

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

When large numbers of people move from their homes in country areas to find better-paid jobs in towns and cities, the villages and farms they once lived in are often left empty. No one wants to buy homes there because they cannot make money out of **them**. This phenomenon, which is called rural depopulation, can lead to overcrowding in cities as well as to fewer people in country areas. One example of this phenomenon is the Garrigues area of Spain, about one hour's drive from Barcelona. The area has a Mediterranean climate, but because it is high and not close to the sea, winter temperatures are quite low. The area has an annual rainfall level of ٤٨٢mm which falls in only ٤٧ days of the year, during the autumn and spring.

The Garrigues area was particularly well-known for its high-quality olive oil which was grown mainly for export. The population of the area was at its highest about ١٥٠ years ago. But as farming became less and less profitable, and unemployment grew, the population began to move to the cities to find work. This trend started in ١٨٦٠ and has continued to this day. Now some villages consist mainly of elderly people. The area is suffering from the effects of depopulation, such as poor public services and deserted farms. In some parts of Europe in recent years, however, the move from the country to the city has been reversed as wealthy people move to the countryside to escape from the overcrowding, pollution and stress of city life.

**Answer the following questions: (١٨ marks)**

١. Why did the inhabitants of Garrigues move to the city?
٢. What are the effects of rural depopulation?
٣. What does the word **them** in bold in the text above refer to?

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

٤. something that happens or exists
٥. empty because people have left

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

٦. The Garrigues area has cold winters because it has a Mediterranean climate.
٧. The Garrigues area was particularly well-known for its high-quality beans and sunflowers.

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

Since ١٩٠١, the Nobel Prize has been honouring men and women from all corners of the globe for outstanding achievements in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace and economics. In his last will and testament, Alfred Nobel specifically designated the institutions responsible for the prizes he wished to be established. Each year the respective Nobel Committees send individual invitations to thousands of members of academies, university professors, scientists from numerous countries, previous Nobel Laureates, members of parliamentary assemblies and others, asking them to submit the names of candidates for the Nobel Prizes for the coming year. These **nominators** are chosen in such a way that as many countries and universities as possible are represented each year. The Nobel Prize has been given to several people from the Arab World, including: Mohamed El Baradei (Egyptian, Peace, ٢٠٠٥), Ahmed H. Zewail (Egyptian and American, Chemistry, ١٩٩٩) and Naguib Mahfouz (Egyptian, Literature, ١٩٨٨). And several prominent **figures** from the Arab world have been nominated for Nobel Prizes. The Syrian philosopher Michel Allawerdi was nominated for the Peace Prize in ١٩٥١, for his use of music in spreading peace across the world. The identity of Nobel **nominees** are kept secret for fifty years after their nomination.

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

٨. Nominations for the Nobel Prizes are .....  
a. published every year    b. kept unknown  
c. announced every two years
٩. The Nobel Prize is awarded to people with..... achievements.  
a. remarkable    b. modest    c. bad

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

١٠. people who name a candidate for a prize, a post, etc.
١١. important, famous people

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

١٢. The nominators for the Nobel Prizes are chosen in such a way that .....
١٣. Each year individual invitations are sent

by.....

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

١٤. In the last ٢٠٠ years people have ..... using enormous quantities of fossil fuels like coal, gas and oil.  
١٥. When these fuels are burnt, ..... produce  
١٦. large amounts of carbon dioxide,..... this keeps more of the sun's heat in .

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

**contained- discovery -separate-honours- radium**

١٧. For four years, Marie and Pierre tried experiments to ..... this powerful new element.  
١٨. Then they found something which they called.....  
١٩. Its power was very much greater than the power ..... in other elements.  
٢٠. The Curies were given the Nobel Prize for their great .....

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

٢١. Salem: .....

**Hazem:** I have always wanted to live in the city.

٢٢. Salem: .....

**Hazem:** I was ١٨ when I came to live in the city.

٢٣. Salem: ..... ?

**Hazem:** No, I had no friends or relatives in the city.

٢٤. Salem: How is life in the city different from life in the country?

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

٢٩. She went to school although.....  
٣٠. If you break the law, .....

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

٣١. In my city, there is a wide (variety-vary) of entertainments to choose from.  
٣٢. (Instead of-Whereas) buildings, all I can see from my window are fields and trees.  
٣٣. You shouldn't try to (do away with-do without) sleep.

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

٣٤. While she (play) tennis, she hurt her ankle.  
٣٥. I am really tired. I (not sleep) very well for three days.  
٣٦. In recent decades, efforts have been (make) to save endangered species in Syria.

**X- Translation:**

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

- One of the most significant moments in information technology history occurred at the close of the twentieth century.

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

- تساعد حدائق الحيوان على حماية الحيوانات النادرة من الإنقراض.

**Hazem:** .....

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

٢٥. The weather is too cold today.  
(I wish.....)

٢٦. Elephants have been prevented from migrating to find food and water. (active voice)

٢٧. When did you last have it?  
report using (Amer asked Hani)

٢٨. I am not going to plant the trees in my garden.  
(use the causative verb "have")

**XI- Composition:** (٥٠ marks)

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

*What do you do to keep healthy?*

**End of Questions**