

Part1. Reading (15pts)
A. COMPREHENSION (8pts)

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

My parents have a business and I help them out sometimes when I have free time. One of the jobs I do for them is to go to the bank and deposit the takings. One day about a month ago, when I went to the bank, I got more than I bargained for. I went as usual, with the money. I filled out a deposit slip and stood in the queue reading my book - I always take a book with me as I get bored while waiting in long queues. When my turn finally came, I handed the cashier the money and the deposit slip. She began counting the money when all of a sudden she stopped and started looking very carefully at one of the banknotes. She gave me a very odd look and took a small electrical device out of a drawer and passed it over the note. Then, she spoke to one of her colleagues and I heard the word "police" and became a little worried. It turned out that the note was counterfeit and I had a lot of talking to do to prove my innocence.

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1- Choose the answer that best completes each of the sentences below.

- A. The writer is narrating his experience with
a) his job
b) his parents
c) a counterfeit banknote
- B. The writer sometimes goes to the bank in order to
a) deposit his own takings.
b) deposit his parents' takings
c) get a loan
- C. The cashier stopped counting the money because
a) she found a counterfeit banknote
b) the telephone rang
c) she was mistaken

2- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE?

- a- The writer helps his parents when he has nothing to do.
b- He helps them doing their job.
c- The cashier gave the writer an odd look because the note was counterfeit.

- 3- Answer the following questions according to the text.
- a- What job did the author do for his parents? Why?
 - b- What did he use to do while waiting in the queues?
 - c- Why did the cashier call the police?
 - d- Was the writer innocent? Quote from the text to justify your answer.

4- Choose a title to the text:

- a) A Business Experience b) A Shopping Experience c) A Banking Experience

B. TEXT EXPLORATION

(7pts)

- 1- Match words and their definitions.

Word	Definition
1. Deposit	a- Made to look exactly like the real thing to deceive people.
2. Cashier	b- To put money into a bank account.
3. Counterfeit	c- Someone whose job is to receive and pay out money in a bank

- 2- Combine the following statements with the words between brackets.

- a. The banknote was perfectly counterfeited. The cashier found difficulty to detect it. (so...that)
- b. You are not arrested. You prove your innocence. (provided that)
- c. I regret having lived in such a corrupt town.
I wish.....

- 3- Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

deposit - banknote - police - prove

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables

4. Fill in the blanks with words from the list.

high time - should - prosper - solve

I think it's our responsibility to the problems of the workers.
We.....not be interested in the increase of productivity. It'swe worked hand in hand so that our business will continue to.....

Part Two: Written Expression

(5pts)

Choose one of the following topics:

Topic 1 An Indian pharmaceutical company wants to open business in Oran. The company makes counterfeit medicine. Write a letter to the local authorities to protest against this. Mention the dangers and the consequences the company may cause.

Topic 2: As an African child, you are chosen by the UNICEF to tell the world about children's harsh life in most African countries. What would you say in your speech?
