

- 1- Hunting is a very old activity. Hundreds of years ago, kings and their families hunted deer. In the 1880s, fox hunting became more popular. The hunters used rousps of dogs to chase the foxes while **they** followed on horses. They wore special clothes for hunting: bright jackets- usually red- black boots and black hats. This tradition continued through the 1800s and 1900s, especially in rural areas.
- 2- However, many people in the UK were unhappy about the tradition of fox-hunting. It was especially unpopular among people who lived in cities. They thought it was a cruel and out-dated activity and argued that it is wrong to kill animals for fun. The government agreed, and on 15th September 2004, they made a new law to **ban** hunting with dogs. The traditional fox hunts had to stop. They were now **illegal**.
- 3- Some people in the countryside feel very strongly that the hunting ban is unfair. They argue that the government stopped the the hunts only because they dislike upper-class rural traditions.

They say that:

- Foxes eat farm animals so farmers need help to protect their animals.
 - In the countryside, 60% of people want fox-hunting to continue. We should respect rural traditions, and not allow people from cities to stop **them**.
 - Fox hunts created jobs for people, so the ban does a lot of **damage** to the **economy** in the countryside. Some people even try to continue the tradition of hunting by using dogs and horses to chase a sock with a special smell, but it isn't the same.
- So, which is more important: respecting a rural tradition or protecting foxes? It is still a question that divides town and country in Britain.

I. Comprehension

(8pts)

A- Read the text and underline the correct answer

(1pt)

The text is mainly about :

- 1- A royal sport.
- 2- Fox-hunting.
- 3- The history of hunting.

B- Find these words in the text and use them to complete the sentences below: damage illegal ban economy.

(2pts)

- 1- It's to drive without a licence.
- 2- Tourism is good for town's Tourists spend a lot of money.
- 3- He hit a tree and did a lot of to his car.
- 4- The government is going to smoking.

C- Answer the following questions.

(3pts)

- 1- What did the hunters use to chase the foxes?
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- 2- What did british people (who lived in cities) think of fox- hunting ?
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- 3- People in the countryside feel strongly that the hunting ban is unfair. Give one reason.
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D- Find in the text words that mean the same as

(1pt).

- 1- Shining (paragraph1) :
- 2- Causing pain (paragraph 2) :

E- What does the underlined words in the text refer to ?

(1pt).

- 1- They (paragraph 1) :
- 2- Them (paragraph 3) :

