

**1<sup>st</sup> year 2<sup>nd</sup> term English Examination**

**MAY 2012**

The text : **Ford Motor Company**

**Ford Motor Company** is an American multinational automaker based in Dearborn, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. The automaker was founded by Henry Ford and incorporated on June 16, 1903. In addition to the Ford and Lincoln brands, Ford owns a small stake in Mazda in Japan and Aston Martin in the UK. Ford's former UK subsidiaries Jaguar and Land Rover were sold to Tata Motors of India in March 2008. In 2010 Ford sold Volvo to Geely Automobile. Ford discontinued the Mercury brand after the 2011 model year. The company is controlled by the Ford family, which owns a controlling stake in Ford Motor.

Ford introduced methods for large-scale manufacturing of cars and large-scale management of an industrial workforce using elaborately engineered manufacturing sequences typified by moving assembly lines. Henry Ford's methods came to be known around the world as Ford is the second-largest U.S.-based automaker and the fifth-largest in the world based on annual vehicle sales in 2010 (after Toyota, General Motors, Volkswagen AG, and Hyundai Motor Group). At the end of 2010, Ford was the fifth largest automaker in Europe. Ford is the eighth-ranked overall American-based company in the 2010 Fortune 500 list, based on global revenues in 2009 of \$118.3 billion. In 2008, Ford produced 5.532 million automobiles and employed about 213,000 employees at around 90 plants and facilities worldwide. During the automotive crisis, Ford's worldwide unit volume dropped to 4.817 million in 2009. In 2010, Ford earned a net profit of \$6.6 billion and reduced its debt from \$33.6 billion to \$14.5 billion lowering interest payments by \$1 billion following its 2009 net profit of \$2.7 billion. Starting in 2007, Ford received more initial quality survey awards from J. D. Power and Associates than any other automaker. Five of Ford's vehicles ranked at the top of their categories and fourteen vehicles ranked in the top three.

Ford has major manufacturing operations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Germany, Turkey, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, the People's Republic of China, and several other countries, including South Africa where, following divestment during apartheid, it once again has a wholly owned subsidiary. Ford also has a cooperative agreement with Russian automaker GAZ.

Text from the website: [WIKIPEDIA, THE FREE ENCYCLOPEDIA](http://en.wikipedia.org)



**FULL NAME :** ..... **SCORE :**

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**SECTION :** .....

**I-COMPREHENSION: ( 3 POINTS )**

Answer the following questions according to the text :

1- Provide a personal title to the text.

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2- Since when had Ford Motor Company been operating?

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3- What was the impact of the automotive crisis on it?

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**II- LEXIS: ( 3 POINTS )**

1- Find in the text SYNONYMS to :

Possesses =

Car manufacturer =

Study ( noun ) =

2- Find in the text OPPOSITES to :

Purchased ≠

Local ≠

Few ≠

**III- GRAMMAR : ( 3 POINTS )**

A-Complete the following conditional sentences, respecting the tense of the verbs:

1- If I obtain good marks next year, .....

2- If I were a billionaire, .....

B-Transform ACTIVE into PASSIVE and VICE-VERSA :

1- Ford Motor Company has launched different car models.

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### I-COMPREHENSION: ( 3 POINTS )

Answer the following questions according to the text :

- 1- Answers will vary according to students. **01**
- 2- It had been operating since June 16, 1903. **01**
- 3- During the automotive crisis, Ford's worldwide unit volume dropped to 4.817 million in 2009. **01**

### II- LEXIS: ( 3 POINTS )

- 1- Find in the text SYNONYMS to :

Possesses = OWNS **0,5**

Car manufacturer = AUTOMAKER **0,5**

Study ( noun ) = SURVEY **0,5**

- 2- Find in the text OPPOSITES to :

Purchased ≠ SOLD **0,5**

Local ≠ WORLDWIDE **0,5**

Few ≠ SEVERAL **0,5**

### III- GRAMMAR : ( 3 POINTS )

A-Complete the following conditional sentences, respecting the tense of the verbs:

- 1- If I obtain good marks next year, **Answers will vary** ( SHALL + infinitive ) **0,5**
- 2- If I were a billionaire, **Answers will vary** ( would / could / might + infinitive ) **0,5**

B-Transform ACTIVE into PASSIVE and VICE-VERSA :

- 1- Different car models **have been launched** by Ford Motor Company. **0,5**
- 2- All people in the world **knew** Ford Motor Company. **0,5**

C- Transform DIRECT SPEECH into INDIRECT and VICE-VERSA

- 1- The writer affirmed **that** two years **before**, Ford **had earned** a net profit of \$ 6,6 billion. **0,5**
- 2- " The company **wins** many awards " He also affirmed **0,5**

### IV- WRITTEN EXPRESSION : ( 3 POINTS )

The automobile industry has become one of the largest industries in world economics.  
**DEVELOP THIS IDEA IN FEW LINES ( About 7 to 10 lines ).**

Answers will vary according to students.