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The most frequent criticism of the Englishman made by men of many countries, turns on his frigidity and rigidity, a criticism that surprises the Englishman because he is not aware of anything that justifies it. His exterior reserve often gives an impression of a cold temperament, and no indication of the rich warm character that it covers. Far from being rigid and stiff, he is highly emotional, and at the same time ashamed of showing emotion. He is extremely sensitive, but his education has taught him that to be too sensitive is to be weak.

He is naturally warm- hearted and at the same time afraid of what he thinks vulgarity of exuberance. He wants to be liked, but will never show that he wants to be liked. He is sentimental but will not admit to being guided by sentiment, and so he goes about in armour, and in the presence of strangers, he rarely relaxes and lays it aside. When he does eventually lay aside his armour, then you meet the real Englishman, genial, generous and sympathetically adaptable. He does not like the men of some warmer countries, gives his friendship freely to all who come along, but when he does give it, he gives it with all his heart.

**SECTION ONE**

**READING / INTERPRETING (7pts)**

**Read the text carefully then do the activities.**

**1- How many negative sentences are there in the above text?**

**2-Answer the following questions according to the text.**

- a- What is the most frequent criticism made to the Englishman?
- b- Does he show his emotions?
- c- Does he feel at ease in the strangers' presence ?
- d- List some of the positive characteristics of the Englishman.

**3-What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to?**

**4-Find words in the text that are closest in meaning to the following.**

- a- conscious =..... people he doesn't know =.....

**5- Find words in the text that are opposite to :**

- a- warm #..... strong #.....

**TEXT EXPLORATION (7pts)**

**1- Which nouns can be derived from the following verbs ?**

- to feel - to educate - to think - to know

**2-Underline the silent letter in the following words.**

- Anything - taught - weak - armour

**3- Give the correct form of the verbs between brackets.**

- a- English people (to get) on well with every body.
- b - We (use) to be good friends many years ago.
- c- They (to give) the queen a warm welcome.

**4- Classify the following verbs according to the pronunciation of their final « s »**

Turns - countries - does - thinks.

« s »	« z »	« iz »

**SECTION TWO - WRITTEN EXPRESSION (6pts)**

**Choose one topic.**

**Topic one :**

- Write a paragraph about friendship.
- What is friendship?
- Do you have many friends?
- What qualities do you like to find in your friends?

**Topic two:**

- What sort of person is your best friend?
- Describe his personality, temper, likes and dislikes.....