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 First Exam in Written Comprehension and Expression (S5)
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Full Name:..... Group:...

Choose ONE SUBJECT ONLY:

Subject I:

a-Complete the following:

*A reliable source is a reference that provides a well reasoned theory; argument or discussion based on strong evidence. (2 points)

Name three reliable sources	Name three unreliable sources
1-textbooks (01 point)	1-personal blogs(01 point)
2-academic books/articles(01 point)	2-wikipedia (open sources) (01 point)
3-websites with academic domains(01 point)	3-sources without references(01 point)

Note that sources that lack precision are not fully accepted such as: books, websites, TV channels.

B- Are these two texts reliable? Justify by giving two reasons and their examples from each text (08 points)

Text 1: It is estimated that over 70 per cent of North Americans, for instance, have internet access, and this figure is steadily increasing. Physical shops are under threat, as growing numbers shop online. In areas such as travel it is now impossible to buy tickets on certain airlines except on the internet. The web also links together millions of individual traders who sell to buyers through websites such as EBay.

Text 2: The World Wide Web, or "the Web," is a "finite but unbounded" collection of media-rich digital resources which are connected through high-speed digital networks. It relies upon an Internet protocol suite which supports the cross-platform transmission and rendering of a wide variety of media types (i.e., multimedia). This cross-platform delivery environment represents an important departure from more traditional network communications protocols like Email, Telnet and FTP because it is content-centric(Berghel& Blank, 1999)

	Reliable (yes or no)	Reasons	Examples (from the texts)
Text 1	no	1-non academic style	1-long sentences
		2-no reference	2- no citation
Text 2	yes	1-academic style	1- Short sentences
		2-citation	2- (Berghel and Blank 1999)

C- Paraphrase the following sentences using the key word between brackets at the end of the line to form a new sentence that has the same meaning (the first sentence is given as an example). (04 points)

*I don't agree with your opinion of the new shopping center . (WRONG) → I think you are wrong about the new shopping center.

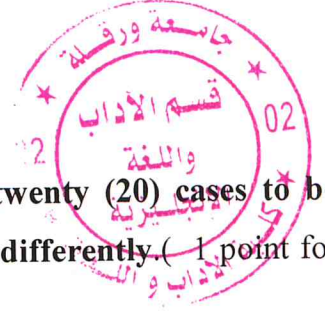
1-Don't put those plastic bags in the bin! Use them again ! (AWAY) → Don't _throw those plastic bags away - use them again.

2-Fridges and freezers are not the same thing (DIFFERENCE) → There is a difference between fridges and freezers.

3-I think we should build a new theatre in town (FAVOUR) → I am in favour of building a new theatre in town.

4-Have you ever participated in a swimming event?(PART) → Have you ever taken part in a swimming event?

Subject two



Improve the following sentences to become more academic. There are twenty (20) cases to be improved. Underline the cases in each sentence then rewrite the sentence differently. (1 point for each case)

1. I administered a questionnaire to look into the matter which was brought up during the last meeting and I got good results (7cases)
 - *A questionnaire was administered to investigate the issue which was raised in the last meeting and encouraging results were obtained.*
2. The study gave important facts about the bad living conditions in the city (2 cases)
 - *The study provided important facts about the poor living conditions in the city.*
3. We will go on looking into the problem for one year (3 cases)
 - *Investigating the problem will continue for one year*
4. The results of the exams were good. (1 case)
 - *The results of the exams were positive/encouraging*
5. The arguments were kind of vague (1case)
 - *The arguments were somewhat vague*
6. The interviewees showed a great concern over the matter (3 cases)
 - *The interviewees demonstrated considerable concern over the issue*
7. I gave lots of examples to support the argument (3cases)
 - *Numerous/several examples were provided to support the argument*