

PART ONE : READING AND INTERPRETING

(15 points)

A) COMPREHENSION

(08 points)

Adobe Acrobat is a computer program designed to make the distribution of files easier across different operating systems and platforms. As not all computer users have the same operating system, not all computer users have the same programs, and documents such as HTML can look different from platform to platform and computer to computer. Acrobat provides a solution to this problem by creating a document format that is close to an electronic piece of paper.

Adobe Acrobat allows the use of its own PDF (Portable Document Format) files. As the name PDF hints at, PDF files are made to be portable and easily distributable. PDF files are based on the Adobe PostScript language. They can retain graphics, fonts, and even contain hypertext links to websites and other parts of the document. Acrobat takes into consideration any differences between platforms and fixes them so that when viewed, they look as the author of the document intended.

What Adobe Acrobat allows is for anyone with Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Acrobat Reader to open and view the files in the same manner as any other user, no matter the platform. And Adobe Acrobat Reader is available for free download, which means to read the files, you don't even need the full version of Acrobat. Adobe Acrobat Reader also allows the viewed files to be saved and printed.

This means files can be distributed to a much larger audience than if audience size had to depend on all users having the full version of any given program. Since the documents appear the same across all platforms, one can view documents saved on your computer, those online, and even print them out and keep the same appearance. And since Adobe Acrobat Reader is available free for download, if a user doesn't already have it, they can just download it and then they will be able to view PDF files from then on.

The full version allows users to convert files to PDF files for distribution. You can easily convert from another electronic format, a paper document, or even a web page. Once converted, your files can be distributed to co-workers, friends, and just about anyone in the world. The full version also allows you to assign different levels of authorization to your PDF documents. You can use Acrobat to create brochures, presentations, and even e-books and get them ready for distribution.

1. Are the following statements true or false according to the text ? Correct the false ones.

- a- Adobe Acrobat has been invented to facilitate work on PCs.
- b- Computer users have different operating systems.
- c- PDF is an acronym.
- d- The passage deals with a computer program and its function.

2. Answer these questions according to the text.

- a- Is Adobe Acrobat useful ? If yes, give two reasons from the text.
- b- Give a suitable title to the text.

3. Pick out from the 2nd paragraph connectors meaning : addition – purpose – time – exemplification

4. What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? a- § 1 : this problem b- § 2 : them

5. Find in the text the equivalents of these words :

a- various (§ 1) b- permits (§ 2) c- seen (§ 2) d- complete (§ 4)

TEXT EXPLORATION

(07 points)

1. Cross the odd word out in each list. Justify your choice.

- a- bigger - hotter - reader - easier
- b- many - a lot of - composed of - plenty of
- c- should - must - some - can

2. Link the pairs of sentences using what is between brackets.

- a- Computers are very useful. They are also very practical. (both....and)
- b- Scientists are still inventing new machines. They want to make life more comfortable. (because)

3. Ask Questions about the underlined words.

- a- Adobe Acrobat is a multiple platform software program
- b- The full version allows users to convert files to PDF files for distribution.

4. Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- a) Programs have been developed to opened files made by one platform to run on another.
- b) Adobe Acrobat allows easy distribution of a author's documents.
- c) These programs does not work across virtually all platforms.
- d) What is Adobe Acrobat and what does it do.

PART TWO : WRITTEN EXPRESSION

(05 points)

Choose either topic one or topic two and write a paragraph of about 12 lines.

Topic one : Summarize the text. Don't copy the reading passage word by word but write the essential ideas using your own words as far as possible.

Topic two : It is said that anyone who ignores how to use a computer is an illiterate. Do you agree with this saying ? Give clear examples to illustrate your point of view.