

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

The sand gazelle is a horned animal that lives across the Arabian Gulf and North Africa. In the summer months, sand gazelles live in small family groups of around ten individuals. During the winter, they congregate in larger herds. They are ideally suited to the desert environment with their white heads and sand-coloured bodies. This allows them to blend into the desert, camouflaging them from predators. Sand gazelles are small mammals, weighing only 20 kg. However, they are very quick and have been known to reach speeds of almost 100 km per hour. They are excellent jumpers and use their speed and agility to evade the attention of predators.

Sand gazelles eat around 6 kg of plants per day – consuming the shoots, roots, leaves and stems of desert plants – around a third of their overall bodyweight. They drink 3 litres of water per day and in the hottest season dig shallow pits and lie on the cooler soil. The sand gazelle is in danger of extinction, mainly due to habitat loss and hunting. However, there have been some efforts to save them, and some countries have begun breeding them for release into the wild. There have been some successes, but the battle to save them and other native species continues. In Syria, there is an increasing awareness about the importance of saving wild animals.

Answer the following questions: (18 marks)

1. How does the body of the sand gazelle protect it from harm in the desert?
2. Why is the sand gazelle in danger of extinction?
3. Where does the sand gazelle live?

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

4. to escape or avoid
5. the animal that lives and eats other animals

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

6. Sand gazelles are slow and their top speed is 50 km per hour.
7. Recently, people in Syria have become less aware of the importance of saving wild animals.

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

One of the most significant moments in IT history occurred at the close of the twentieth century when experts predicted that computer systems would **malfunction** at midnight on 31 December 1999. Computer scientists speculated that IT programmes would stop working or produce incorrect results because they stored years with two digits instead of four – 98 instead of 1998, for example. They believed that the year 2000 would be represented by 00, and would be interpreted by software as the year 1900. This became known as the Millennium Bug, or the Year 2000 Problem. They predicted that IT systems, ranging from meteorological devices and hospital equipment to data storage systems in governments, banks and airports, would fail. It was thought that embedded systems that also made use of date logic, such as utilities and other crucial infrastructure, would collapse too. When midnight arrived, the Millennium Bug caused only minimal damage; some Australian bus-ticket machines failed to work and a few British banking transactions were temporarily disrupted. Many still **debate** whether the Millennium Bug's limited effect was thanks to substantial government **expenditure** or whether its predicted threat was over-stated by the media.

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

8. The Year 2000 problem arose at the of the 20th century.
a. beginning b. midpoint c. end
9. Computer scientists' predictions about the effects of the Millennium Bug were
a. under-speculated
b. over-speculated
c. totally correct

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

10. the failure of a device to work normally
11. the total amount of money that a person or an organization spends during a particular period of time

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

12. The year 2000 is represented by 00 on a computer screen because.....
13. In Australia, the Millennium Bug caused

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

14. There are many plants which protect themselves poisoning their enemies.
15. In some cases, the poison contain is
16. so powerful it can kill any living thing which touches or eats them.

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

honours-ever-without-respect- above

17. Marie studied in a small room heat or light.
18. She lived on bread and tea most of the time, but all she.....thought of was mathematics and science.
19. This was her world, and all, she liked her experiments.
20. It was in Paris that she met and married Pierre Curie, a young scientist who had already earned

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

21. **Ahmed:**?
Youssef: Our last holiday was very exciting.
22. **Ahmed:**?
Youssef: We went to Cairo.
23. **Ahmed:**?
Youssef: We arrived very late last night.
24. **Ahmed:** Why did you arrive late?
Youssef:

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

25. I can't remember where I left the newspaper.
(I wish.....)
26. People recycle materials to protect the environment. (passive voice)
27. Forests are cut down. Farmers want to clear more land for farming.
(join using (in order to))
28. Khaled has a very good English accent.
(Express possibility)

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

29. If you misuse the equipment,
30. Before they moved to a new flat,

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

31. Many people find out about the world by reading a (**day-daily**) newspaper.
32. Turnips grow (**on-under**) the ground.
33. The children were very good today. None of them (**misbehaved-underbehvaed**) in any way.

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

34. The place where an animal lives (**be**) called its habitat.
35. Overcultivating (**make**) the land poor and unproductive.
36. By 1854, a quarter of the population of Ireland (**emigrate**) abroad.

X- Translation:

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

- In space, fluids can be mixed or combined almost regardless of their relative weights.

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

- يعتقد الكثير من الناس أن أسوأ الجرائم هي جريمة القتل والأعمال العنيفة الأخرى.

XI- Composition: (50 marks)

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

Write a magazine article giving advice to people of your age who are about to start a new job.

End of Questions