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**Aroussi Hadj Keddour Secondary School** **2023 / 2024**

**Level:** 3rd Year Literary & Philosophy Stream **Duration:60 mnts**

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# First Term Test 1

**Part One: Reading** **(15 pts)**
**A/ Comprehension** **(07 pts)**

***Read the text carefully and do the following activities:***

The Aztecs, who probably originated as a nomadic tribe in northern Mexico, arrived in Mesoamerica around the beginning of the 13th century. From their magnificent capital city, Tenochtitlan, the Aztecs emerged as the dominant force in central Mexico. **They** developed a complex social, political, religious and commercial organization that brought many of the region's city-states under their control by the 15th century.

Despite their uncertain origins, the Aztecs are believed to have begun as a tribe of hunters **whose** name came from their homeland Aztlan, or "White Land". When they saw an eagle perched on a cactus on the muddy land, they took it as a sign to build their settlement there.

The Aztecs drained the wet land, constructed artificial islands on which they were able to plant gardens and established their capital city in 1325 A.D. Their sophisticated system of agriculture and their powerful military tradition enabled them to build a successful state, and later an empire, **which** collapsed with the arrival of the Spanish conquistador Cortés in 1521.

Adapted from ://**www**. https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-americas/aztecs

***1) Say whether the following statements are true or false.***

**a)**- The Aztecs were known to be migrants. .....
**b)**- Mesoamerica was the capital city of the Aztecs. .....
**c)**- The Aztecs' settlement was based on a sign.....
**d)**-The Aztec Empire was undefeatable. .....

***2) Identify the paragraphs in which the following ideas are mentioned.***

**a)** The features that led to the establishment of a prosperous empire.
**b)** The geographical location of the Aztec empire.

***3) Answer the following questions according to the text.***

***a)*** When did the first Aztecs arrive in Mesoamerica?

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**b)** Are historians determined about the Aztecs origins?

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**c)** What caused the fall of the Aztec empire?

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***4) Find what or who the underlined words in the text refer to.***

***a)*** *They* **(§1)**..... **b)** whose **(§2)**..... **c)** which **(§3)**.....

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**B/ Text exploration** **(08 points)**

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

**a)** Prominent (1§) = ..... **b)** Symbol (2§) = ..... **c)** Founded (3§) = .....

**2)** ***Divide the following words into roots and affixes.***

- probably – uncertain – successful

| Prefix | Root | Suffix |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

**3)** ***Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).***

1. **a.** The Aztecs were able to plant gardens and established their capital city.
   **b.** The Aztecs .....
2. **a.** Although the Aztecs were powerful and successful, they collapsed in 1521.
   **b.** Despite .....
3. **a.** The Aztecs had built a successful state before Hernán Cortés destroyed it.
   **b.** .....after .....

**4)** ***Fill in each gap with the appropriate word from the list given.***

-contributed -human -civilizations - complex

The earliest civilizations developed between 4000 and 3000 B.C.E. The rise of these civilizations was a ..... (1).....process influenced by a range of factors, each of which .....(2)..... to the growth and the development of early .... (3)... societies. Without these common factors, ....(4).... would not exist.



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