

(دورة جوان 2007)

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المدة: 3 ساعات

الشعبة: آداب ولغات أجنبية

اختبار في مادة اللغة الإنجليزية (لغة أجنبية ثانية)

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

The authorities have just begun a new drive to encourage women to set up in business for themselves. There has been a 42 percent increase in women starting their own firms over the past three years and government studies have shown that they tend to stay in business more successfully than men. The failure rate for business started by men is one in three, but for women it is only one in four.

Women constitute more than half the British population and provide more than 40 percent of the working population. Also Britain is unusual in Europe in having a lower unemployment rate for women than for men. Of the million new jobs created since spring 1983, women have taken more than 60 percent and the 700,000 women now self-employed represent a quarter of the total. A third of them employ others as well.

The minister responsible for small firms has persuaded \*SHELL to fund jointly with the government a research study into the particular problems women find in setting up in business, why they tend to last longer at it than men, and why those who fail do so.

\*SHELL: British oil company

SECTION ONE: Reading Comprehension

(7 points)

1. How many comparative forms are there in the second paragraph?
2. Are these statements True or False?
  - a) The number of women starting their own business has increased recently.
  - b) The rate of unemployed women in Britain is bigger than that of the other European countries.
  - c) Of all the new jobs created, women have taken less than men.
3. Answer the following questions according to the text.
  - a) Which authorities does the text speak about?
  - b) Have the authorities urged women to create their own business?
  - c) Why has the minister of small firms persuaded SHELL to finance a research study?
4. Give a suitable title to the passage.
5. Find in the passage words or expressions that are closest in meaning to the following.
 

a) create (§1)	b) form (§2)	c) working for oneself (§2)	d) convinced (§3)
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6. Find in the passage words or expressions that are opposite in meaning to the following.
 

a) decrease (§1)	b) success (§1)	c) common (§2)	d) large (§3)
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**SECTION TWO: Mastery of Language.**

(7 points)

1. Supply capitals and punctuation where necessary.

how are you are you still planning to come and stay with us

2. Complete the following chart as shown in the example.

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE
encourage	encouragement	encouraging
.....	constitution	.....
.....	.....	travelling
persuade	.....	.....

3. Add two more words to each of these lists.

aim	intention	.....	.....
furious	irritated	.....	.....

4. Fill in the gaps with 4 words from the list below.

*was - know - tired - is - miss - good*

Well, it's all right, I suppose. The job 1 OK and the people are really 2, but the problem is when I go home in the evening. The flat is nice and everything, but I just sit there and don't 3 what to do with myself. I write or watch TV, but I really 4 going out.

5. Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

1a) Women are more successful than men.

1b) Men .....

2a) She is unemployed; she will leave the country.

2b) If .....

3a) Foreign companies are employing a lot of women.

3b) A lot of women .....

6. Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

*important - drive - teacher - languages*

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables

**SECTION THREE : Written Expression**

(6 points)

Choose ONE of the following topics.

Either

**Topic 1 :** Using the following notes, write a composition of about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

A woman can do any job....

- to help her family / husband
- to have responsibilities
- to prove that she exists
- to justify her qualifications
- to seek equality with man etc ...

Or

**Topic 2 :** Which profession is more convenient for women according to you ?