

Class 3AS / GE / M

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Second Term Test

PART ONE: READING AND INTERPRETING

A. Comprehension : Read the text carefully then do the following activities :

Should companies such as Reebok or Adidas advertise their highly styled and highly-priced sneakers to people (especially black teenagers) who can't afford to buy them unless they are selling drug? Should black heroes like film-makers Spike Lee and basketball player Michael Jordan participate in advertisements for these products when they know that some teenagers want the shoes they promote so much that they kill for them?

These questions are at the center of a debate that has been ranging in the United States for the recent years. In a country known for its consumerism, athletic shoes have driven youth mad. Although an average pair of athletic shoes costs approximately 100 dollars, many teenagers wear one pair for only two or five weeks before replacing it with a new pair.

Where's the money coming from? The answer is drugs. Few teenagers can afford to buy a 100 dollars pair of sneakers every month unless they are making money through selling drugs without any parental control.

1) How many passive sentences are there in the first paragraph ?

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2) Are these statements true or false?

- a. Cinema and sports stars are used in advertisements for sneakers
- b. Sneakers are popular among teenagers in the USA
- c. Teenagers wear one pair of sneakers for five months
- d. The majority of teenagers can buy sneakers

3) Answer the following questions according to the text :

- a. How much does a pair of sneakers cost?
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- b. Is the writer against advertising for sneakers? Why?
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4) In which paragraph is it mentioned that parents do not control their children ?

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5) What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text:

Who (§1) = they (§1) = these = (§2)

B. Text Exploration

1) Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to :

- a. Old ≠ (§2)
- b. keeping ≠ (§3)
- c. purchasing ≠ (§3).

2) Complete the following chart:

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
.....	price	
To produce		
.....	consumerism	

Answer Sheet

Part One:

A/

1/ 0

2/ a- T b- T c- F d- F

3/ a- 100 dollars

b- Yes, because teens can't afford them, so they make money through selling drugs to buy them.

4/ §3

5/ Who → people they → Film maker Spike Lee and basketball player Michael Jordan

These → Should...drug? / Should ...them?

B/ Text Exploration:

1- Old != new

b-keeping != replacing

c-purchasing != selling

2-

2-

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
To price	price	priceless
To produce	Product/ion/er	productive
To consume	consumerism	consuming

3- 1b- Companies such as Reebok or Adidas had better reduce....

2b-Genuine sneakers are so expensive that teenagers may kill for them.

3- I wish I hadn't sold drugs.

4- a- How long do many teenagers wear one pair of sneakers?

b- How have Athletics shoes driven youth?

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1 Syllable	2 Syllables	3 Syllables	4 Syllables
young	sneakers	parental	participate

Part Two