

A/ Comprehension

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

Sumer known in classical times as Babylonia consists of the lower half of Mesopotamia, identical with modern Iraq. Its climate is extremely hot and dry, and its soil is arid and unproductive.

Despite natural drawbacks, Sumerians with their creative intellect, turned Sumer into a Garden of Eden and developed the first high civilization in the history of man. The earliest Sumerians developed a system of irrigation using the overflow of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers to water their fields. Besides they baked the river clay for making sickles, pots, plates, jars and also bricks used in building. Additionally, they devised tools, skills and techniques as the plow, the sculpture in stone, engraving and inlay. They originated a system of writing on clay later called cuneiform.

Sumerians were remarkable not only for their material and technological progress, but also for their ideas, ideals and values. They were the first to compile laws as the Sumerian was deeply conscious of his personal rights. There was a spirit of co-operation among individuals shown through the irrigation process in which communal effort and organization were manifested.

Whatever is said about the Sumerians one can never be grateful enough for their contributions to modern life.

Adapted from: "The Sumerians" by Samuel Noah Kramer, University of Chicago Press, 1963.

1- Write the letter that corresponds to the right answer.

A- The soil of Sumer is ...

a. salted **b.** fertile **c.** sterile

- **B-** The Sumerians developed irrigation using ... **a**. rainfall water **b**. river flood c. sea water
- **C-** Cuneiform is a...
 - **a**. system of irrigation **b**. system of writing c. code of laws
- **D-** The Sumerian's spirit of co-operation was manifested through ... **a**. his consciousness of his rights **b**. irrigation process c. his technological progress

2- Fill in the following table with information from the text.

	Sumer		Achievements			
Place Climate		Soil	Agriculture	Building	Writing	

3- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a- What helped the Sumerians develop the first high civilization in the history of mankind?
- b- How were sickles, pots, plates and jars made in Sumer?
- c- Why did Sumerians compile laws?
- **d** Why should we be grateful to Sumerians for their contributions to modern life?
- 4- Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?
 a- their (§2)
 b- which (§3)
- 5- Copy the title you think is the most appropriate:a- Life in Mesopotamiab- The Garden of Eden

B/ Text Exploration

1- Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following:
 a- advantages ≠ (§2) b- unaware ≠ (§3) c- obligations ≠ (§3)

2- Divide the following words into roots and affixes.

C	lassical	-	originated	-	organization	-	additionally
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Prefix	Root	Suffix(es)

3- Combine each pair of sentences with one of the connectors provided. Make changes where necessary.

so ... that - although - so that - provided that

a- The soil was arid. Sumerians developed a sophisticated agriculture.

b- Sumerians were conscious of their rights. They compiled law.

c- Sumerians baked clay. They made bricks.

4- Classify the following words according to the number of syllables. materials - rights - sculpture - manifested

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables	Four syllables

5- Fill in the gaps with only 4 words from the list given.

control - use - banks - constructed - rivers - dry

As it hardly rained in Mesopotamia, the soil was too \dots (1) \dots for farming. Therefore, the Sumerians had to build huge \dots (2) \dots on both sides of the Euphrates. They also \dots (3) \dots an irrigation system made of canals, reservoirs and dams to \dots (4) \dots the distribution of water.

Part Two: Written Expression

Choose ONE of the following topics.

Topic One:

One of the major achievements of the Sumerian civilization was the invention of a sophisticated irrigation system. Using the following notes, write a composition of about 80 to 100 words on how Sumerians developed irrigation and state some of its benefits.

arid land and dry climate / river floods / fields too high to receive water / feeding the population / controlling overflows / construction of dams and reservoirs

Topic Two:

The Minister of Education is visiting your school. You have been chosen to deliver a speech on violence in schools. Write a speech of about 80 to 100 words on that phenomenon.

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(06 points)

(07 pts)

c- The Ingenuity of the Sumerians

الموضوع الثاني

Part One: Reading A/ Comprehension

(14 points) (07 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

Child abductions and kidnappings are on the increase, with almost 900 reported <u>cases</u> in the past year alone. Thus, the abduction of children by people other than <u>their</u> parents rose twice as fast as parental abductions.

During 2013-14, 158 children were abducted by parents, 401 children were abducted by people other than their parents, and 321 children were kidnapped. Kidnappings, which are defined by the use of force or fraud to remove a child, include cases such as children taken in return for a ransom. One-fifth of all kidnappings recorded by police involve a child victim. The figures include both successful and attempted crime. However, the charity Parents and Abducted Children Together (PACT) believes that many cases of attempted abduction and kidnapping involving children are never recorded by police, and the true rates of offending may be four times higher than police figures suggest.

Claude Knights, chief executive of the charity "Kids cape", said the figures were an important reminder to parents about the need to talk to children about so-called "stranger danger". An experiment carried out by the charity found that most children could be easily convinced to follow a stranger, even where parents felt they had talked to **them** about the risks involved.

Adapted: Hannah Fearn. "The Independent" Sunday, 22 Feb, 2015

1. Are these statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement and correct the false one(s).

- a. No cases of parental abductions are reported.
- **b.** Kidnapping children does not always involve the use of force.
- **c.** The police figures suggest the exact rates of child kidnappings.
- d. Parental advice doesn't always prevent child kidnappings.

2. In which paragraph is it mentioned that some children are kidnapped for an amount of money demanded?

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- **a.** Has the phenomenon of child abductions and kidnappings slowed down? Justify.
- **b.** Are children abducted by strangers only? Justify.
- c. How do kidnappings differ from abductions?
- **d.** What is recommended to prevent this phenomenon from getting worse?

4. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?

a. cases (§1) **b.** their (§1) **c.** them (§3)

5. Give the general idea of the text.

B/ Text Exploration

1. Find in the text words whose definitions follow:

- a. that relates to the father and/or the mother (§1)
- **b.** statistics made from a report (§2)
- c. organization that provides support and assistance (§3)

2. Complete the chart below as shown in the example.

	Noun	Verb	Adjective
Example	abduction	abduct	abducted
			inclusive
	safety		
		offend	

3. Connect each pair of sentences with one of the words given. Make changes where necessary. or - although - as a result - in order to

- a. Children are deceitfully convinced. Children are easily kidnapped.
- b. Kidnappers are severely punished. Child abductions rates are still on the increase.
- c. Parents communicate with their children. They do not want them to be deceived.

4. Classify the following words according to their stressed syllable. abduction - successful - charity - experiment

1 st syllable	2 nd syllable	3 rd syllable

5. Reorder the following statements to make a coherent passage.

- **a.** the national police force recorded a rise in the number of disappearing children in Algeria.
- **b.** Among the disappearing children,
- **c.** In a report published last April,
- **d.** 798 of them were abducted.

Part Two: Written Expression

Choose <u>ONE</u> of the following topics.

Topic One:

Child abduction and kidnapping have become a daily source of concern for almost every family. In your opinion, what are the necessary and urgent measures to be taken to prevent such a crime? Using the following notes, write a composition of about 80 to 100 words.

- keep away from strangers
- sensitize children about the problem -
- avoid anonymous Internet friends
 no child's personal information given online
- adopt strict laws to punish kidnappers

Topic Two:

Write a composition of about 80 to 100 words about the following topic: What comes first, success or happiness? State your opinion.

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	0.25 0.50 0.75 0.75	 b. No / No, they are n (they are abducted l c. unlike abductions, defined for a ransom") 	d. The need to talk to children about so-called "stranger danger"					
0.75 pt	0.25x3	 a. Child abductions as b. children's (§1) 	 4. a. Child abductions and kidnappings are on the increase (§1) b. children's (§1) c. children (§3) 					
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		<u>N.B</u> : The grid to be applied for both topics						

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