

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

The Eden Project, which opened in the year 2000, is a living plant museum in the countryside in the south-west of England. It is a very popular attraction and millions of visitors come every year to see plants from all over the world growing in this special environment. Some plants grow outside, but many are in specially-built domes, called 'biomes', where the temperature and humidity are carefully controlled. The biomes are like giant green houses and one, the Humid Tropics biome, is the largest greenhouse in the world. It is over 55m high and 200m long and contains many thousands of exotic plants not found in England. One of the purposes of the project is to show how dependent human beings are on plants and to educate people on the importance of preserving our natural environment. Aside from the plant life, the Eden Project has fascinating interactive exhibits for people of all ages. Many of the visitors are groups of school children and the Eden Project combines educational value with scientific interest and a huge variety of spectacular plant life.

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

1. What are biomes?
2. Where is the Eden Project?
3. Why do visitors visit the Eden Project every year?

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

4. unusual, foreign
5. huge

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

6. Thousands of visitors come every year to see animals grazing in the Eden Project.
7. The Humid Tropics biome has many of the most wonderful English plants.

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

At the start of the 1960s, when Yuri Gagarin first went into space, the food was bite-sized and kept in small aluminium tubes. Food was **designed** this way so that it wouldn't take up too much room and could be eaten in a single mouthful before it floated away. Now, however, astronauts enjoy food from plastic containers that just need to have hot or cold water added. Fruit and nuts can also be eaten in space. When drinking liquids, a straw is used to suck the liquid out of a sealed package. It mustn't spill or float out of the cup, or it could **damage** some of the computers. Another, equally important, issue to address is the toilet. In space this is largely similar to one on Earth, with the difference being that astronauts have to strap themselves onto it. In place of running water to **flush** it, there is a vacuum-cleaner-like system to suck up the waste, which is then dried and disposed of on Earth.

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

8. When people first went into space, they had food from.....
  - a. plastic containers
  - b. metal tubes
  - c. aluminium tubes
9. Nowadays in order to eat, astronauts have to add..... to their food.
  - a. juice
  - b. sugar
  - c. water

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

10. harm
11. made, formed

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

12. Astronauts drink liquid out of a sealed package so that.....
13. The toilet in space differs from that on earth in that .....

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

14. We visited the nesting site ..... the green sea turtles which come to the shore in Lattakia to lay their eggs.
15. Turtles are very rare in this part of the world, ..... we had to be really quiet so we wouldn't disturb them !
16. Unfortunately the day was too short, and there ..... so much more to see.

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

**power-get-mind-little-scientist**

17. She was a poor girl who worked to ..... money to pay for her lessons.
18. She became the most famous woman ..... of her time.
19. That is the story of Marie Curie's life. She did not ..... working
20. and she took ..... notice of the honours that were given to her in later years.

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

21. A: .....?  
B: Sport is the best form of exercise.
22. A: .....?  
B: I exercise two hours a day.
23. A: .....?  
B: I usually practice sport in the gym.
24. A: What else can we do to stay healthy?  
B: .....

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

25. Many people in my village smoke too much.  
(I wish.....)
26. A local builder built their house.  
(Passive Voice)
27. Countries need extra farming land. They want to grow food for the growing populations.  
join using (in order to)
28. Someone is ringing the doorbell. You are sure it is the post man. He always comes at this time.  
(use must)

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

29. Not everyone returned to the island because.....
30. If plants do not protect themselves, .....

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

31. Two (disastrous-disaster) potato crops led to mass starvation in Ireland.
32. I want to listen to that side of the cassette again.  
I think I'll have to (overwind-rewind) it.
33. I've never been keen (on-from) museums.

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

34. They (work) hard recently.
35. When Laila read the letter, she couldn't stop smiling. She (pass) her exams.
36. In 1854, a quarter of the population of Ireland (emigrate) abroad.

**X- Translation:**

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

- Computer experts predicted that computer systems would malfunction at midnight on 31 December 1999.

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

- البطالة في انخفاض لأن المزيد من الناس يجدون عملاً دائماً.

**XI- Composition: (50 marks)**

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

*Write an essay about the arguments for and against keeping household pets.*

**End of Questions**