

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

The rainforest of the Amazon region of Brazil in South America is home to at least 30 percent of the world's animals and plants. The area is also the home of 220,000 people from about 180 different tribes who live deep in the forest. The rainforest itself is an important environment but, because of its size and location, it also plays a vital part in controlling the world's climate. It does this by taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Recently, however, large areas of the Amazon rainforest have been cut down to make more land for farmers. In the last three years, for example, 70,000 square kilometres have been destroyed – this is the same as six football pitches every minute. Much of this destruction, which leaves the land dry and dusty, is illegal. Farmers use most of the new land to grow soya beans, which they export to other parts of the world to be used as animal food. Some soya beans are also being turned into food for human consumption.

Other areas of the rainforest are cleared by ranchers, loggers, or oil companies. These activities help to improve the economy of the region, but at the expense of the future of the global environment. In addition to destroying ancient forests and changing the world's climate, deforestation is having a devastating effect on native populations who are dependent on the rainforest for everything they need, from food and tools to medicines and shelter.

Answer the following questions: (18 marks)

1. How does the Amazon rainforest help in controlling the world's climate?
2. Who is cutting down trees in the Amazon rainforest?
3. What are most soya beans used for?

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

4. the eating and drinking of something
5. affecting the whole world

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

6. The rainforest of the Amazon region has nothing to do with the world's climate.
7. Clearing the areas will be harmless to the global environment.

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

The modern world is defined by IT, or Information Technology. The term 'Information Technology' emerged in the 1970s, but it can in fact be traced back to World War II, when the military and early computer specialists worked together to develop electronics, computers and information theory. Information Technology has a broad **remit** encompassing the design, development, implementation and management of computer-based information systems; particularly software applications and computer hardware. In short, IT deals with the use of computers and computer software to **convert**, store, process, transmit and retrieve information securely. IT comprises various disciplines: Data Management, Computer Networking, Software and Computer Engineering are all crucial components. In recent years, the field has ballooned through advances in computer applications and the Internet, to include mobile telephones, computer games and video technology. The abbreviation ICT – Information and Communication Technology – which refers explicitly to electronic communication, is thus an increasingly familiar term. In a matter of decades, computers have developed from large, bulky machines to highly sophisticated devices that fit in the **palm** of your hand. Computers are evolving as rapidly as the ways in which people use them; one electronics company is developing a refrigerator that, when it is empty, emails a shopping list to the nearest supermarket!

Choose the correct answer a, b or c: (12 marks)

8. Advances in computer applications and the Internet have led to the of IT.
a. collapse b. decrease c. growth
9. When computers were first invented, they were but now they're.....
a. massive-tiny b. tiny-massive c. large-huge

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

10. the inner side of your hand between your wrist and fingers
11. to change from one form to another

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

12. The term IT dates back to.....
13. Computers are developing according to

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

14. Desertification is the process which productive land changes into desert.
15. One billion people, out of a total world population of six billion, suffer from effects.
16. Desertification usually occurs in dry areas there is no rain.

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

further - fight - silkworms - thus - went

17. Next Pasteur helped farmers to germs that were killing their chickens.
18. He also went one step: he made the germs weak and fed the chickens with the weak germs.
19. They did not become ill; their own bodies to work against the germ.
20. began Pasteur's plan of vaccinations.

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

21. **Ruba:**?
Mazin: I went on a school trip to the Eden Project last year.
22. **Ruba:**?
Mazin: We stayed there for two hours.
23. **Ruba:**?
Mazin: We listened to an environmentalist who told us about some endangered plants.
24. **Ruba:** What impression did the visit make on you?
Mazin:

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

25. Her music is too loud for me.
(I wish.....)
26. Elephants have changed the natural environment.
(passive voice)
27. Loggers cut down trees. They want to sell the wood.
join using (in order to)
28. Khaled has a very good English accent.
(He lived with an English family.) (use might)

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

29. I spilt tea on my homework, so.....
30. If you misuse the equipment,

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

31. Some human activities are (destroying-
destruction) the natural world.
32. I said 9.30 p.m. You must have (misread-
reread) my email.
33. Farmers listen to the (climate-weather) forecast to decide when to harvest their crops.

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

34. For the first year, Sofia (suffer) from culture shock and wanted to go home.
35. Firass found it difficult to get up this morning. He (work) late the night before.
36. He has just come out of the sea. He (swim) with his friends.

X- Translation:

37. Translate the following sentence into Arabic: (10 marks)

- Computers have developed from large, bulky machines to highly sophisticated devices.

38. Translate the following sentence into English: (8 marks)

- في سوريا يوجد وعي متزايد حول أهمية انقاذ الحياة البرية.

XI- Composition: (50 marks)

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

Write a report to the council making recommendations about where to build houses.

End of Questions