



**I- Read the following text then do the tasks below:**

The first paper was made from cloth nearly two thousand years ago in China. Although paper can be made from all kinds of materials, such as cotton fibres, grass or sugar cane, these days wood pulp is the material most commonly used to make 'new paper'—that is, paper which contains no old or recycled paper. The modern world uses so much paper that environmentalists have persuaded us that we should recycle old paper. There is an increasing awareness in Syria of the need to recycle both paper and other materials. Paper-recycling containers can now be found in some parts of the country and some government agencies have begun paper recycling programmes. Also, there is greater education in schools about the need to take care of our environment. Although we use wood pulp from trees to make new paper, it is not true that recycling paper saves trees. Trees are a commercially grown long-term crop, so that when they are cut down, new ones are planted. Also, papermakers use the parts of trees that cannot be used in other industries such as building and furniture making. Nearly all new paper is made from wood grown in sustainable forests. A large proportion of household waste is paper or cardboard. About half of this is newspapers and magazines. For every tonne of paper used for recycling, we save 30,000 liters of water, 3,000-4,000 kwh of electricity and reduce air pollution. Recycling paper is less harmful to the environment than burying it in landfills sites. This is because paper that is buried in the ground rots and produces methane which is a powerful greenhouse gas. Despite our increasing dependence on information stored on computers, there will always be a demand for paper. In the interests of our environment, we have to make sure that we continue to recycle as much of it as possible.

**\*Answer the following questions: (21 marks)**

1. What can paper be made from?
2. Why have environmentalists persuaded people that they should recycle old paper?
3. When are new trees planted?

**\*Find words in the text which mean the following: (21 marks)**

4. material or fabric used to make clothes
5. a practice or product that can be used or re-used without causing damage to the environment
6. decay

**\*Rewrite these sentences about the text to correct the information: (16 marks)**

7. Grass is the most common material used to make new paper.
8. People in Syria are not aware of the importance of recycling materials.

**II- Read the following text then do the tasks below:**

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon are considered one of the original Seven Wonders of the World. Nebuchadnezzar II built them in around 600 BCE to please his wife, Amytis of Media, who longed for the trees and beautiful plants of her homeland. They are a very early and impressive example of irrigation. Irrigation is a very important part of life today, especially in hot countries. An earthquake destroyed the gardens after the 1st century BCE. Many people wrote about the magnificent gardens, including the Greek writer Diodorus Siculus. Diodorus wrote a wide collection of historical passages. However it should be remembered that each one was written not only to inform, but to entertain as well. He wrote a series of forty books divided into three sections. He used the work of many earlier historians to create an informative, elegant piece of writing for people to refer to and read out loud to others. The garden was 100 feet long by 100 feet wide and built up in tiers. The garden was 100 feet long by 100 feet wide and built up in tiers so that it resembled a theatre. Vaults had been constructed under the ascending terraces which carried the entire weight of the planted garden which, at this point was on the same level as the city walls.

**Choose the correct answer a, b or c: (14 marks)**

9. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were founded by:
  - a. Amytis of Media
  - b. Nebuchadnezzar II
  - c. both a and b
10. The length of the garden was .....its width
  - a. more than
  - b. less than
  - c. the same as

**Match two of the underlined words from the text to the definitions below: (14 marks)**

11. one's original home
12. make somebody happy and excited

**Complete the following sentences with information from the text: (14 marks)**

13. The Gardens were built for Amytis of Media because she .....
14. The gardens are a good example of irrigation, which is .....

**III- Complete the following paragraph by filling in the gaps:** (28 marks)

There are extensive ruins 15..... tourists can walk around and where they can learn 16 ..... many different civilisations. We arrived 17..... Tuesday evening and the first thing we did was set up 18..... camp.

**IV- Fill in the spaces with words from the list. Use each word once only:** (30 marks)

*fun - eating - young - holding - side - road*

There were three 19..... men who, more than anything else, liked to indulge in having lots of 20 ..... and eating even more food. One day they were 21..... a lot and having fun by the 22..... of a road when they saw some men staggering by. They were 23..... the body of a dead man.

**V- Complete the following dialogue by writing suitable questions or answers. Write at least three words for each question:** (40 marks)

24. A- .....?

B- I had my computer for six years.

25. A- .....?

B- I bought it from the market.

26. A- .....?

B- I use my computer to do my homework.

27. A- How many times do you use your computer ?

B- .....

**VI- Rewrite the following sentences as required in brackets:** (40 marks)

28. Birds often build nests at the top trees.

(change into passive)

29. You waste too much paper.

( use I wish )

30. They completed the Mont Blanc Tunnel in 1965.

(change into passive)

31. My brother spends many hours talking on the phone.

( use I wish )

**VII- Complete the following sentences using Clauses:** (20 marks)

32. The weather is too hot at the moment, so

33. When I was a student, .....

**VIII- Choose the correct words in brackets:** (24 marks)

34. Bats ( can't be , must be ) birds – they don't have feathers.

35. Farmers need more land ( because , so that ) they can grow more soya beans.

36. If you want to listen to that side of the cassette again, you'll have to ( overwind , rewind ) it.

37. Deirez-Zour is an area of great ( nature , natural ) beauty.

**IX- Correct the verbs in brackets:** (24 marks)

38. Sofia (arrive) in England from Poland seven years ago.

39. Irish people emigrated because so many (die) of starvation.

40. Samer couldn't contact his brother, Khaled. He (switch) his phone off.

41. They (work) hard since 8 o'clock this morning .

**X- Translation:** (10 marks)  
**Translate into Arabic:**

42. He wrote novels, plays and poems in both French and English about what it is to be human.

**Translate into English:** (7 marks)

43. كل شيء كان يسير على ما يرام حتى واجهوا مشكلة غير متوقعة

**XI- Composition** (77 marks)

**Write a composition of no less than 80 words on the following topic.**

**- Write about a significant event that changed your life ?**

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