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Read the following text carefully, and then answer the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the text: (12marks)

In Petra, Jordan, there lie the remains of a majestic city carved out of the desert rock. This city was the main area inhabited by the Nabateans, who migrated gradually from Arabia during the 6th century BCE. Originally, **they** were a nomadic people who choose to settle in various places , such as southern Jordan, the Naqab desert and northern Arabia.

There is little known about the lifestyle of the Nabateans, expect that they were important traders in the incent world. They might have traded goods such as spices, gold and animals with civilizations such as China, India and Rome because of their convenient position at a commercial crossroads in the world.

Many Roman writers wrote about what the Nabateans culture must have been like, but no one knows for sure. However, **they** agree that the language of the Nabateans could have been a mixture of Arabic and Aramaic. These Roman writers also say that the Nabateans were ruled by the royal family, and that, unlike many cultures in the ancient world, the Nabateans society might not have used slaves. In addition to that, the Nabateans must have been expert engineer because they managed to build complicated water conversation system in the desert terrain.

Despite archaeologists' best efforts; there is a limit to what **they** can tell us about these fascinating people who lived in Jordan such a long time ago. Although it is still difficult to know much, they can't have been illiterate because there are some inscriptions that remain. However, sadly for us, most of the things the Nabateans made and owned have been too easily destroyed by time or lost in the desert.

1. Where did the Nabateans come from?

2. The language of the Nabateans was a mixture of two languages.
Mention these two languages.

3. "Nabateans were excellent traders". Mention three goods in which they traded in.

4. Where did the Nabateans choose to live after emigrating from Arabia? Write two places.

5. The Nabateans weren't illiterate. Give the reason.

6. What evidence is there to show that the Nabateans were excellent engineers?

7. How was the Nabatean culture different from other ancient cultures?

8. Find a word in the last paragraph which means (**not having learnt to read or write**)

9. What do the underlined words refer to?

1.----- 2.----- 3 .-----

10. Find a word in the last paragraph which means (**pieces of writing carved into a stone or rock**)

Critical thinking:

The Nabateans were nomads before they chose to settle in Petra. What reasons can you think of that might have influenced them to settle?

Text Two:

Charles Dickens was born in 7th February 1812 in Portsmouth, on the southern coast of England. **He** was a quite boy, who loved reading. When he spoke later of his childhood, he said that he remembered listening to children playing outside, as he sat indoors. He always preferred reading to playing with other children.

At the age of 12, life for his family changed very suddenly. His father had financial problems, so Charles was no longer able to attend to school regularly. And he had to work at a factory. The loneliness he felt there was important influence in his writing, especially in his book *Great Expectations* and *David Copperfield*.

When he was 14, Charles stopped going to school altogether and started working as clerk in a lawyer office in London. He didn't like working there. Luckily, things changed for him again. Charles had always wanted to be a writer, and he became a very respected journalists. He began to write short pieces for publication in the newspaper. In 1836, a series of pieces called *Pickwich* papers appeared monthly in the newspaper and were very popular. Dickens was a famous author by then.

Throughout his life Dickens enjoyed travelling. He travelled to many countries writing novels and giving talks about cruelty of slavery. Novels such as *Oliver Twist* and *Domby And Son* highlighted the cruel treatment of people, especially children, and child labor in 19th century. He died on 8th June, 1870, at the age of 58.

1. Find a word in the third paragraph which means (**someone who keeps records or accounts in an office**).

2. Why did Dickens have to stop going to school?

3. Name four of Dickens' books mentioned in the text.

4. What issues did Dickens' novels highlighted?

5. What do the underlined words refer to?

1.----- 2.-----

6. Find a word from the text which means: " well known"-----

7. How did Dickens' experiences of work influence his writing?

8. What was his first successful published work?

Critical thinking:

"His experience in work as young influenced his writing" do you agree or disagree? Justify your answer.

B-Use words from the list to fill in the blanks one word is not needed:

rural – biography – lawyer – caption – non-fiction
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1. The suspect refused to speak except in the presence of his -----
-----.
2. Someone who writes about others especially authors is -----
-----.
3. The ----- under the picture explained its relation to the article.
4. The encyclopedia is a great ----- reference book.

Use words from the list to fill in the blanks:(4marks)

dependence – drop – marinated – oven – dairy
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1. I had to clean the ----- because the cake made a mess when I baked it .
2. Meat should be ----- for at least four hours if you want it to be tender.
3. The supermarket next to us made special offers on cheese and other----
----- products yesterday.
4. People are causing more pollution because of their-----on fossil fuels.

Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets.

1. The recent tax reforms have made government more
for its spending. (accountability)
2. Our use of harmful chemicals and thedamage to
the environment is a very serious matter. (consequence)
3. The army has been brought in toorder in the region.
(maintenance)

4. Families more on their cars than before. (reliant)
5. How anyone could be so cruel is beyond my
(comprehend).
6. We need a fuel that won't the environment.
(pollutant).
7. The of rules any country , you must refer to a
guideline . (comprehend)
8., we had a very terrible toothache from sweets.
(consequent)

Rewrite the following sentences with the words in brackets.

1. Mohammad checked his emails, and then he started work. (before)
Mohammad had
.....
2. I asked someone to fix my computer. (had)
I
3. Perhaps the Nabatean society didn't use any slaves. (might not have)
The Nabatean societyslaves.
4. It wasn't Ahmad you saw yesterday. He's in Spain this week. (couldn't
have)
It He's in Spain this week.

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Mahmoud was walking home when the rain (start)
2. We had the computer (repair) because it had stopped
..... (work)
3. I (be, write) an email when my laptop switched
itself off.
4. I wanted (play) tennis, but it was raining.
5. I can speak your language. He said.
Ali told John that hehis language. (can, speak)
6. My daughter the alphabet by the time she started
school. (learn)
7. He could from the age of 10. (have, work)

Choose the suitable items to fill in the blanks.

**Must have\ can't have\ to have \ having \ would \ will **

1. They suggestedlunch at the at the Japanese restaurant.
2. The government promised that theytry to use more
renewable energy sources.
3. Herobbed the bank. He's such a nice person.

**The following sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly.
Study the following sentences which have six mistakes (one mistake in each sentence). Correct the mistakes.**

1. I want taking out some books.
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2. While he was staying in Paris, he had visited his grandparents.
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3. I wrote an email when the phone rang.
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4. The interviewer asked me if I have ever worked in that domain.
.....

5. The teacher said that it is necessary to find different ways to produce energy.
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6. She needs to have her car repair.
.....

Rewrite the following sentences \ questions using reported speech.

1. "My children are spending too much time."

Mother said that

2. "I was sleeping when you called."

Rania said that

3. "When will the film start?"

She asked me.....

4. "Why hasn't your father gone to France?"

I asked Huda.....

5. "Did you watch the film last night, Sami?"

She wondered

6. "Can you speak English fluently, Huda?"

I asked Huda.....

Complete the following mini – dialogues by using model verbs of possibilities in the past must have \ can't have and the given phrases between brackets.

Ali: The girl finished the project yesterday. There was nothing left to do.

Amani: She (finish the project)

Safwan: The man didn't rob the bank. He's such a nice person.

Arwa: He(rob the bank)

Writing:

Fossil fuels	Wind power \ solar power
non-renewable	renewable
expensive	cheap
environmentally pollutant	environmentally friendly

Advantages of wind power\ solar power
renewable
cheap
reliable
beneficial to the economy
eco – friendly

Disadvantages of wind power
don't work if no wind
dangerous if too much wind
disturb the habitats of wild animals
Unpredictable
Noisy

Advantages of wind power\ solar power
producing the least pollution
reducing our independence on fossil fuels
creating jobs for local people

Write about 50 words in one of the following:

1. Write about the advantages and disadvantages of one of a renewable energy source you know.
2. Write about your reading habits. Think about the books you have read or want to read in the future. What do you like to read? Why?
3. Write about your favourite book. What is the title? Who is the author? What is the type of the book? Why do you like to read it? What do you like and dislike about it? Who would enjoy reading this book? Would you recommend the book to your partner? Why? Why not?
4. Write a story about an usual or exciting event that happened to you when you were a child.
5. Write about your favourite dish\ meal. What is it? Do you prepare it or have it prepared? How did you cook it? Why was it a special meal?

Wind power is one of the cleanest and ‘greenest’ types of renewable energy. Wind is converted into energy by wind turbines, which rotate when the wind blows and generate electricity from the kinetic power of the wind.

Of course, the most important advantage is that wind power is renewable. It is also the form of energy that produces the least pollution when the source is being converted into energy. The more we use wind power, the more we can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. The initial cost of wind turbines has reduced steadily since wind power was introduced, and once they have been installed, energy is very cheap and reliable. Wind power is also very beneficial to the economy, since it creates jobs for local people in installation and maintenance of the turbines.

Despite the numerous advantages, there are some disadvantages that need to be considered. First of all, wind turbines are quite noisy, so cannot be put near residential areas. Secondly, the turbines may disturb the habitats of wild animals because they need to be dug very deep into the earth. The third and final disadvantage is that wind power is unpredictable, except in certain regions, and therefore turbines are better installed in these regions.

In my opinion, wind power is the best energy source for a large number of regions, especially in countries that have a lot of wind. If the initial costs can be paid, it is a cheap resource, which produces no pollution. If the area has little or unreliable wind, however, wind power will not produce enough energy.

This is a book about ... It’s written by ____, the most famous writer ... The author describes ____ It’s a critique of ... You will love reading the book if you enjoy ...
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