

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

The sand gazelle, or goitered gazelle, is a horned animal that lives across the Arabian Gulf and North Africa. Originally found in all Arab countries, it is now extinct in Iraq, Kuwait and Yemen and endangered everywhere else, including Syria. 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 ٢٠ kg. However, they are very quick and have been known to reach speeds of almost ١٠٠ km per hour. They are excellent jumpers and use their speed and agility to evade the attention of predators. Sand gazelles eat around ٦ kg of plants per day – consuming the shoots, roots, leaves and stems of desert plants – around a third of their overall bodyweight. They drink ٣ 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: (١٨ marks)**

١. How does the body of a sand gazelle protect it from harm in the desert?
٢. What is the sand gazelle's natural habitat?
٣. What are the two main threats to sand gazelles?

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

٤. without depth
٥. the death of a type of an animal

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

٦. The efforts to save the sand gazelle from extinction have failed.
٧. Sand gazelles are heavy and slow reptiles.

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

Naguib Mahfouz was an Egyptian novelist who became one of the most famous writers in the Arab world when he won the Nobel Prize for Literature in ١٩٨٨. The award raised the profile of Arabic literature and Mahfouz's books were subsequently translated into many languages. Mahfouz wrote thirty novels, over one hundred short stories, dozens of film scripts and more than two hundred articles. His first novels explored Egyptian history and were intended to be part of a monumental cycle of thirty books, charting the entire history of Egypt. The project was never completed but Mahfouz often dealt with history, society and politics in his work. Mahfouz was an experimental writer and is **credited** with modernising Arabic literature. His epic Cairo Trilogy, which most critics consider to be his masterpiece, is a huge work of around ١,٥٠٠ pages. Each volume is named after a street in Cairo. The trilogy charts the life of three generations of the Abd al-Jawad family, **spanning** the period from ١٩١٧ to the end of the Second World War. The books are **remarkable** because in them Mahfouz handles a huge cast of well-drawn characters with great skill and masters the Arabic novel form.

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

٨. Mahfouz's Cairo Trilogy deals with .....  
a. history      b. society      c. both a & b
٩. Naguib Mahfouz played an important role in ..... Arabic literature.  
a. updating      b. deteriorating      c. worsening

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

١٠. responsible for
١١. lasting or continuing for a period of time

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

١٢. Naguib Mahfouz became internationally famous after .....
١٣. The three volumes of the Cairo Trilogy are great for the fact that .....

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

١٤. Many people believe that zoos help to protect animals ..... are endangered.
١٥. In zoos all around the world, rare animals are bred so they increase ..... number and are saved from extinction.
١٦. Eventually animals can ..... set free to live in the wild again.

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

**wooden- off-faint-damp-earned**

١٧. It was in Paris that Marie met and married Pierre Curie, a young scientist who had already ..... respect.
١٨. Together they made their experiments in an old ..... house that was too cold and
١٩. .... for their health. They knew that some
٢٠. elements in the world gave ..... a strange power that could go through other objects.

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

٢١. **Teacher:** .....?  
**Student:** The city of al Ain is ١٦٠ km from Abu Dhabi.
٢٢. **Teacher:** .....?  
**Student:** It has green areas because of its modern watering system.
٢٣. **Teacher:** .....?  
**Student:** Its airport can have over half a million passengers each year.
٢٤. **Teacher:** What can be done to reduce the spread of desertification in the city of al-Ain?  
**Student:** .....

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

٢٥. My sister doesn't clean her room.  
(use I wish.....)
٢٦. Human activities are destroying tree kangaroos' natural habitat.  
(passive voice)
٢٧. Can I go out with my friends?  
(report using " Hani asked his mother")
٢٨. I won't be able to test my own eyesight.  
(use the causative verb "have")

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

٢٩. She had prepared lunch before.....
٣٠. Whenever I go on holiday, .....

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

٣١. I'd like to live in a small (peaceful-peace) village near the sea.
٣٢. City life can be quite stressful, (in comparison with-although) village life.
٣٣. You will have to (do-make) a special effort if you want to pass your exam.

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

٣٤. He said he (sleep) for ten hours the previous night.
٣٥. If she reached early, she (have) a front seat.
٣٦. Tarek (play) tennis when he sprained his ankle.

**X- Translation:**

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

- Some Internet professionals predict that virtual reality will provide a reality parallel to our own.

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

- عبر التاريخ اشتهرت سوريا بحضارتها وآثارها الرائعة.

**XI- Composition:** (٥٠ marks)

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

*Write an email giving recommendations to a family about the most suitable place for them to live in.*

**End of Questions**