

Level : 3ASLLE

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Time : 03H15

First Term English Exam

2nd subject

Part One :

Reading and Interpreting :

Read the text carefully then do the activities

The Development of Writing

Each of the great civilizations of the past contributed some way or another to enhance the technical level of human communities. They all achieved realizations that gradually transformed the destiny of nations and turned them to highly organized groups, having in their hands more efficient means that enabled them to develop a better capacity in the fight for survival and therefore to lead a more comfortable life.

The Chinese, for example, were among the first people to show to the others how to combine intelligence and discipline in order to construct a dynamic society able to offer to its inhabitant's prosperity and security. The Egyptians in their turn managed to bring considerable improvements in the branches of farming, architecture, medicine, writing and religion. Despite the hostile environment where they evolved they succeeded to impose their will-power and perseverance so as to win the respect of their neighbors and immortalize their name in history.

As regards to Babylonians, they devoted their skills to further the spheres of astronomy, law-making, building cattle-breeding and land-Working. The Phoenicians, too, helped in accomplishing exceptional advances in matters connected with ship-building, international trade and sailing across seas. When the Greeks arrived, they promoted mathematics, philosophy, and democracy. They also gave a strong impetus to scientific research, rational thinking, mythology and artistic creations. In their wisdom they went as far as using sport as a channel through which to consolidate peace and harmony among tribes and races. The Romans as well applied themselves for elevating the fate of human race. They dedicated their talents for the pursuit of art, the construction of towns and public works, the laying of rules and political bodies, the expansion of commerce and the introduction of more effective strategies in the military field.

Questions

1- Choose a title to the text.

- a- Conflict of civilizations
- b- The Achievements of Past Civilizations
- c- The Supremacy of the Egyptian Civilization.

2- Say whether the following statements are true or false according to the text.

- a- Today's civilization does not draw any advantages from the cultures of the past.
- b- The Phoenicians were expert at attacking the other nations in the sea.
- c- The Greeks encouraged their people to practice sport to consolidate peace.

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Turn the page

3- Classify the following ideas according to their occurrence in the text.

- a- Games and sport were used to set up friendly relations among tribes.
- b- The accomplishments of the ancient people helped in the progress of human societies in various fields.
- c- Intelligence and discipline constructed a dynamic and secure nation.
- d- The Greeks brought to mankind logical thinking.

4- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a- List some of the realizations of the Babylonian civilization.
- b- How did the Chinese contribute in advancing mankind?

5- In which paragraph is it mentioned that civilizations influenced one another?

c- Text Exploration (07pts)

1- Find in the text words or phrases closest in meaning to the following:

- a- Accomplishments (§1)
- b- build (§2)
- c- extraordinary (§4)

2- Complete the following chart as shown in the example.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
Example: civilize	Civilization	Civilized
.....	Introduction
.....	Dedicated
Persevere

3- Ask the questions that the underlined words answer.

- a- The Egyptians managed to bring considerable improvement.
- b- The Greeks brought artistic creations.

4- Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a)

- 1.
 - a- the Greeks promoted mathematics, philosophy and democracy.
 - b- Mathematics, philosophy and democracy.....
- 2.
 - a- He admitted that they had succeeded to improve themselves.
 - b- “.....”, he admitted.

5- Complete the following dialogue.

A:

B: Yes, I enjoy reading about ancient people.

A:.....

B: Well, I learn about their life-style, their myths and their realizations.

A:.....

B: No, books are not my only source; museums, ruins, and the Internet also enrich my knowledge about history.

A:.....

B: The main thing that fascinates me is the success they realized despite the hardships they met.

6- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “ed”

Achieved- developed- constructed- succeeded- transformed

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Part two: Written Expression (06pts)

Choose one of the following topics.

Either topic one: Expand the following notes to write a composition of about 150 words on the contributions of the Greeks in the universal civilization.

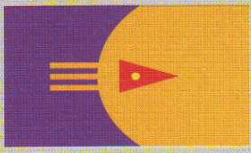
- Mathematics, philosophy, democracy promotion.
- Scientific research, rational thinking...etc.
- Peace, harmony among tribes.

Or topic two: Write a composition of about 150 words explaining and illustrating how the ancient civilizations have helped humanity in its present life.

Good Luck

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The End



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Part one: reading

A- Comprehension

1.b. The Achievements of Past Civilizations

2.a. f b. f c. t

3.

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. a

4.

a- devoted their skills to further the spheres of astronomy law-making building, cattle- breeding and land-working.

b- they were among the first people to show to the others how to combine intelligence and discipline in order to construct a dynamic society.....

5. In paragraph1

Text Exploration

1- a- realizations d- construct c- exceptional

2-

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To introduce	Introduction	Introductory
To dedicate	Dedication	Dedicated
To persevere	Perseverance	Perseverant

3-

a- Who managed to bring considerable improvements?

b- What did the Greeks bring?

4-

1 b- mathematics, philosophy and democracy were promoted by the Greeks.

2 b- "They succeeded to impose themselves", he admitted/ "they have succeeded to impose themselves," he admitted.

5-

a1: do you enjoy reading about people?

a2- what do you learn in particular?/ What is important in reading about them, them?

a3: Are books your source of knowledge about history?

A4: what makes you fascinated by reading about ancient people?

6-

/t/	/d/	/id/
Developed	Achieved	Constructed
Helped	Transformed	succeeded

Part two: Written Expression

Topic Two:

The advancement in civilization contributed so much in our world today. It has helped us living our lives easier as they are right now in terms of technology and etc... for me; the Greek civilization has contributed so much. Some of the things that were made in the ancient times are still used today. One example is the "Comedies", "Tragedies", and Poetry which they were known for. The ancient Greek people also excelled in astronomy and other fields.