

الموضوع الثاني

PART ONE: Reading

(14 points)

A. Comprehension

(07 points)

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

In Britain there are a number of different kinds of Higher Education. First of all, of course, there are universities. Nobody can have failed to have heard of Oxford and Cambridge, the two oldest universities in England, but, of course, there are a number of other universities, many of which have opened since the war. The latest of these is the Open University, a unique institution, which, as its name suggests, is open to all. Students of the Open University are not obliged to have any previous qualifications. All the students are part-time and are taught through the medium of television and radio, although they do receive some personal tuition as well through centres located near their own homes. The first graduates were awarded their degrees in 1973.

Besides the universities, there are other institutions such as Polytechnics and Technical colleges. These tend to offer courses of a vocational nature as well as academic courses. If a student wants to study Management, Accounting or Librarianship, for example, he would be more likely to go to one of these institutions.

The vast majority of students receive grants from their Local Authority, which cover tuition fees and allow a certain amount of money to the students to pay their keep and their books. Most of the colleges and universities have a good proportion of students from overseas.

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1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.

The text is...

- a. descriptive. b. argumentative. c. narrative.

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

- a. All British universities are more recent than Oxford and Cambridge.
b. Qualifications are required to enter the Open University.
c. Higher education in Britain is free of charge.
d. The majority of colleges and universities in Britain accept foreign students.

3. In which paragraph is it mentioned that students are helped to finance their studies?

4. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a. Give two reasons which make of the Open University a unique institution.
b. Are students at the Open University compelled to attend full-time lectures? Justify by quoting from the text.
c. Who attends Polytechnic and Technical colleges?

5. Who or what do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- a. its (§1) b. their (§1) c. these (§2) d. which (§3)

6. Give a title to the text.