

Part one: Read the text carefully then do the following activities: (14pts)

Three quarters of the world's surface is water, but 99% of that is unusable to us because it is found in oceans and glaciers. Only 1% of the Earth's water is usable. A small portion of the water we use comes from rivers, streams and lakes. Most of <u>it</u> is ground water from cracks and crevices beneath the Earth's surface.

Around the world, drinking water is being contaminated by agricultural pesticides and fertilizers, animal waste, mining, leaking garbage dumps, industrial and household chemicals, acid rain, sewage and oil or chemical spills from factories. If we do not learn to care for the small percentage of the Earth's water that is usable, we may come to appreciate this natural treasure the hard way.

Contaminants can be found in every body of water in the world, including our tap water. The Environment Protection Agency has found more than 700 pollutants in US drinking water.

Many cities add chlorine and up to 60 other chemicals to their water to make it "safe" for drinking. Unfortunately, many of these chemicals have foul tastes and odors, color the water and are suspected of causing cancer and others diseases.

Some people have decided that the solution to our water problems is to drink bottled water. Although bottled water costs 900 times more money than tap water, US residents purchased 1.7 billion gallons of it in 1989.

While buying bottled water may be a good idea, it is far from being the solution to this problem. Many people can't afford <u>it</u>, and animals don't even have a choice. However, we can all do much to save the clean water we have and to keep it from becoming contaminated. Through the choices we make with our food, energy and trash, we can help to purify the waters of the Earth.

A/<u>COMPREHENSION: (7pts)</u> L E P R I V É E

1) Are these statements True or False according to the text? (2pt)

- **a.** Water covers 25% of the surface of our planet (.....)
- **b.** Most of the water existing on the world's surface can't be used by humans (.....)
- c. All the drinking water in the world is naturally pure and uncontaminated (.....).
- **d.** Buying bottled water is the best solution to water problems (......)

2) Answer the following questions according to the text: (3.5pt)

- **a.** Where does the majority of the water we use come from?
- **b.** Is the water we drink at home from taps safe?
- c. Is buying bottled water a good solution for the problem of contaminated water? Justify.

3) In which paragraph is it mentioned that drinking water can cause health issues? (0.5pt)

4) What or who the underlined words refer to in the text: (1pt)
a. it (§1):
b. it (§6):

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B/TEXT EXPLORATION: (7pts)

1) a. Find in the text the synonyms of these words: (0.5pt)

Polluted ($\S2$) = to disinfect ($\S6$) =

2) Mark the intonation where necessary: (1.5pt)

- **a.** Our drinking water is being contaminated by pesticides, acid rains, chemicals and sewage.
- b. A: Can I drink from this water?B: No, you mustn't.

3) Put the verbs between brackets into the correct form:" (2pts)

- a. If you (mix) oxygen with hydrogen, you (get) water.
- **b.** He (understand) if you just explain why you (come) late.
- c. If I (be) you, I (apologize) for that indecent behavior.
- d. I (meet) him, if I (be) a little bit earlier.
- 4) Mark the primary stress on the following words: (1pt) Aquatic - pollution - energy – chemical
- 5) Reorder the following sentences into a coherent paragraph: (1.5pt)
 - Although people often have good reasons for cutting down trees,
 - or the clearing of a forest in order to use
 - deforestation can have many negative effects on the environment.
 - or the land itself for agricultural or urban purposes.
 - Deforestation refers to the massive cutting of trees
 - either the timber from the trees,

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Choose one of the following topics:

<u>Topic 1:</u> Suppose that you were in a dilemma. In no more than 15 lines, write a letter to an agony aunt, in which you seek for help.

Topic 2: Write a composition about what should people do to fight against pollution.

Use the following notes:

- Reduce toxic emissions given off by industrial factories.
- Use biodegradable products.
- Stop deforestation.
- \circ $\,$ Not to pour polluted waters into streams, rivers and seas.
- Suggest other solutions.

Good Luck