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**TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF**

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**SECTION ONE : READING: (35 points)**

**PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION: (20 points)**

**Read the following text carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow it. Your answer should be based on the text.**

Human beings have been writing their languages for over five thousand years. The methodology started in Mesopotamia in about 3000 BCE, when people living in the region developed a kind of writing to transcribe and pass on information. The Mesopotamians used pictograms mainly to communicate economic information, for example about crops and money. Gradually, these pictures became a system of cuneiform symbols which were scratched on blocks of clay with reeds. This system emerged in Sumer in southern Iraq.

Only certain people knew how to write, and for thousands of years, professional writers called scribes wrote about daily life and trade. Cuneiform gave countries of the ancient world a way of transcribing their history. At about the same time, another system based on pictures, or hieroglyphics, developed in Egypt.

In about 1500 BCE, Chinese scribes started writing on tortoise shells using a system of characters similar to those which Chinese people still use today. Characters represent words, so people have to learn to recognize thousands of characters before they can read even a simple story. Traditionally, the Chinese write with a brush and ink.

The Phoenicians pioneered the alphabet, a system in which each letter signifies a sound, and letters are amalgamed to make words.

The Roman alphabet, which has twenty-six letters, is an improved form of the Phoenician alphabet. Most European countries have been utilising this alphabet since they were part of the Roman Empire two thousand years ago.

**Question Number One (23points)**

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1. According to paragraph one, when did the methodology start? (4 points)
2. According to paragraph two, what did Cuneiform give the counties of the ancient world? (4 points)
3. According to paragraph three, where did Chinese write? (3 points)
4. According to the third paragraph three, who started using alphabet system? (3 points)
- 5- According to the last paragraph, how many letters does the Roman alphabet have? (3 points)
6. What does the underlined pronoun "they" in the last paragraph, line 2, refer to? (3 points)
7. Find a word in the first paragraph which means "**written sign which stands for something**". (3 points)

### Question Number Two (15 points)

**A- Choose the correct from of the words given to complete each of the following sentences and write down the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET ( 9 points )**

1- The ..... of the forests of Borneo is threatening orangutans.

( destroy, destructive, destruction)

2- Some experts believe that ..... warming affects our climate.

(globalize, globally, global)

**B. The underlined letters (ough) in the word (tough) are pronounced the same as the underlined letters in the word .....** (2 points)

a) through b) though c) cough

**C. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences .** (6points)

**write , factory , recharge , complicated**

1. Cars and other things are made in a .....

2. I couldn't understand the film –it had a very ..... plot.

3. You have to .....your phone when the battery is low.

### Question Number Three (26 points)

**A-Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following items.** (22 points)

1.....United States has borders with Canada and Mexico

(The, A, AN)

2. I am .....accountant in this company. .

(the, a, an)

3. Can you pass me two .....of paper?

( slices , pieces , grains )

4. I have been .....English for 12 years.

( learn , learning , learnt )

5. People have been writing Arabic .....the 4th century

( for , since , from ) .

6. You told her this morning, .....

( are you , didn't you , did you )

7. You .....a seatbelt. I think it is important.

(shouldn't wear, should have worn, should wear )

8. I .....traffic pollution is bad for us.

(believe, am believing, believes )

9. He has.....his driving test, so now he can drive on his own.

(passed, passing, pass)

10. Three .....were injured in the accident.

(man, men, mans )

11. Anaam has written three courses here, .....

(isn't she, hadn't she, hasn't she)

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**B: Study the following pairs of sentences then answer the question that follows:**

**(4 points )**

A- 1. Rawya **is thinking** about getting a cat.  
2. Rawya **thinks** we should study hard  
Which form of the underlined verb means **consider**?

B- 1- Tahani **has written** two essays.  
2- Tahani **has been writing** two essays.  
Which for of the verb refers to **past action**.

**Question Number Four (7 points)**

**A. GUIDED WRITING:** (2 points)

**Read the information in the table below then, in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about advantages and disadvantages of phone calls. Use appropriate liking words such as : and, also, but..... etc.**

Phone calls	
advantages	disadvantages
Quick and personal	More trouble and expensive

**B. Free writing:** (5 points)

**In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 80 words on ONE of the following:**

1. Write a **letter** to your friend in England telling him/her about your role in protecting the environment from different dangers .  
(Your name is Nihad . Your address is P.O BOX 1646 , Amman , Jordan)

2. Safety is very important at house . Write a **paragraph** on what you must do and what you mustn't do at your house to keep yourself safe and away from danger.

**Best Wishes**

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• **Question Number One: 23 points**

- 1- The methodology started in Mesopotamia in **about 3000 BCE**
- 2- Cuneiform gave countries of the ancient world **a way of transcribing their history.**
- 3- Chinese scribes started writing **on tortoise shells**
- 4- **The Phoenicians** pioneered the alphabet.
- 5- **twenty-six letters**
- 6- **Most European countries**
- 7- symbols

• **Question Number Two**

- A- 1- destruction 2- global  
B. c) **cough**  
C. 1- factory 2- complicated 3- recharge

• **Question Number Three**

- A-  
1- The 2. an 3. pieces 4. learning 5. since 6. didn't you  
7. should wear 8. believe 9. passed 10. men 11. hasn't she

**B:**

- A- 1. Rawya **is thinking** about getting a cat.  
B- 1- Tahani **has written** two essays.

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• **Question Number Four (7 points)**

**A. GUIDED WRITING:** (2 points)

-Firstly, there are many advantages of phone calls like quick and personal.

-On the other hand, there are many disadvantages of phone calls such as more trouble and expensive.

**B-**

**Safety at home**

In this paragraph, I am going to write about what I must do and what I mustn't do at my home to keep myself safe and away from danger.

Firstly, I must put smoke alarms in the halls and corridor. Also, I must fix the broken windows. In addition, I must be sure that the gas tanks are closed before I sleep.

On the other hand, I mustn't keep the electric devices disconnected with wires before sleeping or going out of the house. Also, we must keep the medicines away of the babies.