

English First Term Exam

In the early 19th century, at least 80% of the British people were working class. Most of them lived in bad conditions and couldn't even go to school, so they worked hard to pay the rent and provide food for their children. They were so poor that they could feed only bread, butter and potatoes. In addition, they couldn't consume meat because it was really expensive. However, life became more and more developed in the middle of the 19th century. Trains and boats helped them bring cheap grains from North America so bread became cheaper. In addition, refrigeration also made it possible to import cheap meat from Argentina and Australia. By the end of the 19th century, most people were able to change their way of life.

Section one: **Reading comprehension (07pts)**

- A.** Read the text carefully then answer the following questions. (3 pts)
- 1- Could people go to schools in the early 19th century?
 - 2- When were they able to have cheap bread and meat?
 - 3- What does the underlined word in the text refer to?
- B.** Read the following statements then say true or false. Correct the wrong statement. (2 pts)
- 1- The majority of British people were very poor in the early 19th century.
 - 2- They could live well by the end of the 19th century.
- C. Lexis:**
- 1- Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to. (1 pt)
eat = **could** =
 - 2- Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to. (1 pt)
more expensive ≠ **rich** ≠

Section two: **Mastery of the language (07pts)**

- A.** Rewrite the underlined words using the appropriate prefixes. (1 pt)
1. In the early 19th century, people were not equal.
 2. It was not possible for poor people to consume meat.
- B.** Find the tag question for each statement. (3 pts)
- 1- People lived in bad conditions,?
 - 2- They couldn't consume meat,?
 - 3- Most people were able to change their way of life,?
- C. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate modal: might / could / can** (3 pts)
1. A long time ago, people ... not lead a decent life.
 2. Nowadays, they ... consume whatever they want.
 3. No one ... live below the poverty line in the future.

Written expression (6pts)

Fill in the gaps using the following words
changed - electronic - months - comfortable - visit - can

Change has been so rapid in the 21st century. Transport has ...**1**... completely over the 20th century. At the beginning of the century, people walked, or rode on horses. Whereas we ...**2**... fly in aeroplanes, ride in fast trains or drive in ...**3**... cars, nowadays. The world is shrinking rapidly; we are able to ...**4**... many places around the world in hours, rather than months or years. Moreover, new communications technology such as telephones and ...**5**... mail enable us to contact people around the world almost instantly, instead of waiting days, ...**6**... or longer, for a letter or messenger to deliver a message.

No pain no gain..... Good luck