

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

The Eden Project, which opened in the year 2000, is a living plant museum in the countryside in the south-west of England. It is a very popular attraction and millions of visitors come every year to see plants from all over the world growing in this special environment. Some plants grow outside, but many are in specially-built domes, called 'biomes', where the temperature and humidity are carefully controlled. The biomes are like giant green houses and one, the Humid Tropics biome, is the largest greenhouse in the world. **It** is over 55m high and 200m long and contains many thousands of exotic plants not found in England. One of the purposes of the project is to show how dependent human beings are on plants and to educate people on the importance of preserving our natural environment. Aside from the plant life, the Eden Project has fascinating interactive exhibits for people of all ages. Many of the visitors are groups of school children and the Eden Project combines educational value with scientific interest and a huge variety of spectacular plant life.

Answer the following questions: (18 marks)

1. Why do people visit the Eden Project?
2. Where is the Eden Project?
3. What does the pronoun **It** in bold in the text above refer to?

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

4. unusual, foreign
5. huge

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

6. The Eden Project was built to educate schoolchildren on plant life.
7. The Eden Project is the largest greenhouse in the world.

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

Great explorers have travelled across deserts, the Antarctic and up mountains, braving extreme conditions and facing great danger. Now, people even travel into space where the conditions are far more extreme and a tiny mistake can mean death within thirty seconds. They do not do it for fun or to place their country's flag on a planet; they are in space because they are highly qualified scientists who need to carry out very important work.

For a human being to go into space, survive and conduct important research, there needs to be careful organisation and planning. Daily life inside an **airtight** space **shuttle** or space station requires much more than just oxygen and heat. People require the correct **atmosphere**, a mechanism for removing the carbon dioxide that living things produce, and a reliable means of day-to-day living in microgravity (ways of eating, drinking and washing, for example).

For humans to survive in space for months at a time, all these things need to be very carefully planned. If, for example, the carbon dioxide extractor doesn't work, or the system for maintaining the correct atmosphere breaks down, then they will die.

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

8. Travelling across deserts is travelling to space.
a. more serious than b. less serious than
c. as serious as
9. Microgravity means
a. very weak gravity b. very strong gravity
c. no gravity at all

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

10. a form of transportation that travels back and forth between two places
11. not allowing air to escape or pass through

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

12. Astronauts go to space because.....
13. Careful organisation and planning are important for

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

14. We visited the nesting site the green sea turtles which come to the shore in Lattakia to lay their eggs.
15. Turtles are very rare in this part of the world, so we had to be really quiet so we wouldn't disturb!
16. Unfortunately day was too short, and there was so much more to see.

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

microscope-wait-right-fewer-discovered

17. After Pasteur's discoveries, there were deaths.
18. He also studied different kinds of food and new kinds of germs, so small
19. they could only be seen by a
20. Pasteur's life was filled with work and the long for answers.

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

21. **Ahmed:**.....?
Yousef: We are in Latakia on holiday.
22. **Ahmed:**.....?
Yousef: We arrived two days ago.
23. **Ahmed:**.....?
Yousef: We have been swimming, fishing and having fun.
24. **Ahmed:** Who did you go with?
Yousef:

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

25. You're always losing things.
(I wish.....)
26. People hunt kangaroos for their meat.
(Passive Voice)
27. Mary had written three plays before writing her first novel. (Passive Voice)
28. The phone is ringing.
(It's probably your brother.) (use might)

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

29. Omar's letter was difficult to read because.....
30. These people are very thin because

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

31. Many people find out about the world by reading a (**day-daily**) newspaper.
32. Those potatoes are too hard. We obviously (**overcooked-undercooked**) them.
33. I've never been keen (**on-from**) museums.

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

34. What (**your friends - do**) recently?
35. When Laila read the letter, she couldn't stop smiling. She (**pass**) her exams.
36. In 1854, a quarter of the population of Ireland (**emigrate**) abroad.

X- Translation:

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

- The effect of near weightlessness on evolution and the internal processes of plants and animals is now the subject of research.

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

- تسببت العاصفة بدمار معظم المحاصيل في القرية.

XI- Composition: (50 marks)

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

Write about water shortage and how we can consume less water.

End of Questions