

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

The Geneva Convention is a set of international laws that protect injured soldiers and civilians during war. The law makes sure that every person is treated well and with respect. The first treaty was written in 1864 but it is often changed due to different types of war. It was significantly updated in 1949 after World War Two. Syria is one of 200 countries in the world that agrees to follow the laws of the Geneva Convention. The agreement is important because during war a country might need help from neutral organisations to care for the wounded. The Red Crescent is one of the organisations that provides aid during times of war. It also helps injured people during peacetime, and you may have seen ambulances with the Red Crescent symbol in the street. Countries who follow the laws of the Geneva Convention must not attack civilians, and they are not allowed to fight someone who is already hurt. It is illegal to ignore these rules, and a country found guilty of committing war crimes will be tried in a court of law and can be severely punished. All soldiers, civilians and prisoners may receive medical help from doctors and nurses. They can be taken to a hospital without being attacked. Food can also be given to people involved in a conflict. Under the Geneva Convention it does not matter what religion, gender or nationality a person is or what his political views are; if someone is sick he must be treated without prejudice.

**Answer the following questions:** (24 marks)

1. Why is the treaty often changed?
2. What is considered against the law?
3. Why is the agreement important?

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

4. people not in the army
5. a formal agreement

**Rewrite these sentences about the text to correct the information:** (24 marks)

6. The Red Crescent is an organisation that offers help during times of war only.
7. All people, women and children receive medical help from doctors and nurses.

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

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 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:** (20 marks)

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

**Match two the underlined words from the text to the definitions below:** (20 marks)

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

**Complete the following sentences with information from the text:** (20 marks)

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

**III- Complete the following by filling in the gaps:**

(30marks)

There would **14.** .....a chaotic situation in society.

The price **15.**.... property has increased dramatically.

Mean **16.**..... the opposite of generous.

**IV- Fill in the spaces with words from the list.**

**Use each word once only:** (30marks)

*movement - place - talk- different - raise*

When we **17.**.....about animal migration we mean the

**18.**..... of an animal from the **19.**..... where it has

been living to a **20.**..... place and the return journey

to that animal's original home.

**V-Complete the following dialogue by writing suitable questions and answer. Write at least three**

**words for each question:** (40marks)

**21. A:**.....?

**B:** My school was opened in 1975.

**22. A:**.....?

**B:** I have been in this school for five years.

**23. A:**.....?

**B:** I go there by bus.

**24. A:** Where is the school located?

**B:**.....

**VII- Complete the following sentences using**

**clauses:**

(20marks)

**25.** When I was a child, .....

**26.** Fadia didn't go to school because .....

**VIII- Choose the correct words in brackets:**

(30marks)

**27.** The jury said he was not (**guilty, guilt**).

**28.** This can lead (**for, to**) great hunger.

**29.** I have been studying English (**since, for**) over a month.

**IX-Correct the verbs in brackets:** (30 marks)

**30.** He (**swim**) with his friends for two hours.

**31.** They just (**have**) a family meal.

**32.** My journey to work (**get**) worse every day.

**33. Translate the following sentence into Arabic:**

(18marks)

He left court a free man because he had proved that he was innocent.

**Translate the following sentence into English:**

**34.** (18marks)

سمعت المحكمة بأن الجريمة قد وقعت في ملعب لكرة المضرب.

**XI- Composition:**

(66marks)

**Write a composition of no more than 80 words on the following topic:**

Do you think companies should allow their employees to use work computers for their own purposes?