

2016 Brevet de fin d'études moyennes (BFEM)

Épreuve d'anglais LV1

I. Text comprehension (8 points)

1. A young man and his girlfriend decided to get married. There were a lot of guests for the wedding ceremony which was sumptuously organized. After the wedding ceremony, the bride and the groom went to a hotel for their honeymoon.

2. As soon as they were in the hotel room, the bride took her new smartphone to reply to congratulations that had been sent by her numerous relatives and friends. When her new spouse came closer, she was busy texting and kept replying to each and every received message instead of responding to his advances.

3. Seeing that she was more interested in texting her friends than being intimate, the groom asked her to stop texting. But she refused and became angry. When he asked her if her friends were more important than he was, the bride answered that they were. As the argument between them became unexpectedly heated, the groom told his bride he was divorcing her and left the hotel.

4. A divorce case was filed and the court referred it to the reconciliation committee to see if the newly-weds could be reconciled. But the groom refused to withdraw the case and insisted on the divorce. Eventually, the bride was divorced by her husband due to a problem on their wedding night.

5. A legal expert warned against the alarmingly growing figures of divorce among newly-weds, saying that they reached around 50 per cent: "Misunderstandings, differences in views and the easy approach to marriage without a deep appreciation of the responsibilities are among the major causes for divorce among young people." He added: "Marriages are bound to fail when there are no robust foundations or trust."

Adapted from <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/groom-divorces-bride-wedding-night>

A. Read the text and choose a, b or c to complete these sentences with the most appropriate ending. 2 marks

1. The best title for the text could be...

a. A sumptuous wedding ceremony.

- b. A divorce case among newly-weds.
- c. How to reconcile divorcing newly-weds.

2. The bride got angry because...

- a. the groom wanted her to stop texting.
- b. her new spouse came too close to her.
- c. she didn't like the hotel room.

3. The groom reproached his new wife for...

- a. preferring to text her friends than take care of him.
- b. receiving numerous congratulations from relatives and friends.
- c. having a lot of guests at the wedding ceremony.

4. "The argument became heated" (paragraph 3) means...

- a. The discussion came to an end.
- b. The couple furiously talked to one another.
- c. No one wanted to talk to the other.

B. Choose from the list below adjectives that best describe the bride and the groom. 2 marks 3 marks

loving – possessive – egoistic – irresponsible – frustrated

C. Tick (✓) in the right True or False column and justify with specific quotes from the text. 3 marks

Statements	True	False	Specific justifications
7. The incident happened during the wedding ceremony.			
8. The court tried to arrange the matter before pronouncing the divorce.			
9. The legal expert thinks that about half of new marriages end in divorce.			

D. What or who do the following words refer to in the text ? 1 mark s

10. They (paragraph 3):

11. They (paragraph 5):

II- LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE 6 marks

E. Immediately after the groom left the hotel room, the bride called her parents. Complete their dialogue meaningfully. 2 marks

Bride : Dad, Mum! I have a big problem with my lover. I need your help.

Parents : So early? You've just got married, (12).....you ? What's the matter?

Bride : I was (13)..... when

Parents : Where is he now ? Can we talk to him ?

Bride : Impossible! He has just left the hotel. But before leaving, he said that (14).....

Parents : What ? That's unbelievable! Not even 24 hours after your wedding!

Bride : I'm so sorry! If only I hadn't (15).....

Parents : Well, let's hope he will change his mind.

F. Complete the following passage with the most appropriate words in brackets. 2 marks

At the court, the newly-weds were told to reconcile but the husband refused to pacify. He said he was (**too / so / very**) (16)..... shocked to reconsider his position. He said that the girl had (**disappoint /disappointed / disappointing**) (17)..... him. He was so deeply affected by (**his / her / him**) (18) new wife's attitude. He added that he wouldn't be able to love and trust a woman again. Finally, the judge (**had / had to / was**) (19) pronounce the divorce.

G. Match the statements with the notions they express. 2 marks

Disagreement – Comparison – Disbelief – Order

Statements	Notions
20. Her friends were more important than he was.	
21. The groom asked her to stop texting.	
22. The groom refused to reconcile.	
23. That's incredible!	

III. WRITING 6 marks

Choose one topic only and write about 80-120 lines.

Topic 1: There are more and more divorces in the society. Choose a case of divorce. What were the causes and consequences ? What solutions would you suggest to prevent it from happening again ?

Topic 2 : Sarah's parents are going to divorce. She has a discussion with her friend Amina on the problem. Write their conversation.

Topic 3 : If you were the groom, would you divorce or would you try to find a different solution?