

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

The rainforest of the Amazon region of Brazil in South America covers five percent of the world's land surface and is home to at least 30 percent of the world's animals and plants. The area is also the home of 220,000 people. The rainforest itself is an important environment but, because of its size and location, it also plays a vital part in controlling the world's climate. It does this by taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Recently, however, large areas of the Amazon rainforest have been cut down to make more land for farmers. Farmers use most of the new land to grow soya beans, which they export to other parts of the world to be used as animal food. Millions of chickens in western European countries are fed on South American soya beans. Increasingly, some soya beans are also being turned into food for human consumption; many vegetarian foods are based on soya beans. Other areas of the rainforest are cleared by ranchers who use the land for their cattle, by loggers who sell the valuable tropical hardwood from the trees they cut down, or by oil companies who are trying to find more oil. These activities help to improve the economy of the region, but at the expense of the future of the global environment. In addition to destroying ancient forests and changing the world's climate, deforestation is having a devastating effect on native populations.

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

1. How does the Amazon rainforest control the world's climate?
2. What are most of the soya beans grown in the Amazon rainforest used for?
3. Who is cutting down the trees of the Amazon rainforest?

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

4. very destructive
5. the eating or drinking of something

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

6. Large areas of the Amazon rainforest have been cut down to make new paper.
7. Deforestation is affecting only the native population.

**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.

People need to keep clean in space to stay healthy and avoid spreading germs. They do this by washing themselves with ethanol cloths or wet towels, and they use special shampoo that does not need water or produce **foam**. Each astronaut in the crew has a specific assigned role and receives intensive training for it. The crew medical officer is in charge of the sick and is trained in first aid and in stitching up wounds and giving injections. The medical kit on board will treat minor injuries and illnesses in space and can be used to stabilise the patient's condition during the flight back to Earth. All the crew are trained in emergency **resuscitation** after a heart attack.

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

8. The way astronauts have food in space has .....since Yuri Gagarin first went into space.  
a. deteriorated b. decreased c. progressed
9. People keep clean in space by using.....  
a. water b. alcoholic solutions  
c. neither a nor b

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

10. reviving someone from unconsciousness
11. space

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

12. When astronauts are mildly hurt or sick, they can use.....
13. At present, astronauts have to ..... to the food in the plastic container in order to eat.

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

14. We swam over the wrecked boat and we saw many sea creatures swimming around .....
15. We wore wetsuits, ..... I found
16. a little uncomfortable ..... they meant we didn't feel the cold at all.

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

**thus-although- simple- behind- did**

17. Louis Pasteur was a bright boy .....
18. his teachers said he was slow and always ..... the rest of his class.
19. The reason for this was .....
20. Louis was very careful in everything he ....

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

21. **Ruba:** .....?  
**Mazen:**The Eden Project is a living plant museum.
22. **Ruba:** .....?  
**Mazen:**It opened in 2000.
23. **Ruba:** .....?  
**Mazen:** Millions of visitors visit the Eden Project.
24. **Ruba:** How can we preserve plant life in Syria?  
**Mazen:** .....

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

25. Our city doesn't collect rubbish often enough.  
(I wish.....)
26. A sticky substance covers horse chestnut trees to prevent insects from eating them.  
(passive voice)
27. The government has completed several projects to improve water connections to rural areas. (passive voice)
28. Ali has a very good English accent.  
(live-English family) (Express possibility)

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

29. If you had invited me, .....
30. Every time I meet my friend, .....

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

31. The (major-majority) of the world's migrants move to find a better life.
32. I said 9.30 p.m. You must have (misread-reread) my email.
33. Farmers listen to the (climate-weather) forecast to decide when to harvest their crops.

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

34. My uncle finally passed his driving test. He (take) the test three times already.
35. While my friends (play) basketball, one of them broke his hand.
36. When she (graduate), she will get a new job

**X- Translation:**

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

- The crew medical officer is in charge of the sick and is trained in first aid and in stitching up wounds and giving injections.

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

- عبر التاريخ اشتهرت سوريا بحضاراتها وآثارها الرائعة.

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

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

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

**End of Questions**