

**FIRST TERM EXAM**

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**Level :** *Common Core***Family name :** .....**Class :** .....**First name :** .....

I have spent a substantial portion of my life in libraries, and I still enter them with a mixture of excitement and spiritual respect. I am not alone in this. A library is more to our culture than a collection of books: it is a temple, a symbol of power, the heart of civilisation, the citadel of memory, with its own mystique, social and sensual as well as intellectual. Even people who never enter libraries instinctively understand **their** symbolic power.

But now a revolution, widely compared to the invention of printing itself, is taking place among the stacks, and the library will never be the same again. This week Google announced plans to digitise fifteen million books from five great libraries, including the Bodleian\*. Google's founders, Sergey Brin and Larry Page, have declared their intention to collect all information online.

Some fear that this total library, vast and invisible, could finally destroy traditional library, which will become mere storerooms for the **physical objects**, empty of people and life. The advantages for researchers of a single scholarly online catalogue are incalculable, but will we bother to browse the shelves when we can merely locate any book in the world with the push of a button? Are the days of the library as a social organism over?

Almost certainly not, for reasons practical, psychological and, ultimately, spiritual. Locating a book online is one thing, reading it is quite another, for there is no aesthetic substitute for the physical object; the computer revolution rolls on perpetually, but the world is reading more paper books than ever. Indeed, so far from destroying libraries, the internet has protected the written word as never before, and rendered knowledge genuinely democratic. Fanatics always attack the libraries first, dictators seek to control the literature, elites pick up the knowledge that is power. Shi Huangdi, the Chinese emperor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC, ordered that all literature, history and philosophy written before the founding of his dynasty should be destroyed. More books were burnt in the 20<sup>th</sup> century than any other – in Nazi Germany, Bosnia and Afghanistan. With the online library, the books are finally safe for ever.

But the traditional library will also survive, because a library is central to our understanding of what it is to be human. Man has wanted not merely to obtain and master knowledge, but to preserve **it**, to hold it in his hand.

Libraries are not just for reading in, but for sociable thinking, exploring, exchanging ideas and falling in love.

Just as bookshops have become trendy, offering brain food and cappuccinos, so libraries, under financial and cultural pressure, will have to evolve by more actively welcoming people in to wander and explore. Finding a book online should be the beginning not end of the process of discovery.

Bookish types have always feared change and technology, but the book, and the library, have adapted and endured, retaining the essential magic of these places.

*Abridged from an article by Ben MACINTYRE, «The Times», December 18, 2004*

*\*The Bodleian library: the library of the University of Oxford.*

**I/ READING COMPREHENSION (15 points)**

**Base your answer on the text**

1 pt **A- Tick the correct answer.**

This article is :

1- A report of an international conference.

2- an essay on cultural and social issues.

3- an extract from an autobiography.

4 pts **B- Answer the following questions .**

1- How does the narrator feel when he gets into a library?

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2- What have Google's founders decided to do ?

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3- Which technological revolution is more important for the narrator?

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4- According to some people, what is the danger of Google's founders' project?

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2 pts **C- Are these sentences true or false? Justify .**

1-The narrator believes that most people share his opinion about the wonder of the library.

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2-The narrator is optimistic in the end.

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2 pts **D-Complete the following sentences with ideas from the text**

1-Thanks to the library on-line, researchers .....

2- People keep reading more and more paper books despite .....

3 pts **E-Find in the text words which mean the same as the following :**

1- a large amount of things arranged on top of another (*paragraph 2*) : .....

2- search for information on the internet (*paragraph 3*) : .....

3- fashionable (*paragraph 7*) : .....

3 pts **F-What do the underlined words in the text refer to?**

1- their (*paragraph 1*) : .....

2- physical objects (*paragraph 3*) : .....

3- it (*paragraph 5*) : .....

## II/ Language (15 points)

2 pts **A/ Choose the correct answer.**

1- You'd better..... too much junk food. It is not healthy.

**a- to not eat      b- not eat      c- not to eat**

2- I look forward to ..... some of my school mates.

**a- meet      b- have met      c- meeting**

3- After a long journey bt train, he looked ..... exhausted.

**a- very      b- not very      c- absolutely**

4- I can tell you about Egypt. I ..... there twice.

**a- have been      b- went      c- go**

2 pts **B / Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words from the box.**

**for - don't have to - probably - since - until - mustn't - likely - as soon as**

1- Anna won't stop going to the gym..... she loses weight.

2- Steve has been working in his own company..... last year.

3- You ..... take the bus home today. I can give you a lift.

4- Nancy ..... won't come to the party. She is feeling sick.

2 pts **C / Give the correct form of te verbs in brackets.**

1- Who is that girl there with your sister ? I (**never /see**) ..... her before.

- She is Julia, my new Canadian friend. We (**meet**) ..... while we (**travel**)  
..... by train last summer.

2- I was really tired last night. I (**not sleep**) ..... for two nights.

2 pts

**D / Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.**

1- If you don't pass your exams this year, you will have to stay another year.

➤ Unless.....

2- It's forbidden to use your mobile phone while you are driving.

➤ You.....

3 pts

**E / Match the words in column A with the words in column B, then complete the sentences below. (Pay attention to the form.) (3pts)**

A	B
go	in
feel left	away
settle	out
	up

1- Mr. Nelson's family have ..... satisfactorily in their new neighbourhood.

2- Your headache will ..... if you take this pain reliever.

3- I never ..... in my new classroom, because we share the same interests and hobbies.

**F/ Complete the following sentences appropriately.**

2 pts

1- Popular **s**..... like 'Friends' or 'Lalla Fatima' attracted lots of **v**..... . Some of the scenes are **h** ..... People couldn't stop laughing.

2- Thanks to new technologies, life **e**..... has increased in many countries.

**G / What would you say in the following situations ?**

2 pts

1- Tom is taking part in a marathon, but he isn't fast.

➤ He ..... (predict winning or failure).

2- Kawtar's English is getting worse.

➤ You ..... (give her advice).

