

First Term

English Exam

Time: 1 h

Student's Name: _____

Class: 3 ASC

Mark: /20

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The BBC (British Broadcasting Company) was founded in 1922 when it began its radio transmissions to the public. In 1932 the BBC's television services started. It is now one of the biggest broadcasting companies in the world.

It has two main channels in the UK, BBC One and BBC Two, with BBC Three, BBC Four, two children's channels and BBC News 24 on digital TV. It has five national radio stations, and many regional ones too.

On an international level, the BBC has a news and current affairs channel, BBC World, and BBC Prime, a subscription channel for general entertainment.

The bbc.co.uk website has information on the latest news, sports, music and technology, as well as many other sections such as health, food and entertainment.

There is also a special site for children, with chat rooms, quizzes and homework help.



CNN (Cable News Network) was founded in 1980 by Ted Turner, an American media mogul. It broadcasts news 24/7 from its headquarters in Atlanta, and studios in New York and Washington.

In the USA, it is available in about 90 million homes and 900,000 hotel rooms and is considered to be America's number one cable news source. It is famous for being the first on the scene of major national and international news events.

The international version, CNN international, is available by cable or satellite in more than 200 countries.

CNN.com has constantly updated news reports from across the world, reports on business, technology, sport and travel, as well as popular blogs.

I. Comprehension

1. Answer the questions from the text: (3 points)

A. What does 'BBC' mean?

B. What does CNN mean?

C. Which do you think is more popular the BBC or the CNN? And why?

2. Write True or False and justify your answer for each sentence from the text: (2 points)

A. The BBC has five international radio stations. _____

B. More than 100 countries can watch the CNN international. _____

II. Vocabulary

1) Complete the sentences with the appropriate adjectives (personality). The first letter has been given to you.(2 point)

a) My brother doesn't like meeting friends. He is really **s**_____.

b) I want to be a doctor. I am quite **a**_____.

c) She isn't very generous. She is a bit **m**_____.

d) My friend is always happy and **c**_____.

III. Language Focus

1. Complete the sentences using the past simple or the past continuous. (3 points)

a) Ali _____ (fall) off the ladder while he _____ (paint) the ceiling.

b) Last night I _____ (read) in bed when I suddenly _____ (hear) a scream.

c) Noura _____ (clean) up the kitchen when Ali _____ (ask) her to marry him.

