

**I - Read the following text then do the tasks below : (11 P)**

If you go to Japan in March or April, you are almost certain to see one of the Cherry Blossom festivals . Viewing the new blossom on cherry trees has been a favourite Japanese custom since the 7<sup>th</sup> century CE . When it first started, Japanese people used to look at the blossom on the cherry trees and write poems.

These days the cherry blossom festival in Japan not only marks the beginning of spring , but also the start of the academic year and the financial year. On viewing days , people eat special food and drink outside . some people take their own food , others buy food from street vendors .

❖ **Answer the following questions :**

1. When did the cherry blossom festival begin ?
2. Which three event does the cherry blossom festival mark ?

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

3. habit , tradition ..
4. Someone who sells something in public places .

❖ **Rewrite this sentence about the text to correct the information :**

5. Looking at the new blossom on cherry trees has been a favorite Lebanese custom since the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

**II – Complete the following dialog by writing**

**suitable questions and answers: (9 P)**

6. A: .....

B: The family celebrated their grandmother's return yesterday .

7. A: .....

B: Her friends gave her some gifts .

8. A: .....

B: Grandmother returned from Mecca.

**III – Complete the following by filling in the gaps : (4 P)**

9. The children ..... very frightened during the storm last night .
10. Families gather early ..... pray.

**IV – Complete the following by using clauses: (6 P)**

11. She couldn't go to the party because .....
12. I haven't seen my uncle since .....

**V – Choose the correct words in brackets : (4 P)**

13. the meal was absolutely ( good – perfect ) – thank you very much .
14. My family is( going about – going away) for two weeks in the summer.

**VI – Correct the verbs in brackets : (6 P)**

15. By the time we arrived at the station, the train ..... (already leave).
16. The phone rang as I .....(have) a shower.

**VII – Translate into Arabic : (3 P)**

17. If the price of petrol goes up again, I will have to stop using my car .

❖ **Translate into English : (3 P)**

18. لم نستطع رؤية أي شيء عندما انطفأت الأنوار

**VIII – Write a short biography of someone you**

**know or know about (14 P)**

**END OF EXAM**

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