

<b>Moahmed Fraj Shedly Pioneer High School – Ariana</b> <b>MOCK End of Term Test N°1</b>	<b>Teacher: Mr. Ramzi Dridi</b> <b>Level: first year secondary education</b> <b>Duration: 2 hours</b>
<b>NAME: .....</b>	<b>GRADE: ..... / 40      ...../ 20</b>

### The Text

#### READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

1/ (Redwood City, California). Like many employees at Google, Charlie Ayers profited handsomely when the company went public in August 2004. Selling some of his Google shares enabled him to quit his job and follow other passions. It is a familiar Silicon Valley success story. But Mr. Ayers, 39, got his start at Google in an unusual place: the company cafeteria.

2/ Chef Charlie, as he was known around the company's Mountain View, Calif., headquarters, had ran the cafeteria for six years. He served free breakfast, lunch and dinner to employees and honed his recipes on an enthusiastic, young, multinational work force that he said helped him understand a new generation of California diners. "I did most of my research on them," he said.

3/ Now Mr. Ayers is banking on that experience, with financial backing from his rich former colleagues, for his next venture: a health-conscious and sustainably farmed (grass-fed beef, for one) cafe he hopes to open near Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., next summer.

4 / Mr. Ayers was the 56th employee at Google when he arrived in 1999. By the time he left the company in May 2005, he oversaw a kitchen staff of 135, serving 4,000 meals a day and organizing parties and events for the growing Google work force. He developed a following there, and as his reputation spread through Silicon Valley, outsiders angled their Google friends for invitations to eat at the company's "campus."

5/ Mr. Ayers credited the founders of Google, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, with giving him a generous budget so he could offer high-quality, environmentally friendly (think biodegradable flatware) and largely organic meals intended to keep workers happy and fueled, without having to leave work to eat.

Adapted from nytimes.com

**1/ Tick (✓) the title that best suits the text (1 mark):**

- a/ From Google to Noodles
- b/ From rags to riches
- c/ From an engineer to a chef

**2/ Pick out details from the text showing the following statements are false. (2 marks):**

- a/ Charlie's achievement is uncommon. ( paragraph 1)

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- b/ His fame as chef was limited to the Google work force circle. ( paragraph 4)

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**3/ Tick (✓) the right explanation (2 marks):**

refined ( paragraph 2) = .....

supporting ( paragraph 3) = .....

**4/ Complete the summary with words from the text. One word per gap. (4 marks):**

Google founders were \_\_\_\_\_ for offering Charlie a significant  
\_\_\_\_\_ in order to provide workers with health- \_\_\_\_\_ meals.  
Providing eco - \_\_\_\_\_ flatware had been also a major concern for Charlie.

**5/ Circle 3 adjectives that best describe Charlie. ( 3 marks)**

adventurous / cynical / civilized / indifferent / introvert / grateful / reckless

**6/ What do the underlined words refer to? (2 marks):**

**them** ( paragraph 2) = .....

**there** ( paragraph 4) = .....

**8/ If you were in Charlie 's situation , would you quit Google to start your own business? Why? Why not? (1 mark):**

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## II) Writing (15 marks)

**TASK 1 (5 marks) : Use the notes in the table below to write a biography of Jack London.**

<b><u>Date and place of birth</u></b>	January 12, 1876 / San Francisco, California, USA
<b><u>occupation</u></b>	American novelist / journalist / social activist
<b><u>Achievements</u></b>	*Becoming an international celebrity writer *Earning a large fortune from writing
<b><u>Books</u></b>	White Fang / The call of the Wild / the Sea Wolf / more
<b><u>Death</u></b>	November 22, 1916 / Glen Ellen / California / USA

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**TASK 2(10marks):** You have become a famous writer at an early age and all your books have become bestsellers. Write a **12-line** article for your website in which you explain to your readers 3 ingredients that have made your success.

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### III) Language (10 marks)

1/ Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the list. There are 2 extra items. (3.5 marks)

**graduate/ fear / Eventually/depicts/ social/of /Absolutely / recruited/ from**

*A Beautiful Mind* is a powerful account of the life a genius mathematician John Nash. The movie \_\_\_\_\_ Nash's journey through life with schizophrenia. Nash displays many characteristic symptoms of schizophrenia, including hallucinations, delusions, \_\_\_\_\_ of persecution, and lack of interpersonal relationships. In the beginning of the movie, Nash is an introverted, focused young man searching for the perfect original idea as a \_\_\_\_\_ student at Princeton's competitive math department. He develops a "game theory," contradicting 150 years of economic theory. This theory gains him a position at MIT. Through this position he meets and marries, Alicia, a graduate student who falls for Nash despite his \_\_\_\_\_ ineptness. As time progresses, Alicia watches Nash slowly distance himself \_\_\_\_\_ the real world as he works with Agent Parcher from the CIA who has \_\_\_\_\_ him to break codes. \_\_\_\_\_, it becomes apparent that Nash requires psychiatric care, and Alicia discovers that her husband suffers from paranoid schizophrenia.

2/ Circle the correct options. (3 marks)

Success, like beauty, lies in the eye of the beholder. How one person chooses to define it can be very different from what others perceive it. For some people, it's earning a fortune, **(as / while /so)** for others it is working in a voluntary position helping those less fortunate. It is also relative rather than **( absolute/ complete/ whole)** because the person who **( masters/ earns/ wins)** a new skill has achieved success in their own terms just as much as a self made millionaire.

Ironically, there may also be an underlying contradiction in the term. After all, an actress who has a glamorous life and **( has seemed/ seemed/ seems)** to have everything she wants may actually be troubled by the loss of her **(private/secret / individual )** life as paparazzi invade her personal space.

It also has to do with the length of time success lasts. Many people are happy with short term fame but although it is true that reaching that one goal might be comparatively straightforward, **(maintain/maintenance/ maintaining)** that success is often much harder. And surely, it is long term success that is ultimately the most gratifying and also the most enviable.

3/ Supply the right tense /form of the bracketed words. (3.5 marks)

The main reason I chose this university was its Engineering course. I am one of those people who just love math, and I **( always/ know)** \_\_\_\_\_ that math would be part of my career. I was **( tear)** \_\_\_\_\_ between two possibilities: I could become an engineer and apply math at a **(practice)** \_\_\_\_\_ level, using it to solve problems and **(hope)** \_\_\_\_\_ to change the world one day. Or I could combine my love of math with my desire to help others by becoming a math teacher. That way I knew I'd be changing the world of one less **( fortune)** \_\_\_\_\_ student at a time. I needn't have **(worry)** \_\_\_\_\_ because in the end I didn't have to choose! I got everything I wanted thanks to this course, which will qualify me to be a high school teacher while gaining a general

**(engine)** \_\_\_\_\_ degree at the same time. So I'll be able to start teaching as soon as I qualify.