

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM (JANUARY 2019)

Level: 1st year Module: Written Comprehension and Expression Teacher: KHELEF Embarka

Date: Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 Time: 08.30 am – 10.00 am Duration: 1.30 h

I- Written Comprehension: Read the Questions First. Then read the text and answer the questions. (11 marks)

Competing in an Ironman triathlon is one of the most demanding feats known to amateur athletes. During the first stage of the triathlon, the competitors must swim 2.4 miles in the open ocean. They have to battle the constantly choppy ocean, the strong currents, and the frequent swells. The wind is often an adversary, and stinging jellyfish are a constant threat. Once they have completed the ocean swim, the triathletes must ride 112 miles on a bicycle. In addition to the strength needed to pedal **that** far, the bicyclists must use a variety of hand grips to assure the continued circulation in their fingers and hands as well as to ease the strain on the neck and shoulder muscles. Moreover, the concentration necessary to steady the bicycle as well as the attention to the inclines on the course and the consequent shifting of gears (causes) mental fatigue for the athletes. After completing these two grueling segments, the triathletes must then run 26.2 miles, the length of a regular marathon. Dehydration is a constant concern as is the prospect of cramping. Even the pain and swelling of a friction blister can be enough to eliminate a contestant at this late stage of the event. Finally, disorientation and fatigue can set **in** and distort the athlete's judgment. Competing in an Ironman triathlon takes incredible physical and mental endurance.

- 1- What is the theme of the text?
- 2- Explain how the name "triathlon" relates to the sport it labels.
- 3- What two words does the writer use to avoid the repetition of 'competitors'?
- 4- In your own words, explain the following: feat - the strain - grueling - dehydration -
- 5- Copy the underlined parts and say what functions they perform.
- 6- Copy the table on your answer sheet, then fill in each column with an appropriate word from the text.

Parts of speech	A noun	A verb	Adjective	Adv.	Pron.	Conj.	Det.	Prep.
words								

- 7- To what part(s) of speech do the **bold-typed** words belong?
- 8- From the text, copy a sentence whose pattern follows: Adverb/ Subject/ Verb phrase/ Object. Draw the limits between the parts.
- 9- Look at the word between brackets in the text. Is it correct in form? Justify your answer.
- 10- Give a more than one-word noun phrase title to the text.

II- Written Production: Do both tasks. (09 Marks)

- 1- On your answer sheet, rewrite the following passage correctly punctuated and without any kind of error. (3 marks)

In laboratory experiments scientists have discovered a diet That extends the life of their animals up to 50 percent or more this diet prevents heart disease, diabetes, and kidney failure and it greatly retards all types of cancer .Even slowing down the aging process of cataracts gray hair and feebleness staying on this diet keep the mind flexible and the body active to an almost biblical old age.

- 2- Write a short paragraph about an activity/a hobby you like practising. (6 marks)

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MODEL CORRECTION OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAM (JANUARY 2019)

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I- Written Comprehension: Read the Questions First. Then read the text and answer the questions. (11 marks)

- 1- Ironman triathlon. (0.5)
- 2- "Tri" is a prefix meaning three. The sport consists of three different sports: swimming, cycling and running. It requires skill, strength and courage. (01)
- 3- Triathletes, competitor, athletes. (01)
- 4- - Feat: activity that needs skill, courage and strength.
- The strain: the pressure/ the tension.
- Grueling: tiring / exhausting.
- Dehydration: Water loss. (02)
- 5- a- one of the most demanding feats known to amateur athletes : **complement** (0.5)
b- the athlete's judgment : **Direct object** (0.5)
- 6- Any correct answer is acceptable. (02)

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words	stage	use	far	often	they	once	this	at

- 7- Both are **adverbs**. (0.5)
- 8- After completing these two grueling segments, / the triathletes / must then run / 26.2 miles, the length of a regular marathon. (any correct sentence is acceptable) (01)
- 9- Yes, it is correct because the head word in the subject phrase "concentration" is singular. (01)
- 10- Any correct title correctly written is acceptable. (01)

II- Written Production: (09 marks)

- 1- On your answer sheet, rewrite the following passage correctly punctuated and without any kind of error. (3 marks)

In laboratory experiments, scientists have discovered a diet that extends the life of their animals up to 50 percent or more. This diet prevents heart disease, diabetes, and kidney failure and it greatly retards all types of cancer . **It even slows** down the aging process of cataracts, gray hair and feebleness. **Staying** on this diet keeps the mind flexible and the body active to an almost biblical old age.

- 2- (06 marks): Both content and form are considered in correction