Text:

For thousands and thousands of years, men have hunted whales for food and for their oil, so whales are in danger of extinction. Since 1950 the number of blue whales has fallen from 40 000 to only 6 000. In order to protect them, the International Whaling commission was created in Washington. This commission has banned whales hunting in 1986; so most countries stopped hunting whales, but all countries must stop or soon whales will disappear.

Questions:
I/ Section one: Reading/ Comprehension: (8Pts)
1- Answer the following questions:
   a- Are whales in danger of extinction? ……………………………
   b- How long have men hunted whales?………………………………
   c- Why have men hunted the whales ? ……………………

2- Say if these sentences true or false or you don’t know:
   a- There are a lot of whales; so they are not in danger. ………..
   b- The International Whaling commission is an association of whale protectors……..
   c- All countries have stopped hunting whales………………

3- Find in the text opposites of:
   Appear ≠ ………………. 
   Has increased ≠ ……………

II/ Section two: Mastery of language : (6Pts)
1- Complete with: so, since, for.
   a- Nadia has been in the queue………one hour.
   b- I have broken my glasses …………..I can’t see well.
   c- We have had the car ………………1893.

2- Make the verbs between brackets in the right tense:
   a- I (to see not) Jemmy for two weeks. …………………………………
   b- Celine (to do not) her homework yet. ………………………………
   c- Ahlem (to visit) her grandmother next week. ………………………

3- What are the silent letters in:
   Thumb- castle- knife - listen.
Complete the dialogue:

Indria: ............................................................?
John: yes, pandas are in danger of extinction.

Indria: ............................................................?
John: because men have hunted them for their fur.

Indria: ............................................................?
John: men have hunted them since thousands of years.

Indria: ............................................................?
John: yes, they will disappear if we don’t protect them.

Indria: ............................................................before?
John: no, I have never seen a panda.