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Level: 3ASS/3ASG

Duration: 2h

Second term English Test

Part one :Reading comprehension (8pts)

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

A new report claims that genetically modified foods can damage your health and even cause cancer, but some experts say they 're an inexpensive and healthy way to put dinner on your table.

Today, due to advances in biotechnology, scientists can genetically engineer different species so that they share the same genetic material. For example, they can move the gene from a fish that lives in cold water into tomato so it can survive in cold weather.

A new French study found that a new type of corn called "NK603" that has been genetically modified to be tolerant of a commonly used herbicide, which could eliminate surrounding weeds, but it would also be present in small quantities in the foods we eat. The scientists fed rats with "NK603" that contained levels of the herbicide. They found the rats eventually developed massive diseases after seven months and died earlier than animals fed a "regular" diet.

However, scientists who are in support of GMF'S say the research is mistaken. They claimed the authors used a breed of rats that were bred to develop diseases as they aged anyway. The authors failed to mention the amount of food given in the article, which is important since high amounts of food, GMF'S or normal can increase the risk of illness.

Despite the results of the contested study, more researches need to be done on the long-term effects of genetically modified foods on humans. Until that happens, many European countries, like Russia and the UK, have already banned certain types of GMF'S for human consumption.

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Reading Comprehension (8pts)

1) The text is (1pt) : a) descriptive b) argumentative c) expository

2) Are the following sentences true or false according to the text (3pts)

- a- Different species can be genetically engineered with same genetic material
- b- Rats fed with "KN603" died sooner unlike animals fed a regular diet.
- c- GMF'S are highly consumed in all the European countries.

3) Answer the following questions according to the text (2pts)

a-How do supporters of GMF'S justify that the French study is mistaken?

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b- Is the French study on rats enough to prove the dangers of GMF'S?

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'4) What do the underlined words in the text refer to?(1pt)

a) IT (2§)..... B) They (4§).....

5) Give a title to the text (1pt)

Text Exploration(7pts)

1) Match the words with their definitions (1,5 pts)

1) Species	a) group into which animal, plants are able to breed with each other.
2) Claim	b) unit in a cell that controls a certain quality in a living thing.
3) Gene	c) to say that something is true without being able to prove it.

3) Complete the following table as shown in the example (1,5 pts)

Verb	Noun	Adjective
Example: modify	modification	modified
To advertise
.....	warning
.....	tolerant

4) Join the pairs of sentences using the conjunctions between brackets .Make necessary changes.(1,5 pts)

1) a) You (to eat) an excessive amount of sodium in fast food. (**providing that**)
b) Your blood pressure (to be) elevated.

2) a)Genetically modified foods have a bad publicity . (**Although**)
b) people still buy it.

5) Put the stress on the following words (1pt)

Advertisement, consumption, organic, publicity

6)Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word

(sources , consumption ,addictive, worries , products, atmosphere, contaminated ,amounts ,dangerous , health)

Food safety has become one of the major1..... for mankind . This worry has three major2.....: the chemical contamination of agricultural.....3....., the use of4..... in many food products, and the5..... of ready –made food. In fact, big companies and farmers use excessive ...6..... Of chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides and antibiotics so as to ensure the maximum output. As a consequence, fruits and vegetables are.....7..... and may lead to8.... Effects on our...9..... This may also threaten fresh water sources and spoil the10.....as well.

Written expression

What are the reasons behind the changes of our eating habits over the last ten years?

