

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

Syria has undergone a period of modernisation in the last few years, with new buildings and improved transportation services in its cities. Yet it remains an ancient land that has enjoyed involvement and interaction with many different civilisations over the last ten thousand years. Syria's historical importance and its crucial location at the crossroads of several ancient trading routes mean that a wide variety of crafts have developed. However, the fast pace of globalisation is threatening the skilled local artisans who strive to preserve these wonderful traditions. As cheaper, mass-produced goods are imported from abroad, it is important that people are made aware of these traditional crafts and those who practise them. In the city of Aleppo there is a market dedicated to protecting hand-made copper goods, to ensure that this ancient craft does not vanish. Copper artefacts have been discovered all over the region. Some of these artefacts date to the Bronze Age, around ٣٠٠٠ BCE. Historians have identified a number of uses for the **material** including weaponry, jewellery and ornaments. These items give us information about the way ancient peoples lived and interacted. There are several processes involved in the production of copper goods, including cutting, welding and ornamentation. The metal then has to be thoroughly cleaned before it is suitable for sale. Currently, only a small handful of artisans continue to practise this craft. However, local people are being encouraged to learn the skills needed to make ornate copper items which will be suitable for commercial sale.

Answer the following questions: (١٨ marks)

١. How are traditional crafts being threatened?
٢. What processes does copper have to go through before it is sold?
٣. What does the word **material** in bold in the text above refer to?

Find words in the text which mean the following: (١٠ marks)

٤. objects of cultural or historical interest
٥. intricately decorated with complex patterns or constructions

Rewrite these sentences about the text to correct the information: (١٢ marks)

٦. Because of the process of modernisation Syria has gone through, a wide variety of crafts has developed.
٧. There are still so many craftsmen practicing the

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 ١٩٧٠s, 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.

Choose the correct answer a, b or c: (١٢ marks)

٨. IT covers such a field.
a. wide b. narrow c. limited
٩. The development in computer applications and the Internet has helped IT to
a. expand b. deteriorate c. collapse

Match two of the underlined words from the text to the definitions below: (١٢ marks)

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

Complete the following sentences with information from the text: (١٢ marks)

١٢. Although the first beginnings of IT can be dated back to World War II,

making of ornate copper items.

.....
١٣. Because of the advances in computer applications and the Internet,

III- Complete the following paragraph by filling in the gaps: (١٨ marks)

١٤. Kangaroos and close relatives, wallabies, are only found naturally in Australia and Papua New Guinea.
١٥. Like wombats and koala bears, kangaroos are marsupials, means that when young
١٦. are born they carried by their mothers in a pouch.

VII- Complete the following sentences using clauses: (١٤ marks)

٢٩. When she was leaving,.....
٣٠. I cannot remember where.....

IV- Fill in the spaces with words from the list. Use each word once only: (٢٤ marks)

later-conduct-notice-mind-where

١٧. Marie did not working and she took
١٨. little of the honours that were given to
١٩. her in years. This was the secret of her greatness.
٢٠. Marie lived in Poland her father was a teacher.

VIII- Choose the correct word in brackets: (١٨ marks)

٣١. The storm damage is a lasting (**remind-reminder**) of the power of nature.
٣٢. Chinese grammar is not too difficult (**but-instead of**) the pronunciation will be very hard for me.
٣٣. The journalist said she was (**doing-making**) research for an article.

V- Complete the following dialogue by writing suitable questions or answers. Write at least three words for each question: (٣٢ marks)

٢١. Deema:?
Hiba: I have had this guitar for three years.
٢٢. Deema:?
Hiba: It cost me ٣٠,٠٠٠ Syrian pounds.
٢٣. Deema:?
Hiba: I play it every day.
Deema: Why do you think people should learn to play a musical instrument?
٢٤. Hiba:

IX- Correct the verbs in brackets: (١٨ marks)

٣٤. He (**have**) this job since he graduated.
٣٥. Birds' nests (**often build**) at the top of trees where the eggs will be safe.
٣٦. He (**drive**) nearly ١٠٠٠ km by the time he stopped for a break.

X- Translation:

٣٧. Translate the following sentence into Arabic: (١٠ marks)

- It was five years before the first Nobel Prize could be awarded in ١٩٠١.

٣٨. Translate the following sentence into English: (٨ marks)

- تعتبر دمشق واحدة من أقدم العواصم المأهولة في العالم.

VI- Rewrite the following sentences as required in brackets: (٣٢ marks)

٢٥. Traveling by plane is expensive.
(**I wish.....**)
٢٦. Syria has made a lot of efforts to save endangered species.
(**passive voice**)
٢٧. What is your favorite hobby?
(**report using "He asked me"**)
٢٨. She tried mending her glasses, but she couldn't.
(**use the causative verb "have"**)

XI- Composition: (٥٠ marks)

Write a composition of no less than ٨٠ words on the following topic:

Write a short biography of someone you know or know about

End of Questions