AlloSchool

English : Common Core Classes

Semester 1 Test 1 Model 1

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I- Text

[1] These days, it seems like everything is going digital. From news articles and recipes to yoga tutorials, you can find almost everything on the internet.Many people find this way of life more convenient, because they can complete their daily chores from the comfort of their own home. I think that's why some people like to shop for their clothes online. With the click of a button, you can order anything you want, and have it delivered directly to your front door. For someone with a busy lifestyle, this seems ideal.

[2] Firstly, online shopping can be far less stressful than hitting the high street shops. There are no huge crowds of people or tediously long queues. With online shopping, it's just you and your computer. It's like you have the whole shop to yourself! Secondly, online stores don't have opening and closing times. This is perfect for anyone with a busy schedule - like office workers who work long hours, or teenagers with several hobbies to squeeze into the weekend. If you want to, you can even place an online shopping order at three o'clock in the morning!

[3] In the bustling modern world, there are clearly many advantages to online shopping. However, in my experience, there are also several cons... With online shopping, you can't try before you buy, and that's a definite disadvantage for me. Often, when my new clothes arrive, I find they don't fit very well. It's always annoying when a dress is a little too big, or when sleeves are awkwardly short... Sometimes, the clothes are not what I was expecting. A piece of clothing might look great in photos online, but quite different in real life. A blue jumper might turn out to be green, whilst other times the material of a blouse will feel cheap and scratchy.

[4] In these scenarios, you want to return the item,but here lies the biggest problem with online shopping. You have to pay for your order's delivery, and for an item to be returned to the warehouse! These charges are often very expensive, which suddenly makes online shopping seem a little less convenient...That's why I don't choose to shop online very frequently. For now,I will continue to find the time for a trip to a real shop, where I know exactly what I'm buying!

II- Comprehension (15 pts)

1. Choose the best title for text : (1 pt)

a- The history of Online Shopping.
b- The Pros and Cons of Online Shopping.
c- Online Shopping: Fact or Fiction.

2. Are these statements true or false? Justify. (3 pts)

a- Online shopping got so popular because it is cheaper : _____

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b- A piece of clothing looks the same in photos and in real life : _____

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c- You can return an item to the warehouse for free : _____

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3. Answer the following questions. (4 pts)

a- What sort of things can we find on the internet? Give examples.

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b- How do online shopping differ from hitting the high street shops? give two examples.

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c- Give some disadvantages of online shopping.

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4. Find in the text words or phrases that means almost the same as: (3 pts)

a- Suitable (paragraph 1) : _____

b- Very busy (paragraph 3) : _____

c- Itching/ uncomfortable, (paragraph 3) : _____

5. What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (3 pts)

a- They (paragraph 1) : _____

b- Me (paragraph 3) : _____

c- you (paragraph 4) : _____

III- Language (15 pts)

1. Rewrite the following sentences in te correct word order. (2 pts)

a- My favourite and bag is a/ red / huge/ one.

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b- That's a / stripy/ smart/ shirt

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c- I like your /baggy / blue/ hoody.

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d- She's wearing / tight/ ridiculous/ leggings.

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2. Decide if the sentences are incorrect or not. Correct the false ones. (4 pts)

a- The plane is taking off tomorrow morning at eight o'clock.

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b- What do you read at the moment?

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c- I live with a family in Ireland for a month.

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d- My sister is always taking my clothes. It's really irritating.

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3. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. (3 pts)

a- Listen! Somebody _____ (sing).

b- Sandra is tired. She _____ (want) to go home now.

c- You can turn off the radio. I _____ (not/ listen) to it.

d- Excuse me, but you _____ (sit) in my place, 'oh, I'm sorry!'

e- Martin _____ (usually/ drive) to work, but today he _____ (walk)..

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the list given : (3 pts)

Old-fashioned ; easy-going; well-known ; good-looking ; bad-tempered ; long-haired

a- Someone who is always angry is _____ .

b- An attractive person is _____ .

c- Famous people are very _____ .

d- A person who does not go often to the hairdresser's is _____ .

e- A person who is always relaxed is _____ .

f- A person who isn't very fashionable is _____ .

5. Add the right prefixes to make the following adjectives negative. (3 pts)

a- Sometimes Ann behaves childishly. I think she's _____ (responsible).

b- This arrangements sounds a bit _____ (legal).

c- Sara is _____ (happy) with the new school.

d- I think he's quite _____ (honest).

e- Susan had no intention of being _____ (polite).

f- This old sofa looks _____ (comfortable).

IV- Writing (10 pts)

You have recently moved home. Write a letter to a British penfriend in which :

- Give some information about your new neighbourhood.
- Describe who you have met and how you have been welcomed.
- Describe a new friend that you have made.
- Say what you like about him/her and how you spend free time together.