

Part one : Reading : (15 pts)

A. Comprehension : (8 pts)

Read the text carefully then do the activities

Tax evasion is a crime in almost all developed and developing countries, and the guilty party is liable to fines or imprisonment. Helping foreigners evade tax is not a crime in Switzerland's banks. Many wealthy people avoid paying taxes in their own country by opening a Swiss bank account. These banks have made trillions of dollars by doing so. However, the Swiss government is under a lot of international pressure to change its banking laws owing to the global banking crisis. The US president in particular says it's high time Americans paid their taxes. Because tax revenue provides the cheapest means of funding public investments in education, health, physical infrastructure, crime prevention and public defense.

Swiss president Huns Rudolf Merz said Swiss banks would c- operate with the international community to fight the tax cheats provided that governments could prove that bank customers were breaking the law Many governments say this is not enough. It also means that the world's dictators can continue to steal their countries riches and hide the money in Swiss banks. US president Obama wants to rid the world of tax evasion, which he believes is costing the USA billions of dollars a year in lost tax revenues. Switzerland is proceeding carefully. It fears it could be black listed by world powers.

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1. Choose the right answer.

The text is: a . prescriptive b . expository c . narrative

2 . Are these statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement.

- a . Both developed and developing countries consider tax evaders as criminals.
- b . Tax evasion is unlawful in Switzerland.
- c . Wealthy people escape from paying taxes.
- d . The president Obama strongly believes that Americans don't have to pay their taxes.

3 . Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a . How is a tax evader punished by law?
- b . Why is Switzerland forced to change its banking system?
- c . Where are the tax revenue spent?

4. What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- a . its (§1)
- b . which (§ 2)

B. Text Exploration: (7 pts)

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following :

- a. rich (§1) b . find evidence (§ 2)

2. Divide the following words into roots and affixes

words	prefix	root	suffix
Imprisonment			
International			
Customer			
Breaking			

3. Rewrite sentence "b" so that it means the same as sentence "a"

- a. Criminals are hiding huge amounts of money in foreign banks.
b .Huge amounts of money.....
a . A rich man regrets not having paid his taxes.
b .He wishes.....

4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of final "s "
countries – foreigners – taxes – hopes

/s/	/z/	/iz/

Part two : Written Expression (5pts)

Choose one of the following topics

Topic one :

Write a composition of 80 to 100 words about money laundering and its impact on the economy. You may use the following notes:

- Money laundering/ hiding the illegal origin/ money disguise / from tax inspections
- Deposit / foreign banks / buy / sell / properties / money becomes legal
- *Effects: damage / financial sector / increase crime / criminal organizations /encourage corruption / social problems.

Topic two: Write a composition of about 80 to 100 words on the following: child labour is a great problem which is widely spread in poor countries .In your opinion what are the causes and the consequences of this phenomenon? And how can we fight it?

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet". Aristotle

Best wishes from your teachers.

