

Class: 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Second English Exam

That AL- Swari School

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**PART ONE**

Reading Comprehension: (20 points)

Read the following text and then answer all the questions that follow.

People started writing thousands of years ago . At first, they wrote records of local trade. This kind of writing wasn't for entertaining an audience in the way stories and poems are!

People told stories and poems for *entertainment* around the world before writing existed. Africa has a long history of storytelling . The most famous African stories are about little animals that use *their* intelligence to survive against bigger animals. These stories were told from person to person before written copies were ever made .Writing was used to tell stories across the Middle East before it was used anywhere else in the world. Some of the earliest pieces of literature came from the Middle East. These stories travelled around the world because the writers ' skills were so impressive. Reading stories from around the world helped writers to develop their skills by learning from each other over the centuries.

Many people believe that reading stories from different times and places is a way of understanding and appreciating the variety that exists between cultures.

*Question Number One*

1. What was writing first used for in the past ? (2ps)

2. Find one example of fact and one example of an opinion from the text. (3ps)

A .....

B. ....

3. Write down the sentence which indicates that writing was first used to tell stories in the Middle East only ? (2ps)

4. Why did the stories travel around the world ? (2 points)

5. What are the African stories about? (2pts)

6. What does the underlined pronoun (their) in paragraph 2 refer to? (2ps)

7. What does the underlined word (entertainment) mean? (2 ps)

*Question Number Two:*

Match the words with their meanings. (5 points)

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| 1. skill      | a. having a special quality, character, or appearance that is different or easy to recognize |
| 2. patriotism | b. someone who travels to many places that no one else has been                              |



lelal /not/ come to the party last Friday. \_\_\_\_\_

When /Samia /receive/ an email / have lunch . \_\_\_\_\_

**Question Number Five: (6 pts)**

**Khadeeja wrote a letter to her sister Fatima. Rewrite the following letter by putting the letter in the correct order.**

*Dear Fatima*

*Khadeeja*

*I miss you all ! I still have to stay here two more months. I'm coming back in April. And after that... can you believe it, the children of the World accepted my application. I still don't know where they are sending me but let's not worry about it.*

*How are you ,dear sister ? How's our family ? Are mum and dad okay ,I'm very well .The situation in Haiti is very bad ,but I am very happy because I am helping people.*

*Best wishes*

*I look forward to hearing your news*

*Write back soon*

*Khadeeja  
Allashmi S  
Irbid  
Jordan  
20 January*

**Good Luck to You All**