

Section one: Read the text carefully then answer the following questions.

Greek Mythology

The ancient Greeks were polytheistic. **This** means they used to believe in many gods. Writers and artists use the stories and symbols of Greek myths to this day. Although we no longer consider the myths as religion, many people still enjoy reading them. Today, most people believe in one god. People who believe in one god are monotheistic.

Myths are traditional stories that the Greeks used in order to explain things **they** did not understand. At first, myths were passed down from generation to generation by word of mouth. Later, Greek poets created epic stories based on those legends. An epic is a long poem about great heroes and their deeds.

The Greek gods lived atop Mount Olympus, the highest mountain in Greece. Zeus was the head of the family of gods. **He** ruled the sky with powerful thunderbolt. One of his brothers, Poseidon, ruled the sea; another brother, Hades, ruled the “underworld” Zeus’s wife, Hera, was the goddess of women and marriage.

The Greeks would often consult priests or priestesses called oracles before making important decisions. **They** believed that the gods spoke to the oracles. The oracles were said to be able to read the rustling of leaves or marks on animals as signs from the gods. The oracles used to respond in unclear ways so it was difficult for people to prove them wrong.

Part one: General comprehension

- 1- How many sentences are there in the last paragraph?
- 2- In which paragraph is it mentioned that myths were transmitted orally?

3- Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a- What do we call a polytheist?
- b- How are priests and priestesses called?
- c- Who was the leader of the family of gods?
- d- How were legends transmitted?

4- Find in the text words that are closest in meaning following:

Long poem §2= _____ , on top of = §3
 Leader= §3

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

Tiny ≠§2 _____ , Irrelevant §4≠
 Comprehensible §4≠

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

This means §1=
 They §2=
 He §3=
 They §4=



Part Two: mastery of language

1- Complete the table where possible

Verb	Adjective	Noun
..... Explain	Difficult Invitation
.....	powerful

2- Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets:

It(take) the Chinese many centuries to realize the construction of the great wall which they.....(construct) so that their prosperous towns and villages wouldn't be attacked by the warring tribes that.....(settle) near their borders.

3- Connect each pair of sentences with the word given between brackets:

- 1 { a- He didn't have any map of the place
b- He found no obstacle to move there. **Although**
- 2 { a- Greece is full of archeological sites
b- They have been considered as a monuments of cultural heritage **Since**
- 3 { a- People no longer believe in myths
b- They still read them. **Despite**

Part three: Written Expression

Choose one of the following topics

Topic one:

The ancient Greeks were polytheistic and gave names to their different gods. Prophet Abraham «Peace be upon him” was the father of monotheists associating no other god to Allah. Write an essay to show the big difference between the two beliefs.

Topic Two:

Write a paragraph in few lines in which you summaize the text.



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Good Luck

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Correction of the Exam

Section one: Reading comprehension: (08pts)

1- There are four (04) sentences n the last paragraph (05pts).

2- It is mentioned in paragraph N°02 (05pts).

3- (02pts)

a- Polytheist is a person who believes in many gods

b- They were called oracles

c- The leader was Zeus

d- They were transmitted orally by words of month

4- Synonyms: (1.5pts)

Long poem = epic on the top of = a top

Leader = head

5- Opposites: (1.5pts)

Tiny ≠great irrelevant ≠important

Comprehensible ≠unclear

6- What or who the underlined words refer to (02pts)

This the fact that Greeks

They: the Greeks

He: Zeus

They: The Greeks

Section Two: Mastery of Language: (04pts)

<u>Verb</u>	<u>Adj</u>	<u>Noun</u>
	<u>Difficult</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>
<u>Explain</u>	<u>Explained</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
<u>Invite</u>	//	<u>Invitation</u>

//	Powerful	Power
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2- Give the correct form: (1.5pts)

Took- constructed- settled

3- Connect each pair of sentences with the word giver (1.5pts)

- 1- Although he didn't have any map of the place, He found no obstacle to move there
- 2- Since Greece is full of archaeological sites, they have been considered as a monuments of cultural heritage
Despite no belief of people in myths, they still read them.

Section Three: Written expression (05pts)

