

The First Exam

PART ONE: READING AND INTERPRETING (15 pts)

Read the text and do the activities.

Nobel Peace Prize is a prestigious prize awarded every year to people or organizations that make efforts to preserve peace in order to recognize and reward their work in service of peace. It is suggested by Alfred Nobel, a Swedish scientist who invented the dynamite, perhaps because of the use of dynamite in wars that Nobel regretted and wanted to serve peace after seeing the catastrophic consequences of serving war by his invention. The winner of Nobel Peace Prize is chosen by Nobel Institute in Oslo, Norway on the 10th of December each year, after the official declaration of the winner, The Committee organizes a ceremony and presents the prize in the presence of the king of Norway, The winner receives a diploma, a medal, and the prize amount. The first Nobel Prize was won by Henry Dunaut in 1901.

On October 9th 2009, The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced that Mr. Barack Hussein Obama had won the 2009 Nobel Prize for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples, Obama is the fourth U.S. president to be awarded this prize, and the first to be recognized in the first year of his presidency. The declaration of Obama as winner came as a surprise to many, including Obama himself, the award created a mixture of praise and criticism from world leaders and media figures.

Barack Hussein Obama was bon in August 4th 1961, his father was a black immigrant from Kenya and his mother is a white woman from Kansas, United States, He is the 44th president and the first African to settle in the White House, He is a graduate of Harvard Law School ,He worked as a civil rights attorney in Chicago, and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago from 1992 to 2004,he served three years as senator from Illinois, He began his run for the presidency two year before reaching the White House, after a close campaign in the 2008 Democratic Party against Hillary Clinton, he defeated his adversary. In the 2008 presidential elections, He defeated Republican candidate John McCain and became a president on January 20th 2009, He received Nobel Peace Prize on December 10th 2009.

A)- Comprehension / Interpretation (08)

1. Say whether the following statements are true or false.
 - a. Alfred Nobel had served war.
 - b. Obama is the first American president to win Nobel prize.
 - c. The 2009’s winner was not expected.
 - d. The International reaction after the declaration of October 9th 2009 was united.
2. Fill in the table with information from the text:

Dates	Events
October 9 th 2009	Obama won the 2009 Nobel Prize.
from 1992 to 2004
2007

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.
 - a. Who selects the Nobel peace prize winner?
 - c. Who can win it?
 - d. What is the purpose of this reward?
 - e. What was the international reaction after declaring the 2009’s Nobel Peace Prize winner?

- 4.
- In which paragraph the Nobel Prize rewarding procedures are mentioned?
 - In which paragraph the international reaction after declaring the 2009's Nobel Peace Prize winner is mentioned?
5. Choose the best general idea for the text.
- Nobel Peace Prize
 - Obama wins the Nobel Peace Prize 2009
 - Obama's efforts for a peaceful world.
6. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?
- Their (P 1)
 - His (P 2)
 - His adversary (P 3)

Text Exploration: (07)

- Find in the text words which are closest in meaning to the following.
 - selected (P 1)
 - worked (P 3)
- Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).
 - a. The rocks can damage boats.
 - Boats
 - a. Greenpeace blocked coal shipments.
 - Coal shipments
 - a. Activists were declared not guilty by the judge.
 - The judge.....
 - a. Many properties have been damaged by them.
 - They.....
- Fill in the following table:

<i>Verb</i>	<i>Noun</i>	<i>Adjective</i>
<i>to fear</i>
<i>to reward</i>

- Put the words between brackets in the correct form.
 - Months ago, activists (can climb) on the top of British Airways plane.
 - Today, anyone (can join) Greenpeace.
 - In 2010, Greenpeace (can make) more efforts.
 - He will say that we (can come) yesterday.

SECTION THREE : Written Expression: (05)

Choose ONE of the following topics:

TOPIC ONE: Using the following notes, write a short paragraph on how to live in peace.

- Solving problems peacefully with negotiations.
- Wars are destructive.
- Equality, Justice and brotherhood between people.
- Spending money on housing ,heath, education, and food rather than on massive destruction weapons

TOPIC TWO:

Write a short paragraph about a person or an organization who/that you suggest as a candidate for The Nobel Peace Prize 2010 with his/its contributions and works for peace.

Correction of the first exam

A)- Comprehension / Interpretation (08)

1.
A. T.....(0.5)
b. F.....(0.5)
c. T.....(0.5)
d. F.....(0.5)

2. *Fill in the table with information from the text:*

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Events</i>
<i>October 9th 2009</i>	<i>Obama won the 2009 Nobel Prize.</i>
<i>from 1992 to 2004</i>	<i>He worked as a civil rights attorney in Chicago, and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago?(0.5)</i>
<i>2007</i>	<i>He began his run for the presidency.(0.5)</i>

3.
a. Nobel Institute.(0.5)
c. People or organizations that make efforts to preserve peace.(0.5)
d. In order to recognize and reward their work in service of peace.(0.5)
e. A mixture of praise and criticism.(0.5)

4.
a. In P1....(0.5)
b. In P2....(0.5)

5.
b. Obama wins the Nobel Peace Prize 2009....(0.5)

6.
a. Their (P 1) people or organizations that make efforts to preserve peace.(0.5)
b. His (P 2) Mr. Barack Hussein Obama.(0.5)
c. His adversary (P 3) Hillary Clinton.....(0.5)

Text Exploration: (07)

1.
a. selected (P 1) = chosen(0.5)
c. worked (P 3) = served.....(0.5)

2. *Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).*
A) b. Boats can be damaged by the rocks.(0.5)
B) b. Coal shipments were blocked by Greenpeace.(0.5)
C) b. The judge declared activists not guilty.(0.5)
D) b. They have damaged many properties.(0.5)

3. *Fill in the following table:*

<i>Verb</i>	<i>Noun</i>	<i>Adjective</i>
<i>to fear</i>	<i>fear....(0.5)</i>	<i>fearful....(0.5)</i>
<i>to reward</i>	<i>reward....(0.5)</i>	<i>rewarding....(0.5)</i>

4. *Put the words between brackets in the correct form.*
a. Months ago, activists could climb on the top of British Airways plane.(0.5)
b. Today, anyone can join Greenpeace.(0.5)
c. In 2010, Greenpeace will be able to make more efforts.(0.5)
d. He will say that we could yesterday.....(0.5)

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