Level: 1AM

Third Term Exam of English

The Text

Mecca, May 20th, 2009

Dear Mehdi,

Hello friend. How are you? I hope you are fine. I'm happy to hear about you.

I'm writing to tell you about my hometown. I live in Mecca. It is a city in the West of Saudi Arabia. The weather is usually hot and dry around the year. Mecca is an important city because of the holy mosque and El Kaaba. Every year, Muslims visit Mecca to perform El Hajj or El Omra. They also visit other places like Hirra Cave.

What about your hometown?

I'm waiting to your reply

Yours Hassan

Part One (15pts)

Reading Comprehension (7pts)

1-Read the text and answer the following questions (2pts)

-Is Hassan from Saudi Arabia? -……

-Do Muslims go to Mecca? -……

2-Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences (3pts)

-Mecca is a city in …….

a-the South West of Saudi Arabia.

b-the West of Saudi Arabia.

c-the North of Saudi Arabia.

-The weather is …….

a-always hot and dry in Mecca.

b-usually hot and windy in Mecca.

c-usually hot and dry in Mecca.

-Muslims go to Mecca …….

a-to perform El Hajj or El Omra.

b-to do shopping.

c-to see the Saudi Sahara.

3-Lexis: Match each word with its synonym (2pts)

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Words	Synonyms
Town Weather Usually Important	Interesting City Climate Most of the time

Mastery of Language (8pts)

1-Complete this table correctly (1.5 pt)

Adjective	Comparative
Hot …….. Important	…….. Better ……..

2-Choose the correct form of the words in ( ) (1.5pt)

-Now, Mehdi (read - reads - is reading) a letter.

-(Will - Do - Does) your parents go to Mecca next year?

-Saudi Arabia is (big - bigger - biggest) than Algeria.

3-Turn into the future the following sentences (2pts)

-My friend is going to Mecca for El Hajj.

-……..

-I don't write a letter.

-……..

4-Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their consonants sounds (3pts)

Weather / Hajj / South

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……..	……..	……..

Part Two (5pts)

This letter is the reply of Mehdi to Hassan. Fill in the gaps with:

warm - winter - west - famous - holiday

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Sidi lakhdar

Wilaya of Mostaganem

May 2009

Dear Hassan,

Hello. I'm very pleased to write you this letter. As for me, I live in Sidi lakhdar. It is in the ……. of Mostaganem. It is a small but a very nice town. The weather is often cold and rainy in ……., sunny and ……. In Spring but very hot in summer. Sidi lakhdar is ……. for its two beaches: Ain Ibrahim and Petit Port. Every year thousands of tourists come and spend their …….. in Sidi lakhdar.

Bye for now Mehdi

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