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Matière : Anglais Durée : 2h

المادة : انجليزية المدة : 2 سا

PART ONE: Reading

A/ Comprehension (8pts)

- Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Britain is seen as more corrupt than seven other European Union countries, including Germany, according to an authoritative annual league table released yesterday by the Berlin-based Transparency International group. Transparency International is a private group, set up in 1993 to fight corruption, and bases its information on seven international surveys of business people, political analysts and the public.

The cleanest countries this year were Denmark, Finland and Sweden, which moved New Zealand from the top position. Britain came relatively low, in 14th position, its image apparently damaged by stories of sleaze. **It** was overtaken by Germany, although the Germans still tolerate companies which hand out bribes to foreign contractors.

Germany has been under pressure, especially from the United States, to plug legal loopholes which allow German businessmen to write off bribes abroad against tax. Yet both Britain, and even the United States, which has strict legal barriers against international bribery, are behind the Germans. In part, this is probably because of the nature of the survey, which does not track such areas as company-to-company bribery.

The chairman of Transparency International, Peter Eigen, issued a warning against focusing on Third World corruption. "Corruption is perceived to be greatest **there**, but I urge the public to recognise that a large share of the corruption is the product of multinational corporations, headquartered in leading industrialised countries, using massive bribery and kickbacks to buy contracts in the developing world and the countries in transition." The Third World, in other words, would be less corrupt if developed states stopped offering bribes.

"Every day that the poor scores in the Corruption Perception Index are not being dealt with means more impoverishment, less education and less healthcare," said Dr Eigen. Money was diverted from development into over-priced contracts.

1- **Choose the main idea of the text.**

- Corruption in the third world countries.
- Britain and corruption.
- Transparency International Survey on corruption.

2- **Say if the following statements are true or false.**

- Britain is the most corrupt region in the world.
- New Zealand is the most ethical country.
- Multinational corporations use bribery.
- Developed nations encourage corruption in the Third World countries.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a) Where does Transparency International get its information from?
- b) Is Germany a clean country? Justify from the text.
- c) Does Peter Eigen think that the Third World is more corrupt than the developed countries? What reasons does he give for his opinion?
- d) According to the survey what are the consequences of corruption?

4- *In which paragraph is the reason for Britain's low position mentioned?*

5- *What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?*

- a) It (§2)
- b) there (§4)

B/ Text-Exploration (7 pts)

1- Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following.

- a- founded (§1)
- b- to combat (§1)
- c- ethical (§3)

2- Complete the following chart as shown in the example.

| | Verb | Noun | adjective |
|---------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| example | To corrupt | Corruption | Corrupt |
| | To tolerate | | Legal |
| | | information | |

3- Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

- 1-a) "The survey does not track such areas as company-to-company bribery", he said.
- b) He said
- 2-a) The survey regards Belgium as a corrupt country.
- b) Belgium.....
- 3-a) "What are the most corrupt countries in the world?" they wanted to know.
- b) They wanted to know.....

4- Combine the following pairs of sentences using the given connectors. Make any necessary changes.

- a) Germany overtook Great Britain. Germany tolerates companies which hand out bribes.
(In spite of the fact that).
- b) The system of law is well implemented. Companies avoid bribery actions. (So.....that)
- c) I am afraid some companies can't stop corruption. They use unethical practices. (I wish)

5- Underline the stressed syllables in the following words.

Corruption – unethical – transparency – political.

PART TWO: Written Expression. (5 pts)

* Choose one of the following topics:

Topic one: Which is worse, in your opinion: To offer or to accept a bribe? Why? Discuss.

Topic two:

According to you, what can be done to fight corruption, use the following notes to write a composition of about 8 to 10 lines.

- Setting well implemented system of law.
- Punishing any offence (bribery activities, counterfeiting, tax evasion....)
- Making companies sign commitment contracts.
- inspecting the work of public officials/agents.