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Al-Ma'aly High School
Entrance exam for the 9th grades

Name: _____

Reading _____ / 60

Writing: _____ / 20

Vocabulary: _____ / 20

Grade: _____ / 100

Time allotted: 90 minutes

Instructions:

- ✚ Please use a blue or a black pen to answer your exam.
- ✚ Dictionaries are not allowed.

Good luck!

PART I: ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM WRITTEN TEXTS (60 points)

WATER WORRIES

A Book Review by Andrew Thomas

I just finished reading an interesting new book called Water Worries by Susan Doyle. It is one of the most popular books on the best-seller list in America. Water Worries is a book about the water problems in America. It explains everything you need to know about the water we drink. One of the questions Doyle asks in this book is why Americans
5 spend \$11 billion on bottled water every year, when they could drink tap water* almost for free.

People in America often travel a long way to work by car or train. Many people also exercise outdoors. Bottled water is easy to take with them. In the first two chapters, Doyle explains how companies that sell bottled water convince these people to buy their
10 products. She says that the companies use advertisements that make people think that drinking bottled water is tasty and fun. In addition, the companies say that their water is healthy. However, Doyle brings studies which show that this is not true. In fact, many kinds of bottled water have bacteria and dirt in them.

There are also problems connected to tap water. In the last two chapters, Doyle explains
15 these problems. She found that many of the sources of drinking water in America are polluted. The water is cleaned before it gets to peoples' homes. However, according to studies, the cleaning process leaves materials in the water that are not healthy for us. So what should we drink? According to Doyle, we can get the cheapest and best quality water if we use a filter at home to clean our tap water.

20 Water Worries is a book that everyone should read. It will make you think twice before you drink your next glass of water!

*tap water – ماء حنفية

Answer questions 1-8 in English according to the book review and the instructions.

1. PUT A \checkmark BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS. (lines 1-6)

What does Andrew Thomas tell us about the book?

- i) It explains problems about water.
- ii) It is sold by bottled water companies.
- iii) It takes a long time to read.
- iv) Many people bought the book.
- v) Some chapters are difficult to read.

(2x5=10 points)

2. CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER. (lines 7-13)

People spend money on bottled water because they (-).

- i) believe the companies' advertisements
- ii) pay low prices for bottled water
- iii) don't like the taste of tap water

(7 points)

3. CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER. (lines 7-13)

Americans like bottled water because (-).

- i) it is sold in many stores all over the country
- ii) they can choose from many kinds
- iii) they can carry it everywhere they go

(7 points)

4. (1) CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER: YES or NO. (lines 14-19)

Water sources in America have clean drinking water. YES / NO (2 points)

(2) Copy the words that justify your answer.

ANSWER:

(5 points)

5. What did studies show about both bottled water and tap water? Write ONE thing.

(lines 7-19)

ANSWER:

(7 points)

6. According to Susan Doyle, what can people do to get the cleanest water?

(lines 14-19)

ANSWER:

(7 points)

7. What does Andrew Thomas think about **Water Worries**? Give ONE answer.

ANSWER:

(7 points)

8. CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

The book is called **Water Worries** because people should be worried about (-).

i) the quality of water

ii) the taste of water

iii) the price of water

(8 points)

PART III : VOCABULARY

(2X10=20 POINTS)

Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the terms below.

1) a little bit

- 1) cow
- 2) county
- 3) a few

2) score (n.)

- 1) points
- 2) landscape
- 3) yesterday

3) p.m.

- 1) afternoon
- 2) opinion
- 3) fishing

4) a couple of

- 1) two or a little more
- 2) costly
- 3) vast

5) surprise (n.)

- 1) amazement
- 2) present
- 3) expected

6) drop (v.)

- 1) suppose
- 2) let go
- 3) race

7) leave

- 1) delay
- 2) pick
- 3) abandon

8) certainly (adv.)

- 1) tightly
- 2) guilty
- 3) absolutely

9) move out

- 1) start to live in a new house
- 2) authorize
- 3) get away from

10) receive (v.)

- 1) worry
- 2) get
- 3) wish

