…….. **Secondary School** **School year :**

First Term English Exam

Level : First year Literary Stream **Duration : 2 Hours**

Part one: (15 pts)

Read the text carefully then answer the following questions

Do you want to be a better reader? Turn off the television! A recent study found that kids younger than 10 spend about two hours a day watching TV, playing video games, or using computers. That is about the same amount of time **they** spend with a book! The study which was released on Tuesday included more than 1,000 parents of kids between the ages of 4 and 10 years.

Spending a lot of time on the computer, watching TV or playing video games can make it hard to get better at reading. Kids who live in homes where the TV is on "most of the time" are less likely to be able to read by age 6.

Reading is still popular, though. Almost 80 percent of kids under 6 are exposed to books. In fact researchers say kids spend an average of 49 minutes a day with a book. And what is the average amount of time spent in front of the TV or computer? About 2 hours and 22 minutes!

Victoria Rideout, a researcher for the study, says: "Kids, who watch TV, use computers, and play video games will have an advantage in **their** lives." "Media can help their learning, but there are disadvantages, too." She adds.

Dr. Henry Shapiro studies kids' development and behaviour. He says: "reading, playing with toys, and talking with others is much better for kids' learning than watching TV". He also says: "There is a good side of TV, computers and video games; kids are home, safe, they are learning things."

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A. Text comprehension : (7 pts)

1. **Choose the best answer : This text aims at (1 pt)**
   - A. Proving that reading is the best way to learn.
   - B. Proving that media are the best way to learn.
   - C. Proving that kids prefer reading than watching TV.

2. **Say whether the following statements are true or false : (2pts)**
   - a. Children spend less time watching Tv than reading . …….
   - b. According to Rideout media have disadvantages only . ……
   - c. TV affects children's reading habits. …….
   - d. Dr. Shapiro is totally convinced that TV is bad. …….

3. **Answer the following questions according to the text : (3 pts)**
   - a. When was the case study released ?
   - b. How many parents were included in the case study ? and what was the age of their children?
   - c. What the effects of media on children according to Dr. Henry Shapiro?

4. **Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text ? (1pt)**

- They (§1) = ……..…… / - Their (§4) = ……..……..

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B. Text Exploration : (8pts)

1. **Find in the text words closest in meaning to the following : (1 pt)**

   a. Children (§1) = ……. / b. Drawbacks (§4) = ……

2. **Complete the table : (2 pts)**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To hope	……..	……..
……..	……..	Thankful

3. **Rewrite sentence "B" so as it means the same as sentence "A" : (3pts)**

   a. " Where do you live ?" he asked .

   b. He asked ……..

   a. she said that he had to visit her grandmother the day after.

   b. ……

   a. " Do you want to call him now ?" he asked .

   b. He asked ……..……

4. **Cyrcle the stressed syllable of each word in the following words : (2 pt)**

   Protect - History - Technological - speaker

Part Two : Written Expression (5pts)

Choose one topic of the two bellow

Topic One : - you have a keypal in England . Write an email to him or her in which you :

-Introduce yourself .

-Introduce your family .

-Describe your regular activities .

Topic Two : - Many people prefer using the Internet and watching Tv rather than reading .

Write a paragraph of more than 8 lines in which you state the positive aspects of reading .

Good Luck Dear Student

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