

The First Term Examination of English

Part One: READING

(15 Points)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

A court in Germany has ruled that the video-sharing site "You Tube" is responsible for videos on its site **that** are posted illegally. The ruling said "You Tube" must do more to prevent posters uploading copyrighted music videos to the site. The case was brought to the courts by the royalty-collecting organization Gema, which represents over 64,000 German musicians and songwriters. Gema has been fighting "You Tube" in the courts since 2010. The group accuses "You Tube" of using music online without paying royalties to those who produced the tunes. "You Tube" may be forced to pay royalties for all the video clips on its site. This could prove extremely costly for Google, the owner of "You Tube".

The court said **it** did not consider "You Tube" to be the copyright violator, but the user who uploaded the songs. It said, however, that "You Tube" must implement stronger filters to block copyrighted material. "You Tube" representatives say the site is not responsible for what users post to it. **They** claim those who post copyrighted materials are at fault and that "You Tube" site is simply a platform for sharing. A spokesman said, "We remain committed to finding a solution to the music licensing issue in Germany that will benefit artists, composers, authors, publishers and record labels, as well as the wider "You Tube" community". Currently, around 60 hours of videos are uploaded to the "You Tube" site every minute.

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A) COMPREHENSION

(8pts)

1. Choose the correct answer. 0.5 pt
 The text is taken from :
 a) A newspaper article b) a magazine article c) an internet site
2. Are the following statements true or false? Write **T** or **F** next to the letter corresponding to the statement. 2 pts
 - a) According to the court, "You Tube" is responsible for the videos that are posted illegally on its site.
 - b) The case was brought to justice by an organization of German musicians and songwriters.
 - c) "You Tube" does not belong to Google.
 - d) "You Tube" representatives deny their responsibility for what users post to the site.
3. Answer the following questions according to the text. 3 pts
 - a) Why has Gema been fighting "You Tube" in the courts?
 - b) Whom did the court consider as copyright violator?
 - c) What did the "You Tube" representative promise?
4. Who/what do the underlined words refer to in the text? 1.5 pt
 - a) that (§1) b) it (§2) c) They (§2)
5. In which paragraph is it mentioned that "You Tube" may have to pay money for all the video clips on its site? 1 pt

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B) TEXT EXPLORATION*(7pts)*

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following. 1.5 pt
a) illicitly (§1) = b) expensive (§1) = c) at present (§2) =

2. Complete the following table. 1.5 pt

Verb	Noun	Adjective
.....	legality
.....	hopeless
to accuse

3. Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a) 2 pts

1. a) Thousands of videos are uploaded to the "You Tube" site every minute by anonymous posters.

b) Anonymous posters

2. a) John regrets having uploaded a video onto "You Tube" without the consent of its owner.

b) He wishes

4. Fill in the gaps with words from the list. 1 pt

saving - issues - kept - should

In addition to the ethical1..... in business, it is also important to remember that companies2..... have environmental and ecological ethics. Depending on the industry, this can simply mean ensuring that energy3..... practices are used in the day-to-day running of an office, ensuring that pollution is4..... to a minimum.

5. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "s" 1 pt

videos - responsibilities - services - artists

/s/	/z/	/iz/
.....

Part Two: WRITTEN EXPRESSION*(5pts)*

Choose one of the following topics.

Either topic 1:

What are the negative consequences of infringing (violating) copyrighted materials?

Use the notes below to write a composition of about 120 words.

- internet users / infringe / materials / put / materials / pirate sites
- swap them with other users
- illegal swapping / cause / a great deal / financial loss / unethical / theft
- kill creativity / no innovation / bad reputation

Or Topic Two: "Some people think that the world of business is a jungle and that ethics has nothing to do with it". Write a composition of 120 words stating your arguments for or against this point of view.

Good Luck
Your teachers