

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 20 kg. However, they are very quick and have been known to reach speeds of almost 100 km per hour. They are excellent jumpers and use their speed and agility to evade the attention of predators. Sand gazelles eat around 6 kg of plants per day – consuming the shoots, roots, leaves and stems of desert plants – around a third of their overall bodyweight. They drink 3 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: (21 marks)

1. What is the natural diet of a sand gazelle ?
2. How much does a sand gazelle weigh ?
3. Which region does a sand gazelle live in ?

Find words in the text which mean the following: (21 marks)

4. escape or avoid .
5. no longer existing or living.
6. come together often in a large group.

Rewrite the sentences about the text to correct the information: (16 marks)

7. Sand gazelles live in small groups during the winter.
8. The efforts to save sand gazelles from extinction have failed.

I. Read the following text then do the tasks below:

Ancient Roman and Greek, or 'classical', writers had a massive **impact** on literature for centuries. Their highly structured verse and metre was admired and copied by many later poets, such as England's Alexander Pope. Such poets admired the balance, neatness and technical perfection of classical literature. Other **authors**, however, wanted more freedom to choose their own ways of writing. William Shakespeare is one of the world's most famous authors and was appreciated even in his own day for using old sources in new and interesting ways. Like Pope, Shakespeare was inspired by ancient texts but he changed them so that the plots became more closely related to his own society. He wrote some of the most beautiful verse and metre in the English language but he was also a pioneer of 'blank verse'. This kind of writing does not need the balance found in classical writing, which allows more freedom for characters to speak like real people. Shakespeare was **particularly** interested in 'the language of the people' and his works show us some of the ways that English was developing during his lifetime. Some words, such as 'accommodation' and 'to pander', for example, were not recorded in the English language before Shakespeare included them in his plays.

Choose the correct answer a, b or c:

(14 marks)

9. Classical writers had a/an effect on literature.

- a. little b. great c. enough

10. In using blank verse, Shakespeare gave us characters that speak real people

- a. different from b. the same as c. neither a nor b

Match three of the underlined words from the text to the definitions or words below:

(14 marks)

11. especially.
12. effect, influence.

Complete the following sentences with information from the text: (14 marks)

13. Alexander Pope and many other later poets.....

14. Shakespeare was inspired by ancient writings, however,

III. Complete the following passage by filling in the gaps: (28 marks)

A place ...15..... it doesn't rain over many years ...16..... a dry climate. A place with low temperatures ...17..... most of the year has a cold climate. Here in Syria we celebrate wet weather ...18..... we need the rain.

IV. Fill in the spaces with words from the list. Use each word once only. (30 marks)

towards-enemy -fell - laughing - tail -danger

The scorpion sensed the 19 and stopped and brought its 20.....up. Kino slowly moved his hand 21 it .At that moment , the 22..... Coyotito moved and the scorpion 23.....

V. Complete the following dialogue by writing suitable questions or answers. Write at least three words for each question . (40 marks)

24. A. ?
B. We are on holiday in Latakia.
25. A. ?
B. It is cool and sunny.
26. A. ?
B. We have been in Latakia for about three days.
27. A. When are you leaving ?
B.....

VI Rewrite the following sentences as required in brackets : (40 marks)

28. Khaled has a very good English accent.
(He lived with an English family) use might
29. Her music is too loud for me.
(Express annoyance)
30. There are growing numbers of people to feed.
Farmers tend to over cultivate their land .
(join using because)
31. Someone waves to you from a car .
(It looks like your friend's father's car)
express possibility

VII. Complete the following sentences using clauses: (20 marks)

32. I was taking out my mobile phone when
33. I'm looking forward to the day when

VII. Choose the correct words in brackets: (28 marks)

34. I've always been interested (in ,with) plants.
35. Many people find out about the world by reading a (day, daily) newspaper.
36. (Soil ,Dust) is dry powder made of very small pieces of earth.
37. When he accused me of being wasteful , I saw (green ,red).

VIII. Correct the verbs in brackets: (28 marks)

38. By 1854 a quarter of the population of Ireland (emigrate) abroad.
39. Throughout history, people (move) from one country to another.
- 40.If you misuse the equipment, it (not work) properly.
41. Desertification usually (occur) in dry areas.

IX. Translate the following sentence into English: (10 marks)

٤٢ . للغابات المطيرة تأثير هام على مناخ الأرض .

Translate the following sentence into Arabic: (10 marks)

- 43.If the top layer of soil is destroyed, the land can't used for farming.

X. Composition :

Write a composition of no less than 80 words on the following topic : (66 marks)

Write a report to the council making recommendations about where to build houses.

END OF THE EXAM