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**Marka Prep. B/S (NO.1)  
Second Exam  
First Semester (2015 / 2016)**

Name:.....

10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Section: A, B, C, D

Time: 40 minutes

**Q1: Read the text then answer the questions below: (14 points)**

The value of emeralds has been known for centuries and even in ancient times. The Aztecs in Mexico and the Incas in Peru held them in high regard. However, the oldest emeralds were found in Egypt, near the Red Sea. Many Egyptian pharaohs took emeralds from the mines there. The mines were actually known as "Cleopatra's mines" because Cleopatra liked to wear the stones. She wore jewellery made from emeralds and decorated many ornaments with the jewel. Cleopatra presented noble visitors with carved emerald sculptures that looked like the Queen.

The ancient Egyptians believed that emeralds were not only beautiful but were also able to cure disease. Historians know that these emeralds were a lighter colour green than many emeralds found today, but they were highly valued in Ancient Egypt.

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- 1) Where were the oldest emeralds found? (1 pt.)  
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- 2) What were Queen Cleopatra's jewellery made from? (1 pt.)  
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- 3) What did Queen Cleopatra use to give to her visitors? (1 pt.)  
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- 4) What did Egyptians believe about emeralds? (2 pts.)  
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- 4) **True or False:** (2 pts.)
  - a. Cleopatra was the queen of Mexico. T F
  - b. Emeralds were highly valued in ancient Egypt. T F
- 5) The underlined pronoun "they" refers to ..... (1 pt.)
- 6) Write down a suitable title for the text:..... (1 pt.)
- 7) **Find in the text:** (3 pts.)
  - a. a word that means "old": .....
  - b. an adjective: .....
- 8) **Over to you:** (2 pts.)  
Do you think that emeralds are necessary for people's life? Why/ Why not?  
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