

DEVOIR DE FIN DE SEMESTRE N°2

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION: (20pts)

A) Choose the best alternative:

The text is mainly about:

- 1) The health risks of being exposed to toxic fumes
- 2) The damage caused by cruise ships in Venice
- 3) The environmental cost of mass tourism

B) Answer the following question:

What are the attractions available on board cruise ships?

C) Complete the sentences on the answer sheets with information from the text.

D) Indicate whether the following statements are True or False. Justify with information from the text :

- 1) Never before have Venetians voiced their disapproval of cruise ships.
- 2) Pollution from diesel pollutants is blamed for reducing the life expectancy of a lot of European citizens.

E) List down the solutions suggested to tackle the problem of pollution from the shipping sector.

F) Pick out from the text two sentences showing that the cruise ship operators are not ready to deal with the problem of fuel emissions.

G) Explain the following sentence in your own words:

“Ship operators claim they use low-emission fuel when they are near big cities, but measurements taken near the port of Venice tell a different story.” (§4)

H) Find words in the text having nearly the same meaning as:

- 1) dangers (§1)
- 2) emit (§2)
- 3) income (§6)
- 4) equipped (§7)

I) What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- 1) their (§3)
- 2) they (§7)

PART TWO: LANGUAGE TASKS (10pts)

Task One: Select the right alternative :(5pts)

Sport is a passion shared by women and men across the world. It is a force for physical well-being and social empowerment. It is an **(1)(hurdle / engine / instruments)** for equality, for including everyone, especially the most **(2)(poor / helpful / disadvantaged)**. There is no **(3)(more / less / most)** powerful platform than sport to nurture the **(4)(advantages / facilities / values)** we all share – solidarity, responsibility, respect, honesty, teamwork, and self-esteem... Sport is a way to include everyone, fight **(5)(for / over / against)** stereotypes and **(6)(strengthen / strength / strong)** the foundations for peace in healthy societies. Physical inactivity **(7)(is leading / has led / leads)** every year to an estimated 3.2 million deaths. **(8)(This is why / In contrast, / On the other hand,)** UNESCO has joined forces with the World Health Organization to **(9) (foster / combat / promote)** sedentary lifestyles, starting with inclusive and equitable physical education at school. This calls for new **(10)(comitment / commitment / committment)** and resources from all actors – to ensure public policies, especially in the fields of health, education, urban planning, infrastructure and transport.

Task Two: Express differently starting as given on the answer sheets :(5pts)

- 1) The keepers lock the zoo gates at 6 p.m. every day.
- 2) These cakes have been made at home.
- 3) In spite of his hunger, he refused to eat junk food.
- 4) She's too young to get married.
- 5) The bridge was so low that the bus couldn't go under it.

PART THREE: WRITING TASKS: (10pts)

A) Reordering :(2.5pts)

Reorder the following sentence parts so as to get a coherent paragraph:

- a) have taken part in plenty of it themselves over the years.
- b) Violence at major soccer events like the World Cup is,
- c) England has earned a reputation for
- d) of course, nothing new, and English supporters
- e) creating mob chaos and destruction at international events.

B) Essay :(7.5pts)


Due to global warming and other factors, Tunisia is likely to experience severe water shortages in the coming years.

Develop this idea and suggest a few solutions to overcome this imminent fresh water crisis. (Do not write more than 15 lines.)

Heading to Venice? Don't forget your pollution mask

1. If you're heading to Venice on holiday this summer, don't forget to pack your pollution mask. Worrying about toxic air might seem strange in a city with few roads and cars, but Venice's air carries hidden risks.
2. Every day five or six of the world's largest cruise ships chug into the heart of the ancient city, which hosts the Mediterranean's largest cruise terminal. These ships advertise luxurious restaurants, vast swimming pools and exotic entertainment – but keep quiet about the hidden fumes they pump into the city's air.
3. It's one reason locals are so enraged over the impact of tourism on their famous city. Protests against cruise ships are commonplace. In May nearly 20,000 Venetians voted in an unofficial referendum, with 99% backing a motion to keep cruise ships away. They are right to be angry.
4. Ship operators claim they use low-emission fuel when they are near big cities, but measurements taken near the port of Venice tell a different story. The fuel they burn while at berth contains more than 100 times as much sulphur as truck diesel. The World Health Organization places diesel particles in the same carcinogenic category as smoking and asbestos.
5. Diesel engines produce a range of other pollutants that damage human health, the environment and the climate. Figures by the European commission estimate that about 50,000 people die prematurely every year in Europe because of pollution from the shipping sector. This is a scandal because there are measures available to fix the problem cost-effectively, from using cleaner fuels to installing filters and using battery technology near the coast.
6. But the very profitable cruise industry has proven unwilling to engage with the problem. Nearly a million Britons take a cruise holiday every year, many paying up to £1,000 each for a week-long trip around the Mediterranean. With more than 6,000 passengers packing the larger ships, that's a decent revenue. Despite this, major shipping lines still refuse to spend money on proper exhaust gas technology.
7. The cruise industry is failing to meet basic public standards on the environment and human health. The good news for Venetians is that the Port Authority expects 10% fewer vessels this year, which may allow residents to breathe slightly easier. But until ships are fitted with better filters and burn cleaner fuel, I'd advise you to pack a mask for when they sail by.

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DEVOIR DE FIN DE SEMESTRE N°2
(ANSWER SHEETS)

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION :(20pts)

A) The best alternative: (1pt)

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B) Answer: (1.5pts)

1)

2)

3)

C) Sentence completion: (3.5pts)

1) It is a surprise that Venice's air is polluted especially that it is a city having.....

2) Venetians are so furious about what is happening to their city that recently thousands of them.....
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3) Diesel combustion is harmful not only to.....
but also and.....

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D) True or False statements: (3pts)

1) (.....)

2) (.....)

E) The solutions: (1.5pts)

1)

2)

3)

F) Sentences: (2pts)

1)

2)

G) Sentence explanation: (1.5pts)

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H) Vocabulary items:(4pts)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

I) References:(2pts)

- 1)
- 2)

PART TWO: LANGUAGE TASKS: (10pts)

TASK ONE:(5pts)

1)	6)
2)	7)
3)	8)
4)	9)
5)	10)

TASK TWO:(5pts)

- 1) The zoo gates.....
- 2) They're..... cakes.
- 3) Although
- 4) She isn't.....
- 5) It was such.....

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PART THREE: WRITING TASKS: (10pts)

A) Reordering :(2.5pts)

The right order is:

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B) Essay :(7.5pts)

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