



I - Read the following text then do the tasks below : (25 marks)

Many people call the oud "the king of instruments" because it is the oldest and most important instrument in the Arab world music . Nobody is quite sure when it was first made but the ancient Egyptians played a similar instrument , the nefer , at the time of the pharaos . In the past , people believed that the sound of the oud could help to treat illnesses by "calming people's hearts" .

❖ **Answer the following questions :**

1. What could the oud help to treat ?

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2. Why do many people call the oud " the king of instruments " ?

.....

❖ **Find words in the text which mean the following :**

3. certain:

4. very old:

II – Complete the following dialog by writing suitable questions and answers : (32 marks)

5. A: ?
B: She goes to school every day .

6. A: ?
B: She goes to school by bus .

7. A: ?
B: Her favourite sport is swimming .

8. A: ?
B: She's watching TV at the moment .

III – Fill in the spaces with words from the list: (20 marks)
parts , canals , of , planting , which , on

To the east and west 9 the lake are agricultural areas 10 are irrigated by a series of 11 so that the land can be used for 12 crops every year, independent of rain .

IV – Complete the following by filling in the gaps : (18 marks)

13. I can't very well without my glasses .

14. Nour has read thirty books last year.

15. Burj al-Arab is higher the Sydney Opera House .

V – Choose the correct words in brackets: (20 marks)

16. we had a very (tiring – tired) journey last night.

17. When you (fry – grill) fish you cook in a pan in hot oil or fat .

18. She's(telling– saying) a story .

19. What is the (long – longest –longer) journey you have ever made ?

VI – Correct the verbs in brackets : (21 marks)

20. He phoned me while I (do) my homework.

21. Fairouz(give) large public concerts since 1957.

22. It usually (rain) in winter in Syria.

VII – Write the missing parts using the function in brackets : (14 marks)

23. A : I'm reading a book about Ibn Battuta .

B :
(Express your opinion)

24. A : Let's go to the cinema .

B :
(Disagree with suggestion)

VIII – Write a review of a book that you have read. (50 marks)



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(25 marks)

The oud is a short-necked , pear-shaped musical instrument with five or six pairs of strings . The two strings in each pair sound the same . Traditionally , players plucked the strings with a bird's feather . The word oud comes from al-oud which means " a branch of wood " . The oud is the main instrument in Arab countries and popular in Turkey, Iran, Armenia and Azerbaijan .

❖ **Answer the following questions :**

1. How many strings does the oud have ?

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2. What did the oud players use to pull the strings.

.....

❖ **Find words in the text which mean the following :**

3. one of the main parts of tree:

4. not different:

II – Complete the following dialog by writing suitable questions and answers : (32 marks)

5. A: ?

B: Yes, I like travelling .

6. A: ?

B: I'm travelling to London tomorrow .

7. A: ?

B: I will travel by plane .

8. A: ?

B: I'm reading a new book at the moment .

III – Fill in the spaces with words from the list: (20 marks)

agriculture , grow , enormous , that , energy , on

The benefits of AL-Thawra dam have been

9 From the increase in land 10

can be used to 11 crops to the large

amounts of 12 produced, the dam has had

a beneficial effect, improving people's quality of life.

IV – Complete the following by filling in the gaps :
(18 marks)

13. Nour has read thirty books last year.

14. I can't very well without my glasses .

15. Our house is big as yours .

V – Choose the correct words in brackets:
(20 marks)

16. we had a very (tiring – tired) journey last night.

17. Turn the radio down. I can't (hear – listen)

you very well .

18. Can I(tell – speak – say) to Omar please .

19. when you (grill – steam) meat you cook in an oven or over fire

VI – Correct the verbs in brackets : (21 marks)

20. It always..... (rain) in winter in Syria .

21. What were you doing when I (phone) you ?

22. We (know) each other for three years.

VII – Write the missing parts using the function in brackets : (14 marks)

23. A : Let's go to the Shopping center .

B :
(Agree with suggestion)

24. A : I'm reading a book about Palmyra .

B :
(Express your opinion)

VIII – Write an online guide recommending eating places for visitors to your town in Syria . (50 marks)