Level: 2 Lph

The 2<sup>nd</sup> English Exam

2016/17

## Read the text carefully then do the activities.

The most famous radio broadcast in history took place at 8:00 p.m on october 31, 1938. It was Halloween eve, and millions of Americans turned on <u>their</u> radios to listen to a popular programme starring Orson welles. The programme that evening was a simple analysis of a science fiction story called "The war of the Worlds".

Let's imagine that Orson welles had thought that this story about a Martian invasion or attack could have been a good one for the night before Halloween. He must have decided to make some changes in the original story. For example, he might have changed the setting from London in the 1890's to that-day New Jersey.

The programme could have began with an orchestra playing dance music. After a few minutes, the music should have been interrupted with a 'news bulletin' reporting that a 'huge flaming object' had landed in New Jersey! The music should have continued, but the 'news bulletin' must have kept interrupting with 'live' reports from the scene. Actors, pretending to be news-announcers and policemen, would have described in great detail the terrifying invasion from Mars!

What would have happened? Americans would have been shocked and afraid hearing that Martians had landed in the United States. Thousands of those frightened Americans would have believed that an actual invasion of Earth had been taking place. Some people might have packed their suitcases, got into their cars, and attempted to escape. Others might have tried to defend themselves from aliens by hiding in basements, loading guns, and even wrapping their heads in wet towels to protect themselves from Martian poisonous gas.

#### Adapted from 'the internet'

- 1. The text is about :circle the right answer 0,5pt
  - a. predicting about future events.
  - **b**. Imagining a present event to be different.
  - c. Speculating about a past event.

## 2-Say whether these statements are true, false or not mentioned: (2pts)

- a- The programme was about a real story.....
- B The programme of the radio broad cast was about Martians.....
- C -Americans wouldn't have been afraid from Martians......
- D -Martians were very friendly.....

### 3-Answer the following questions according to the text: (4pts)

- a. What was the 8 pm radio programme that took place on october 31, 1938 simply about ?
- **b**. Who was the star of that programme?
- c. What is the "The war of the Worlds", in fact, about?
- d. How would the Americans have reacted if they had been attacked by Martians?

## 4-What do the underlined words refer to in the text: (0,5)

### B. TEXT EXPLORATION (08pts)

### 1. Find in the text words whose definitions follow: (1,5pt)

- a- Well known (§1)=.....
- b-A creature from outer space (§2) =.....
- c-TV programme telling the news (§3) =.....

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2/ complete the following table:

Verb	Nouns	Adjs
	Mixture	

- a- If I (can be)...... a character in a cartoon, I would choose to be Alice in the land of wonders
- b- If Martians had landed in the United States, Americans (be)...... frightened.
- 1. Rewrite the sentences (b) so that it means he same as sentence (a). (2pts)
  - 1.a Martians invaded our planet.
    - b. .....
    - 2. a. Martians mustn't be attacked by us.
      - b... We.....
    - 3. a the radio station has reported the news.
      - b. New .....