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THIRD YEAR ENGLISH EXAM لشعبة اللغات الاجنبية

**Part One: Reading (١٤points )**

**Read the text carefully then do the activities.**

## Text : Contributions of the Phoenicians

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 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 ١٦٠ miles long and about ٢٠ 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. They sailed as far east as the British Isles and to Spain where they founded the mineral-rich city of Cádiz on the southern coast, and as far south as South Africa.

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 Tyre and Byblos which are now located in Lebanon.

(--Adapted from: www.antiessays.com)

A)-**Comprehension :**

***١—Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.***

**The text is :**

**a. argumentative b. prescriptive c. narrative**

***٢-Are the following statements True or False according to the text?***

a)-Phoenicians were not skillful in matters of sailing and trade. (……..)
b)-In their era, Phoenicians were outstanding sailors in the Mediterranean basin. (…….)
c)-Carthage witnessed the defeat of the Phoenician troops. (……)
d)-Phoenicians were able to reach distant coastal lands and develop commercial interests. (……)

***٣-Answer the following question according to the text:***

a)-What were Phoenicians famous for?
b)-Was Carthage the principal colony of Phoenicia?
c)-What pushed ancient Phoenicians to expand through the sea?

***٣-Reorder the following ideas according to their occurrence in the text:***

a)- Phoenicians set up commercial representatives around the Mediterranean sea.
b)-Many Mediterranean coastal lands became Phoenician colonies.
c)-Phoenicians were excellent ship builders and sailors.
d)-The society of Phoenicia prospered in the domains of trade commerce.

***٤)-Complete the table below stating the historical events which happened within the given locations:***

| Locations | Event |
|---|---|
| Carthage | …… |
| Spain | …… |

***٥-Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?***

**a)-They (§ ١)=…… b)- it (§ ٢)=…… c)-which (§ ٢)=…… d)-there (§ ٣)=……**

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**B)-TEXT EXPLORATION: (٠٧points)**

***١-Find in the text synonyms to the following words :***

**a)-enormous (§١)=…… b)-extending (§٢)=…… c)- fortune (§٣)=……**

***٢-Give the opposite of the following words keeping the same root.***

**glorious – skilled - colonize**

***٣-Complete the chart as shown in the example :***

| Verb | Noun | Adjective |
|---|---|---|
| Ex. to excel | Excellency /Excellence | excellent |
| to expand | ..... | ..... |
| ..... | navigation | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | dominant |

***٤-Ask questions which the underlined words answer.***

*a.* The people of Phoenicia established a commercial representation.

*b.* Phoenicians defeated the Roman Empire in Carthage.

***٥-Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).***

►a)-Many skilful Phoenicians are building exceptional ships.
b)-Exceptional ships…….....

►a)-" I underestimated the troops of Phoenicia", said the Roman army officer.
b)-The Roman army officer said…….....

►a)-Phoenicians owned a small homeland, that's why they ventured expansion through the sea .
b)-Because of……

►a)-Phoenicians prospered in trade relations because they set up representatives around the Mediterranean sea.
b)- If……..

***٦-Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "s".***

- skills - ships – homelands – reaches -

***٦-Fill in each gap with only FOUR words from the list :***

**- trade - shipping - remarkable – sea - were – Empire -**

History witnessed that Phoenicians had been…..١…… people. They were not as large as the Assyrians …...٢…. in the amount of land that they controlled. They were more concerned with ….٣…. They were especially interested in trade by water and having a somewhat "monopoly of the ….٤….."

## Part Two :Written Expression (٠٦ points):*Choose one of the following topics.*

**Topic one:** Write a composition of about ٢٠٠ words explaining how people preserve and consolidate their culture : make use of the following notes :

Respect their traditions / organize exhibitions / keep written records / organize regular festivals in various arts / keep valuable historical remains in museums / remind children of the glorious past of their ancestors.

.**Topic two:** Many scientific branches like biology, maths, astronomy, medicine, sociology, were enriched by the works of famous Muslim Scholars. Develop this idea with precise examples.

(this is the link to my blog : http://www.nourdinebir.blogspot.com )

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**CORRECTION OF THE EXAM**

**Part One: Reading (14points )**

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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. They sailed as far east as the British Isles and to Spain where they founded the mineral-rich city of Cádiz on the southern coast, and as far south as South Africa.

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 Tyre and Byblos which are now located in Lebanon.

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A)-**Comprehension :**

***1—Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.***

**The text is :**

**a. argumentative  b. prescriptive  c. narrative**

***2-Are the following statements True or False according to the text?***

a)-Phoenicians were not skillful in matters of sailing and trade. (False)
b)-In their era, Phoenicians were outstanding sailors in the Mediterranean basin. (True)
c)-Carthage witnessed the defeat of the Phoenician troops. (False)
d)-Phoenicians were able to reach distant coastal lands and develop commercial interests. (True)

***2-Answer the following question according to the text:***

a)-What were Phoenicians famous for?
Phoenicians were famous shipbuilders and sailors. They had a mighty empire and were shrewd traders.
b)-Was Carthage the principal colony of Phoenicia?
Yes, it was.
c)-What pushed ancient Phoenicians to expand through the sea?
Ancient Phoenicians expanded through the sea because of their small homeland.

***3-Reorder the following ideas according to their occurrence in the text:***

a)- Phoenicians set up commercial representatives around the Mediterranean sea.(№4)
b)-Many Mediterranean coastal lands became Phoenician colonies.(№3)
c)-Phoenicians were excellent ship builders and sailors.(№2)
d)-The society of Phoenicia prospered in the domains of trade commerce.(№ 1)

***4)-Complete the table below stating the historical events which happened within the given locations:***

| Locations | Event |
|---|---|
| Carthage | the defeat of the mighty Roman Empire |
| Spain | Phoenicians traded mineral wealth with other civilizations |



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***5-Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?***

**a)-They (§ 1)=Phoenicians b)-it (§2)=homeland of Phoenicia c)-which (§2)=city of Carthage**
**d)-there (§3)= other lands**

**B)-TEXT EXPLORATION: (07points)**

***1-Find in the text synonyms to the following words :***

**a)-enormous (§1)= mighty b)-extending (§2)= stretching c)- fortune (§3)= wealth**

***2-Give the opposite of the following words keeping the same root.***

**inglorious – unskilled - decolonize**

***3-Complete the chart as shown in the example :***

| Verb | Noun | Adjective |
|---|---|---|
| Ex. to excel | Excellency /Excellence | excellent |
| to expand | expansion | expandable |
| To navigate | navigation | navigational |
| To dominate | domination | dominant |

***4-Ask questions which the underlined words answer.***

*a.* The people of Phoenicia established a commercial representation.
►What did the people of Phoenicia establish?

*b.* Phoenicians defeated the Roman Empire in Carthage.
►Where did Phoenicians defeat the Roman Empire?

***5-Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).***

►a)-Many skilful Phoenicians are building exceptional ships.
b)-Exceptional ships are being built by many skilful Phoenicians.

►a)-" I underestimated the troops of Phoenicia", said the Roman army officer.
b)-The Roman army officer said he had underestimated the troops of Phoenicia.

►a)-Phoenicians owned a small homeland, that's why they ventured expansion through the sea .
b)-Because of their small homeland, Phoenicians ventured expansion through the sea.

►a)-Phoenicians prospered in trade relations because they set up representatives around the Mediterranean sea.
b)- If Phoenicians didn't set up representatives around the Mediterranean, they would not prosper in trade relations.
- If Phoenicians hadn't set up representatives around the Mediterranean, they would not have prospered in trade relations.

***6-Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "s".***

- skills - ships – homelands – reaches –

| /s/ | /z/ | /iz/ |
|---|---|---|
| ships | Skills-homelands | reaches |

***6-Fill in each gap with only FOUR words from the list :***

**- trade - shipping - remarkable – sea - were – Empire -**

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

## Part Two :Written Expression (06 points):*Choose one of the following topics.*

**Topic one:** Write a composition of about 200 words explaining how people preserve and consolidate their culture : make use of the following notes :

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