



التَّارِيخُ: 2024/12/02

المُدَّة: ساعتان

المادَّة: اللغة الإنجليزية

المستوى: 3 لغات أجنبية

اختبار الفصل الأول

PART ONE: READING:(14pts)

Read the text carefully then do the activities

The ancient Mayan civilisation is one of the most fascinating and enigmatic civilisations in history. It flourished in the Mesoamerican region, specifically in present-day Guatemala, Belize, southeastern Mexico, and the western portions of Honduras and El Salvador from the 2000 BCE to 1500 CE.

The ancient Mayans were very religious people. They had many gods and many rituals among them was the brutal practice of human sacrifice performed by the priests to feed the gods and ensure the continued existence of the world. The Mayans were ruled by kings that were considered to be the direct descendants of the Mayan Gods. Mayan society was composed of different classes. At the top were the priests and the nobles. The middle class was made up of the warriors, craftsmen and traders. The farmers, workers and slaves were at the bottom.

The Mayans made significant achievements and contributions in various fields. One of their remarkable achievements was the development of a sophisticated writing system known as hieroglyphics. This system allowed them to record their history, religious beliefs and astronomical observations. Additionally, the Mayans were skilled astronomers and mathematicians. They accurately predicted astronomical events such as eclipses and developed a complex calendar system that is still in use today. Furthermore, the Mayans made great contributions to architecture, constructing impressive pyramids, temples, and cities like Tikal and Chichen Itza. Their architectural designs showcased their advanced knowledge of engineering and their deep connection with the natural world. They also excelled in agriculture, cultivating crops such as maize, beans, and squash using innovative techniques such as terracing and irrigation. Their agricultural practices supported a large population and ensured their survival in challenging environments.

However, by 950 CE, the Mayan Empire would come to a seemingly sudden and unexpected end. Many of the great cities that the Mayans had built were entirely abandoned, and no one knows for certain how it happened or what caused this great calamity. Some archaeologists and historians have suggested that armed conflicts and the exhaustion of agricultural land were responsible for the sudden decline. Discoveries in the 21st century led some others to submit a number of additional reasons such as climate change that caused a severe and prolonged drought which was exacerbated by deforestation and that led to starvation. But what all of them agree about is that the downfall of the Mayan civilisation was not due to one single cause but rather to a complex combination of the factors previously suggested.

Adapted from: historyofyesterday.com.... Lost Civilisations: Mystery from the Past

A/ Comprehension (7pts)

1. Write the letter which correspond to the right answer. (1pt)

- a) The text is extracted from: a) a history book - b) a web article - c) a newspaper article
- b) The text is about: a. The mystery behind the disappearance of the Mayan civilisation
b. The importance of studying the Mayan civilisation
c. The glorious and mysterious history of the Mayan civilisation

2. Write the letter that correspond to the right answer. (1pts)

- a. The Mayan civilization emerged and developed in.....
A- South America B- North America C- Central America
- b. The Mayans used to offer.....to the gods.
A- their best food B- human being life C- handcrafted gifts
- c. The Mayans' impressive constructionstheir great knowledge of architecture.
A- composed B- covered C- illustrated
- d. Mayan civilization collapsed.....without any clear explanation.
A- instantly B- officially C- gradually

3. Identify the paragraph in which the following ideas are mentioned. (1pt)

- a. The Mayans used to be great farmers.....
- b. They used to clear forested lands.

4. Answer the following questions according to the text. (3pts)

- a. What was the horrible ritual of human sacrifice practised for?
- b. Were the Mayans' agricultural techniques effective? Justify.
- c. Why is the collapse of the Mayan civilization a mystery?

5. Who/ what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1pt)

- a. them (§2) b. that (§2) c. their (§3) d. others (§4).....

B. Text Exploration (7pts)

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following. (1pt)

- a. parts (§1) = b. violent (§2) = c. guaranteed (§2) = d. extended (§3) =

2. Complete the following chart. (1.5pt)

verb	noun	adjective
to support		
.....		innovative
.....	authority	

3. Combine the pair of sentences using the connectors provided. Make the necessary changes.

after - in spite of - before

- a- The Mayans used innovative agricultural techniques. The Mayans suffered from famine.
- b- The Mayans abandoned their cities. Dangerous diseases spread all over the cities.
- c- The Spaniards conquered Maya lands. The Spaniards killed most of the Mayans.

4. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (1pt)

After the Spaniards (settle) on Maya lands, they (find) great pyramids which (characterize) so many Mayan sites because they (be) replicas of the great mountain of the gods known as Witzob

5. Fill in the gaps with words from the list. (1pt)

used - events - difficult - rules - tell - organize -

Historical sites are a record of a specific set of1..... at a specific place and at a specific point of time. Sites reflect human behaviour and can2.... the story of the past people who lived there. They can be.....3.....to reconstruct how human groups adapted to the4..... and changing conditions, past lifestyle, past economies, past trade and political processes. Archaeological or historical sites give the past a “voice”.

6. Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables. (1.5pt)

constructed- knowledge - change - studying

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables

PART TWO: WRITTEN EXPRESSION(6pts)

Choose ONE of the following topics:

Topic One: Algeria has been the cradle of many ancient civilisations. All of them have left traces revealed mainly through archaeological sites. Unfortunately, these remains are daily exposed to natural and human aggressions. Write a newspaper article of about 100 to 120 words to explain the importance of these sites and how the authorities and the citizens should preserve them.

The following notes may help.

- Authorities: restore ancient sites/ keep historical remains in museums/ pass strict laws to protect these sites/ organize exhibitions about them
- Citizens: be aware of the importance of this heritage/ teach children the splendid past of their ancestors / make school trips to visit these sites

Topic Two: Which historical sites or places in Algeria would you show to tourists if you were a tourist guide? Why? Write a composition of about 100 to 120 showing the best and the most interesting touristic places in your country.



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Detailed Answers	Scale Marks
Part One: Reading	(14 pts)
A/Comprehension:	(7 pts)
1) -Choosing the right answer:	1 pt 0.5 each
a) The text is extracted from: (b) a web article	
b) The text is about: (c) The glorious and mysterious history of the Mayan civilization.	1 pt 0.25 each
2) -MCQ:	
a) = (C) Central America - b) = (B) human being life - c) = (C) illustrated	
d) = (A) instantly	1pt 0.5 each
3) - Identifying paragraphs:	
a) paragraph 3	
b) paragraph 4	3pts 1 each
4) -Answering questions:	
a) The horrible ritual of human sacrifices was practised to feed the gods and ensure the continued existence of the world.	
b) Yes, they were.' Their agricultural practices supported a large population and ensured their survival in a challenging environment.	
c) The collapse of the Mayan civilization is a mystery because it happened suddenly and unexpectedly and no one knows for certain how it happened or what caused this great calamity.	1 pt 0.25 each
5) -Cohesive markers:	
a)- them §2: many rituals	
b) - that §2: kings	
c)- their §3: Mayans	
d) - others §4: some archaeologists and historians	(7pts)
B/Text Exploration:	1 pt 0.25 each
1) -Synonyms :	
a)- parts = portions	
b)- violent = brutal	
c)- guaranteed = ensured	
d)- extended = prolonged	

2) - Chart completion:

Verb	noun	adjective
- To support	-support- supporter -supporting -supportiveness	- supportive-supported – supporting- supportful/less
- To innovate	-innovation- innovator - innovationist - innovationism	- innovative
-To authorise/ze	-authority	-authoritative- authorized -authoritarian

1.5pt
0.5 each

3) –Combining Sentences:

- a)- **In spite of using/the use of** innovative agricultural techniques, the Mayans suffered from famine.
- b)- The Mayans **had abandoned** their cities **before** dangerous diseases **spread** all over the cities.
- c)- **After** the Spaniards **had conquered** Maya land, they **killed** most of the Mayans.

1.5 pt
0.5 each

4) - Correct form of the verbs:

- Settle: **had settled**
- find: **found**
- characterize: **characterised**
- be: **were**

1pt
0.25 each

5) Gap filling:

- 1: **events**
- 2: **tell**
- 3: **used**
- 4: **used**

1pt
0.25 each

6) - Number of Syllables:

- One syllable: **change**
- Two syllables: **knowledge**
- Three syllables: **constructed** - **studying**

1pt
0.25 each

Part Two: Written Expression:

Criteria	relevance	Semantic coherence	Correct use of English	Excellence (vocabulary and creativity)	Final score
	1.5pt	1pt	2pts	1.5pt	6pts

6pts