thanks to it, we resist nervousness better and lessen the pressure and the anxieties that worry us daily."  
2. The psychologist claimed that .....
- 1. Ambition vivifies our personality and enriches our mental state  
2. Our mental state .....

5- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final 'ed' (1pt)

Prevented – determined – wished – helped

/t/	/d/	/id/
.....	.....	.....

**Part two: written expression: (6pts)**

Choose one of the following topics:

**Topic one:** What are the ambitions that drive your life? Write an essay about 120 words in which you talk about them. Use the cues below.

\*studies/career/profession/daily plans/travelling/ ....

**Topic two:** using the notes below, write a composition of 120 to 125 words on the following:

imagine that, with a group of tourists you went on planet Mars. how life would be like there compared to the one on earth.

- Mars / planet of solar system
- more space/ no inhabitants
- no traffic jams/ no pollution
- but, no form of life/no water
- no leisure / boring life
- no nice places to visit.....