

## The First English Examination

**Read the text carefully :**

When I was a baby I couldn't talk, but I could sleep 12 hours a day. Before I went to school I couldn't read nor write, but I was able to speak English. When I visited Barcelona I couldn't understand what people were saying, because I couldn't speak Spanish then. In kindergarten I couldn't add 2 + 2, but now I can do multiplication and division. (§1)

When I was 3 years old I couldn't ride a bike, but now I can ride a bike and a horse! When I went to camp for the first time I couldn't sail a boat. I will be able to sail 10-meter boats. In the beginning of first grade I couldn't write Greek or English, but now I can write in both languages. (§2)

At the age of 5 years, I couldn't manipulate a computer, now that I am 7, I can use a computer and an i-phone. When I was young I couldn't play football, but now I can score lots of goals. In my second level grade I couldn't swim very well, but now I can swim long distances. (§3)



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### **1 - Reading Comprehension :**

**1 - Choose the most appropriate title: Put a circle (O) around the letter** (01 pt)

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a- My holidays in Spain | b- My abilities and inabilities |
| c- My family and me     | d- My family and my abilities.  |

**2 - In which paragraph (§) is it mentioned the writer's sport abilities?** (01 pt)

Paragraph (§ .....)

**3 - Complete the table about the writer's abilities and inabilities.** (03 pts)

| Kindergarten |     | First grade |     | At the age of 5 |     |
|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Couldn't     | Can | Couldn't    | Can | Couldn't        | Can |
|              |     |             |     |                 |     |

**4- Find in the text words that have the following meanings:** (02 pts)

- A machine that stores information : .....
- Animal that people use to ride or carry things: .....

### **2 - Mastery of Language :**

**1- Add the correct prefix to form the opposite adjective:** (02 pts)

(possible – happy – like – responsible)

| Dis | Im | Ir | Un |
|-----|----|----|----|
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**2- Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

**(03 pts)**

Ahmed is 25 years old. When he was a child, he (not/ can/ to run) .....long distance. Now, Ahmed (can/ to jog) .....more than 10 km . In the future ,he (can/ to take part) .....in international marathons.

**3- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final "ed" (02 pts)**

talked – visited – added – played

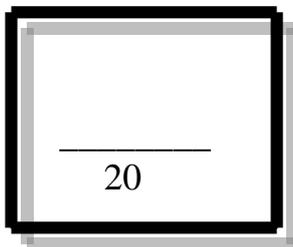
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**3 - Written Expression :**

**(06 pts)**

Use (**can, can't, could, couldn't, was able to, wasn't able to, will be able to, won't able to**) to write a report talking about your abilities and inabilities.

"When I was a child in Primary School, I .....read and write even in Arabic or French. But now in the middle School, I .....do that in three languages: Arabic, French and English. In the few coming years, I am sure that I .....study more and more Foreign languages".



**Good Luck**