

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

The capital city of a country is very often its greatest city, with the largest population and the most important administrative buildings. Capital cities house government offices, as well as embassies from other countries. They are also financial centres, containing national and international banks and other financial institutions. Damascus is no different from other capital cities in this respect - it is the seat of government and the economic and cultural centre of Syria. With a population of around 5 million people, Damascus is the biggest city in Syria. The city has a rich history, and is considered the oldest city in the world. It has been continually inhabited for thousands of years. The commercial and administrative centre of the city is located in the modern part of the city, outside the ancient walls. Brasilia, the capital city of Brazil, is both similar to and different from Damascus. Like Damascus, it is an administrative centre and contains the key political buildings and institutions. However, unlike Damascus, Brasilia is not the major cultural or economic centre of Brazil. The population of Brasilia is only around 2.5 million people, which is a tiny fraction of the huge Brazilian population. Built in the late 1950s, it is a new city and has only been the capital of Brazil since 1960. It took over from Rio de Janeiro, which remains a major economic and cultural centre, as well as having a population of many millions more. Brasilia is a very modern city and because it is so new, planners were able to strictly regulate its layout. It is divided into sectors, with specific zones for business, industry, government and residential areas.

***Answer the following questions:** (18 marks)

1. What buildings are characteristic of capital cities?
2. Why were planners able to regulate Brasilia's layout?
3. What are the differences between Damascus and Brasilia?

***Find words in the text which mean the following:** (10 marks)

4. a small amount of something
5. supervise or control

***Rewrite these sentences about the text to correct the information:** (12 marks)

6. Damascus only became a capital city during the twentieth century.
7. Brasilia is an important cultural centre of the country.

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

Nobel was educated in Russia, France and the United States. He was fluent in five languages and had a great interest in literature. Nobel was also very interested in social and peace-related issues, and held views that were considered radical for his time. Nobel travelled widely, then returned to work in his father's factory in St. Petersburg, Russia. Later, in Sweden, Nobel began to experiment with explosions. In 1867, he received a **patent** for dynamite. About 1875 he produced an even more powerful explosive called blasting gelatin. In all, Nobel held more than 100 patents. Nobel died in 1896 and was buried in Norra in Stockholm. The incorrect publication in 1888 of a premature **obituary** of Nobel by a French newspaper, condemning him for his invention of dynamite, is said to have brought about his decision to leave a better legacy after his death. On November 27, 1895, Alfred Nobel made his last will in Paris. When it was opened and read after his death, the will caused a lot of **controversy** both in Sweden and internationally, as Nobel had left much of his wealth for the establishment of a prize! His family opposed the establishment of the Nobel Prize, and the people he asked to award the prize refused to do what he had requested in his will. Thus, it was five years before the first Nobel Prize could be awarded in 1901.

***Choose the correct answer:** (12 marks)

8. Nobel's interest was in issues
 - a. literature
 - b. peace
 - c. both a and b
9. Nobel left a lot of his for the establishment of a prize.
 - a. books
 - b. wealth
 - c. factories

***Match the underlined words from the text to the definitions below:** (12 marks)

10. a notice of a death often in a newspaper
11. public discussion and disagreement

***Complete the following sentences with information from the text:** (12 marks)

12. After the premature obituary, Nobel decided to.....
13. Nobel's views were

III- Complete the following paragraph by filling in the gaps: (18 marks)

Tree kangaroos, which 14..... found only in the rainforests of Australia 15..... West Papua, are in danger of becoming extinct for two main reasons. Firstly, 16..... are hunted for their meat and secondly their natural habitat has been destroyed.

IV- Fill in the spaces with words from the list. Use each word once only: (24 marks)

work , lived , plan , studying , money

Marie and her older sister, Bronya, dreamed of 17..... in France at the Sorbonne. Their father, however, did not earn enough money to send them there. It was Marie who thought of a 18.....: she would teach at home and send 19..... to Bronya. After her sister finished studying in Paris, she could get 20..... and send Marie the money to study there herself.

V- Complete the following dialogue by writing suitable questions or answers. Write at least three words for each question: (32 marks)

21. A-?

B-I left my village because I wanted to work in the city.

22. A-?

B-I lived in a big city.

23. A-?

B-Yes, the weather was very fine.

24. A- When did you start work?

B-.....

VI- Rewrite the following sentences as required in brackets: (32 marks)

25. People are hunting kangaroos for their meat and fur. (change into *passive*)

26. Do you enjoy spending time with each other? (Report beginning with *I asked them ...*)

27. He didn't plant the trees in his garden. (use *causative Have*)

28. You smoke too much. (use *I wish*)

VII- Complete the following sentences using clauses: (14 marks)

29. The driver stopped his car after

30. I am very tired so

VIII- Choose the correct words in brackets: (18 marks)

31. City life is stressful (in comparison with, whereas) country life.

32. I'd like to live in a small (peace, peaceful) village near the sea.

33. When he accused me of being lazy I saw (red, blue).

IX- Correct the verbs in brackets: (18 marks)

34. He (write) two essays so far this morning.

35. Irish people emigrated because so many (die) of the famine.

36. Damascus (locate) in the south-west of Syria.

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

37. Noble Prize has been honouring men and women from all over the globe for outstanding achievement.

Translate into English: (8 marks)

38. اخبر الطبيب جدتي بأن عليها أن تستغني عن السكر.

XI- Composition: (50 marks)

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

- **HOW TO DO WELL AT SCHOOL.**

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