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Mohammed Sahnoun Middle School *Time: 1 hour*

Full Name:…… *First Term English Exam* *Class:……..*

Taha Husayn was one of the most influential 20th-century Egyptian writers and intellectuals,he was born on Nov. 4, 1889, in Maghagha,a mill town in Minya Provence, Egypt. He became blind at the age of three from a combination of eye disease and folk medicine. After completing studies at the village mosque school, Taha was sent to Cairo (1902) to attend al-Azhar, the mosque university. Because of his outspoken opposition to the school's teaching system at al-Azhar, Husayn was failed in his final examinations. He enrolled in the new, worldly Egyptian University, where he studied with some of the leading scholars of the time, Egyptian and European, in the field of Arabic and Islamic studies. In this heady new atmosphere, Husayn received the first doctorate awarded by the university (1914) for his thesis on Abu-l-Ala al-Maarri. Al-Ayyam and the Pre-Islamic Poetry criticism book were from his most famous work.

His nickname was "The Dean of Arabic Literature". He was nominated for a Nobel prize in literature fourteen times. Taha Husayn died in 1973.he was considered one of Egypt's leading men of letters. He devoted his life to intellectual freedom for the writer, critic, and scholar and to the introduction of Western learning into his country.



Reading comprehension:

***Task 1**: I read the text and fill in the following table (2pts)*

Name	*Date and place of birth*	*Occupation*	*Location of birth palce*	*Famous work*
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***Task 2**: I read the text again and answer the following questions (3pts)*

1- *When did Taha Husayn became blind? and why?*
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2- *Why did he fail in his final examination?*
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3- *How many times was he nominated for the noble prize?*
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***Task 3**: I find in the text synonyms and opposites for the following words (2pts)*

A) *Finishing =……* *Well-known =……..*

B) *Old =/=……* *Eastern =/=……..*

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Mastery of language

Task 1: ***I supply the following sentence by capitalisation and punctuation (1.5pts)***

who was the first woman to win the nobel prize for literature

Task 1: ***I write the following sentences into passive voice (2pts)***

Taha Husayn wrote al ayyam ➔ ……………………………………………………….

Taha Husayn received the first doctorate awarded from the Egyptian university
➔…………………………………………………………………………………….

Task 2: ***I write correct form of the verbs between brackets (1.5pts)***

Malek Bennabi (to write) ……….... the book "The Conditions of Renaissance" in 1948, where he (to define)…………….. culture. It is very important (to study)………… his thought

Task 3: ***I cross out the intruder sound (2pts)***

/aI/ ➔ writer, find, take, life ***/eI/ ➔ stay, sail, try, make***

/əʊ/ ➔ hope, most, load, now ***/ɔI/ ➔ soil, toy, dice, noise***

Situation of integration (6pts)

Your teacher asked you to write an article about one of the most famous outstanding figures in the Algerian history. You have chosen Malek Bennabi.
Use the information below and write a short biography about him for your school magazine.

Name: Malek Bennabi
Date and place of birth: January 1st, 1905 in Constantine
Occupation: writer, philosopher
Field: human society, especially Muslim with a focus on the reason behind the fall of Muslim civilization
Education: in Paris and Algiers
Graduation: engineering
Books: "The Conditions of Renaissance" 1948 and "The Question of Culture "1954"
Date and place of death: October 31st,1973 in Algiers.

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