

First Year

English Exam No 1 (Devoir Surveillé N°1)

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Correction

Section One: Reading comprehension (8points)

Activity one: Are these statements True/False according to the text? (02pts)

- 1- The calculator is a modern device only. **False**
- 2- Calculators have always been expensive. **False**
- 3- Calculator programmes are designed for multiple purposes. **True**
- 4- More complex calculators are not cheap. **True**

Activity two: Answer the following questions from the text: (03pts)

- 1- Why did calculators become affordable?

prices had reduced to a point where a basic calculator was affordable to most and they became common in schools.

- 2- How do calculators help us in markets?

For example, there are scientific calculators which include trigonometric and statistical calculations.

- 3- How can calculators replace computers?

to do computer algebra.

Activity three: Reorder the following sentences according to the text: (2points)

- a- More complex mathematical operations can be done by calculators. **3**
- b- Calculators have become better equipped. **2**
- c- Price difference depends on the calculator design. **4**
- d- More and more people are using calculators. **1**

Activity four: a- Find in the text the synonyms of the following words: (0.5pt)

- 1- reduced= **diminished**
- 2- existing= **available**

b- Find in the text opposites of the following words: (0.5pt)

- 1- traditional≠ **modern**
- 2- unknown≠ **popular**

Section Two: Grammar

Activity One: Put the verbs in the correct tense. Use the Simple Present or the Present Continuous (07pts)

- 1- This product **contains** no added chemicals of any kind.
- 2- I' m sorry, but I **do not understand** the equation.

- 3- At birth a baby elephant **weighs** about 90 kg.
- 4- In this country more than a million people **are living** in poverty.
- 5- This cheese **smells** bad!
- 6- **Are you doing** anything at the moment? I need some help with the test tubes.
- 7- In career terms, having a good degree **appears** to make little difference.
- 8- I **am taking** antibiotics for an ear infection.
- 9- Scientists **begin** to understand more about how the brain works.
- 10- I **work** for a construction company. We **build** roads, dams, bridges and things like that. At the moment my company **is producing** a plan for a new motorway. I usually **work** in the roads department, but this month I **am working** in the department that builds bridges.

Section Three: Writing (05pts)

Choose one topic

- Write a paragraph describing a modern device.
- How can technology help us in our life? Write a paragraph.

