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Class : 3 LV

First Term English Exam

Part One : Reading (14 points)

A/ Comprehension (07 pts)

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

It was very important for many early civilizations to expand their boundaries and trade routes on land to build a mighty and prestigious empire. Of the few that were able to do **this** , none were able to take their people to the ocean and beyond quite like the Phoenicians. The Phoenicians were the first example of an accomplished society in the fields of trade and commerce. They spread their culture , which included an alphabet system soon to be adopted by the new western world , and goods on the land and especially by sea with their exceptional skills in the field of maritime trade.

The Phoenician's homeland of Phoenicia was a thin strip of land stretching along the Syrian coast ; **it** was only 160 miles long and about 20 miles wide . In order to expand they had no other choice but to turn towards the sea . This allowed them to excel in the arts of shipbuilding and navigation . The brave Phoenicians would often sail up and down the Mediterranean Sea. They were the founders of many colonies , the greatest being the city of Carthage , which would later go on to defeat the mighty Roman Empire .

The advantage of sailing lead the Phoenicians to travel to other lands . Once there , **they** would encourage trade among the natives . When trading became dominant , the Phoenicians were attracted to the Spanish coast for southern Spain's mineral wealth which they would trade with other civilizations . Phoenician trade was mostly run by families that owned ships or manufacturing plants. They would set up a system of representatives spread throughout the Mediterranean region to sell or trade their products. Two main cities of the Phoenician people were Tyr and Byblos which are now located in Lebanon.

Adapted from the internet

1/ Choose the correct answer. (0.25 pt)

The text is : a) prescriptive b) narrative c) argumentative

2/ Say whether the following sentences are true or false. (2pts)

a) Ancient civilizations didn't have to expand their boundaries and trade .
b) The Phoenicians were amazing people .
c) Phoenicians were unskilled in matters of sailing and trade .
d) Carthage witnessed the defeat of the Phoenician troops.

3/ Answer the following questions according to the text. (2.5 pts)

a) How did ancient civilizations build powerful empires ?
b) Why did ancient Phoenicians choose to expand through the sea ?
c) Which benefit did the Phoenicians take from sailing ?

4/ In which paragraph was it mentioned : (0.5)

The description of the Phoenicians motherland.

5/ What do the underlined words refer to in the text ? (0.75 pt)

a) this (§1) b) it (§ 2) c) they (§ 3)

6/ Find in the text words , phrases closest in meaning to : (0.5 pt)

a) powerful (§ 1) b) possessed (§ 3)

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7/ Find in the text words , phrases opposite in meaning to : (0.5 pt)

a) demolish (§ 1) b) forbade (§ 2)

B/ Text Exploration (7 points)

1/ Complete the following table. (1.5 pts)

Verb	Noun	Adjective
.....	excellence	.....
.....	choice	.....
.....	.....	Courageous

2/ Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. (1.5 pts)

1.a. The Phoenicians were not accustomed to live in towns.

b. The Phoenicians .....

2.a. It is advisable for people to preserve their cultural heritage .

b. People.....

3.a. I did not give too much importance to the study of ancient civilizations last year. I regret.

b. If only .....

3/ Ask questions which the underlined words answer. (0.5pt)

- People must preserve **<u>their cultural heritage</u>**.
- The Phoenicians spread **<u>their culture</u>**.

4/ Combine the following pairs of sentences using the appropriate connector from the list. Make the necessary changes. (1.5 pts) After - provided that - despite

1. The Phoenicians homeland was of a small size. They managed to build a well refined civilization.
2. The Phoenicians invented a practical alphabet. It was adopted and adapted by the Greeks and the Romans.
3. Algeria develops its tourism and makes a lot of profit. It gives too much importance to its historical sites.

5/ Fill in the following gaps using only four (4) words from the list . (1pt)

trade - shipping - remarkable - sea - were - empire

History witnessed that Phoenicians had been .....1.....people . They were not as large as the Assyrians.....2.....in the amount of land that they controlled . They were more concerned with....3.... . They were especially interested in trade by water and having a somewhat monopoly of the...4... .

6/ Classify the following words according to their stressed syllable. (1 pt)

orthopedics – didactics - physics - astrophysics

First syllable	Second syllable	Third syllable

Part Two : Written Expression (6 points)

Choose one of the following topics then write a composition.

Topic 1 : what are the causes of the collapse of ancient civilizations ? Use the following notes.

civil wars / external invasions / conflicts within ruling families / natural disasters / decrease of scientific and economic development.....

Topic 2 : Are you for or against counterfeiting ?

Topic 3: What should be done to preserve our cultural heritage ? (traditions , heritage sites....)

Good Luck

Knowledge ,like air, is vital to life. Like air, no one should be denied it.

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