



*Niveau : 3ASL*

*December 2013*

*First Term English Exam*

*Time: 02h*

**Part one : Reading(15 points)**

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

**The Sumerians**

The Sumerian civilization emerged upon the flood plain of the lower reaches of the Tigris and Euphrates about 4000 BC. The social structure of the Sumerians was decidedly different from other societies of that and later times.

The Sumerians had developed core agricultural techniques including large-scale intensive cultivation of land , organised irrigation , and the use of specialized labour force along the waterway now known as the Shatt Al Arab from its Persian Gulf delta to the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates. They had also apparently practised trading in their original homeland. The surplus of storable food created by this economy allowed the population to settle in one place instead of migrating after crops and grazing land. Many inventions such as writing, the plow, and the sailboat were adapted by other civilizations and some are still in use today ,for these reasons some historians refer to Sumer as the cradle of civilizations.

The Sumerians disappeared from history about 2000 BC as a result of military domination by various peoples.

[http //www.lost-civilizatiions.net/Sumerians](http://www.lost-civilizatiions.net/Sumerians)

**A.Comprehension (7pts)**

**1.Circle the letter corresponding to the right answer :**

**The text is :**

- a- a web article.
- b-an extract from a history book
- c-a newspaper article.

**2.Match each paragraph with its corresponding idea :**

Ideas	Paragraphs
a.the collapse of the Sumerians.	1
b.the emergence of the Sumerians.	2
c.the achievements of the Sumerians.	3

**3.In which paragraph is it mentioned that :**

- a. Sumerians society was organized differently?
- b.Sumerians had an advanced agriculture?

**4.Answer these questions according to the text :**

- a. When did the Sumerians emerge ?
- b-What are the various agricultural techniques the Sumerians used?
- c-what made the Sumerian civilization fell into ruins?

5/ What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

Its (§2) they (§2) their (§2) some (§2)

**B. Text exploration :(8pts)**

**1. Find in the text words closest in meaning to the following :**

a. Permitted(2 §)= ..... b-vanished (3 §)=.....

**2. Find in the text words opposite in meaning to the following :**

a. Upper(1 §)≠..... b.different(2 §)≠.....

**3. Fill in the table :**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
achieve	achievement	achievable
practise	.....	.....
.....	development	.....
.....	.....	inventive

**4. Combine the following statements using the connectors between brackets (make any necessary changes if necessary)**

a.Egyptians and Sumerians developed as the two great early civilizations. They had different societies and cultures.(although)

b-Phoenicians were famous as sailors.They had sailing skills.(because)

c-To promote a successful trade .Many ancient civilizations established colonies.(in order to)

**5. Classify these following words according to the pronunciation of the final 'ed' :**

a.traded b.developed c.sailed d.disappeared

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**Part two :Writing(5points)**

**Choose one of the following topics.**

**Topic one :**

Write a paragraph of ten lines explaining how people can preserve and keep their culture.use the following notes.

.Respect their customs

.Organize exhibitions

.write books.

.Organize regular festivals in the various arts.

.Remind children of the glorious past of their ancestors.

**Topic two :**

Do you think that the study of the past teaches many things ? Find arguments to discuss your point of view.

*Good Luck*



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Correction of the First Term English Exam

**A/Comprehension(07pts)**

1.(0.5) a-web article

2.(1.5) a-3 b-1 c-2

3.(2pts) a-it's mentioned in the first paragraph

b-it's mentioned in the second paragraph

4.(3pts)

a- The Sumerian civilization emerged upon the flood plain of the lower reaches of the Tigris and Euphrates about 4000 BC

b- The Sumerians had developed core agricultural techniques including large-scale intensive cultivation of land , organised irrigation , and the use of specialized labour force along the waterway now known as the Shatt Al Arab from its Persian Gulf delta to the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates

c-The Sumerians disappeared from history about 2000 BC as a result of military domination by various peoples.

5/ words and referents

Its : shatt el arab they : Sumerians their : Sumerians some : inventions

**B/text exploration(08pts)**

1.synonyms(1pt) a-allowed b-disappeared

2.opposites(1pt) a-lower b-same

**3.Fill in the table (1.5)**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
Achieve	achievement	Achievable
Practise	practice	Practical
develop	development	Developing/developed
invent	invention	Inventive

**4.(1.5pt)**

a.Although Egyptians and Sumerians developed as the two great early civilizations, they had different societies and cultures.

b-Phoenicians were famous as sailors because they had sailing skills.

c-In order To promote a successful trade many ancient civilizations established colonies.

**5.(2pts)**

a.traded b.developed c.sailed d.disappeared

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Develped-	Sailed disapeared	traded

**Written Expression (05pts):**

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