

**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. What are biomes?
2. What was the Eden project built for?
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. Many plants grow outside the Eden Project biomes.
7. The Eden Project combines historical value with natural interest.

**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. not allowing air to escape
11. a device that takes out or removes

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

12. Careful organisation and planning are important for.....
13. The carbon dioxide extractor is a machine for.....

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

14. We visited ..... nesting site of 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, ..... we had to be really quiet so we wouldn't disturb them!
16. Unfortunately the day was too short, and there ..... so much more to see.

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

**famous-suffered-vaccine-once-against**

17. Today, we can protect ourselves ..... many
18. illnesses that ..... meant death to thousands of people.
19. This is because of the work of a .....
20. French scientist who ..... much in his own life so that others might live.

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

21. Sami: .....?  
Anas: I went to Mexico last year.
22. Sami: .....?  
Anas: I met the world's oldest married couple.
23. Sami: .....?  
Anas: They have been married for 70 years.  
Sami: What was your trip like?
24. Anas: .....

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

25. I'm not in charge of our company.  
(I wish.....)
26. Throughout history, people have hunted elephants for their tusks.  
(Passive Voice)
27. Omar's letter was difficult to read. He wrote it very quickly.  
join using (because)
28. You hear a car approaching, (but you know it isn't your uncle's car because it doesn't sound the same).  
(express possibility using can't)

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

29. They live in a small house, so .....
30. Although our holiday was short, .....

**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. We thought the restaurant bill was too high, but it seems the waiter had (overcharged-undercharged) us.
33. Farmers listen to the (climate-weather) forecast to decide when to harvest their crops.

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

34. A country where the sun always (shine) has a dry climate.
35. I (walk) through town the other day when suddenly I thought about my friend Tareq.
36. I (not see) him for several weeks and I wondered what he was doing.

**X- Translation:**

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

- The International Space Station contains laboratories where scientific experiments are carried out that can't be done on Earth.

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

- جاء الخبر بشكل غير متوقع وصدم العديد من القرويين.

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

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

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

**End of Questions**