

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

The capital city of a country is very often its greatest city, with the largest population and the most important administrative buildings. Capital cities house government offices, as well as embassies from other countries. They are also financial centres, containing national and international banks and other financial institutions. Damascus is no different from other capital cities in this respect – it is the seat of government and the economic and cultural centre of Syria. With a population of around ٥ million people, Damascus is the biggest city in Syria. The city has a rich history, and is considered the oldest city in the world.

Brasilia, the capital city of Brazil, is both similar to and different from Damascus. Like Damascus, it is an administrative centre and contains the key political buildings and institutions. However, unlike Damascus, Brasilia is not the major cultural or economic centre of Brazil. The population of Brasilia is only around ٢,٥ million people, which is a tiny fraction of the huge Brazilian population. Built in the late ١٩٥٠s, it is a new city and has only been the capital of Brazil since ١٩٦٠. It took over from Rio de Janeiro, which remains a major economic and cultural centre, as well as having a population of many millions more. Brasilia is a very modern city and because it is so new, planners were able to strictly regulate its layout. It is divided into sectors, with specific zones for business, industry, government and residential areas.

Answer the following questions: (١٨ marks)

١. What makes a city the capital city of a country?
٢. What buildings are characteristic of capital cities?
٣. How is Brasilia different from Damascus?

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

٤. supervise or control
٥. a small amount of something

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

٦. If you want to build a factory in the Brazilian capital, Rio de Janeiro, you have to do it in the financial zone.
٧. Rio de Janeiro is similar to Damascus in that it

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

Alfred Bernhard Nobel was a Swedish chemist, engineer, **innovator**, armaments manufacturer and the inventor of dynamite. He was educated in Russia, France and the United States. He was fluent in five languages and had a great interest in literature. Nobel was also very interested in social and peace-related issues, and held views that were considered radical for his time. Nobel travelled widely, then returned to work in his father's factory in St. Petersburg, Russia. Later, in Sweden, Nobel began to experiment with explosions. In ١٨٦٧, he received a patent for dynamite. About ١٨٧٥ he produced an even more powerful explosive called blasting gelatin.

Nobel died in ١٨٩٦ and was buried in Norra Begravningsplatsen in Stockholm. The incorrect publication in ١٨٨٨ of a premature **obituary** of Nobel by a French newspaper, condemning him for his invention of dynamite, is said to have brought about his decision to leave a better legacy after his death. On November ٢٧, ١٨٩٥, Alfred Nobel made his last will in Paris. When it was opened and read after his death, the will caused a lot of **controversy** both in Sweden and internationally, as Nobel had left much of his wealth for the establishment of a prize! His family opposed the establishment of the Nobel Prize, and the people he asked to award the prize refused to do what he had requested in his will. Thus, it was five years before the first Nobel Prize could be awarded in ١٩٠١.

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

٨. Nobel changed his will so that people would think of him after his death.
a. positively b. negatively c. fairly
٩. The first Nobel prize was given.....
a. during Nobel's life b. years after his death
c. immediately after his death

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

١٠. a notice of a death
١١. someone who introduces changes and new ideas

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

١٢. After Nobel's death, his will was opposed by both.....
١٣. Nobel's opinions were

is the political capital of Brazil.

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

١٤. Damascus is located the south-west of Syria, near the Anti-Lebanon Mountains.
١٥. The city has a long history and occupied
١٦. by many peoples before becoming Syrian capital.

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

separate-would-honours-when- successful

١٧. Marie's mother died her youngest daughter was only ten.
١٨. From then on, Marie knew that she have to work hard at her lessons
١٩. if she wanted to be in her life.
٢٠. She studied very hard and won top at her school.

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

٢١. Samer:.....?
Nada: I went to Apamea last week.
٢٢. Samer:.....?
Nada: I went with my family.
٢٣. Samer:.....?
Nada: We stayed there for a week.
٢٤. Samer: What did you do there?
Nada:

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

٢٥. My little sister can't swim.
(I wish.....)
٢٦. People turn elephants' natural habitat into farmland or building land.
(Passive Voice)
٢٧. What are you doing?
report using (I asked him)

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

٢٩. If you make a mistake,.....
٣٠. The doctor told me that.....

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

٣١. Deir al-Zour is an area of great (nature-natural) beauty.
٣٢. Brasilia was designed by an architect in the ٢٠th century, (instead of-while) Damascus developed naturally over thousands of years.
٣٣. Not everyone in our family has a mobile, so we can't (make-do) away with our landline.

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

٣٤. Mrs. Chin said she (never do) paid work.
٣٥. Ibrahim usually (arrive) at work on time
٣٦. In some countries, the nests of rare birds are (protect) by law.

X- Translation:

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

- A computer network is a set of computers or devices connected to each other.

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

- تعتمد النباتات والحيوانات على مخزون منتظم من الماء.

XI- Composition: (٥٠ marks)

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

Write about a genius you know or know about.

End of Questions

٢٨. My brother cut his own hair.

(use the causative verb "have")