

## The First Term Exam of English

### Part One: Reading (15 points)

#### A/ Comprehension (07 points)

*Read the text then do the activities that follow.*

The civilization of ancient Greece flowered more than 2500 years ago but the ideas of the ancient Greeks continue to influence the way we live today. The people of ancient Greece made important discoveries in science. They developed democracy, a system in which people govern themselves rather than being ruled by a king. The Greeks also valued beauty and imagination. They wrote many stories and plays that continue to be performed today.

Greece is made up of a peninsula and group of islands in south Eastern Europe. Their mountainous, rocky land was not good for farming, so the ancient Greeks became excellent sailors who travelled to distant lands. Greek sailors learned from many different cultures and spread their ideas to many lands far from their home. The Greeks learned the alphabet from sea-faring Phoenicians, who lived in what is now Syria and Lebanon.

Ancient Greek geographers divided the world into regions we still use today. The lands west of Greece are still known as the western world, while the lands east of Greece are often referred to as the eastern world. Many of the ideas that flourished in the western world were “born” in ancient Greece. This is why Greece is often known as the cradle of western civilization.

*Adapted from: <https://www.mrdowling.com/701greece.html>*

#### 1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the correct answer (0,5pt)

The text above is extracted from...    a. a web article    b. a newspaper article    c. a speech

#### 2. Are the following statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement and correct the false one (s)

- a. The civilization of ancient Greece had no impact on modern life. ✎.....
- b. Democracy gives people the chance to choose their ruler. ✎.....
- c. The land in Ancient Greece was fertile and cultivable. ✎.....
- d. The Phoenicians taught the Greeks the alphabetical system. ✎.....

#### 3. Identify the paragraph in which the following idea is mentioned (0,5pt)

“ancient Greeks contributed to literature”

⇒ *It is mentioned in § ...*

#### 4. Answer the following questions according to the text (03pts)

- a. How long ago did the ancient Greek civilization emerge? ✎.....
- b. Did the ancient Greeks exchange knowledge with other cultures? ✎.....
- c. Why is ancient Greece called the “cradle of western civilization”? ✎.....

#### 5. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (01pt)

- a. they (§1) ⇒.....
- b. who (§2) ⇒.....

#### B/ Text Exploration (08 points)

##### 1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following (01,5pts)

- a. evolved (§1) =.....
- b. expand (§2) =.....
- c. areas (§3) =.....

##### 2. Divide the following words into roots and affixes (01,5pts)

	Prefix	Root	Suffix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- civilization</li> <li>- mountainous</li> <li>- underdeveloped</li> <li>- contribution</li> </ul>			

3. Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a) (02pts)

1. a- Before Muslim scholars preserved numerous Greek scientific texts, they had translated them.

b- As soon as .....

2. a- The ancient Greeks developed democracy but many of their cities were ruled by kings.

b- Even though .....

4. Classify the verbs according to the pronunciation of the final “ed” (01pt)  
continued - divided - flourished - referred

/t/	/d/	/id/

5. Fill in the gaps with words from the list given (02pts) *intelligence – Greeks – philosophy – myths*

One of the most unique and wonderful Greek intellectual contributions was..... It was the special way ..... attempted to make sense out of the world. This means that rather than using ..... and stories to understand the world, they would use their ..... and reasoning skills.

**Part Two: Written Expression (05 points)**

Choose ONE of the following topics:

**Topic One:**

You visited the historical site of Timgad. You noticed that people ignore its value and write their names on columns, walls and throw trash everywhere. Write an article of about 80 to 100 words for the World Heritage Centre magazine in order to raise people's awareness about the importance of preserving such historical sites.

*The following notes may help you:* -humanity common property - attract tourists -cultivate pride/distinctive value - preserve history -deep understanding of identity...

**Topic Two:** Write a composition of about 120 words about the different contributions of ancient civilizations.

*The following notes may help you:* - developing systems of writing / - improving agriculture and irrigation / inventing tools and making discoveries / - organizing social life ...

*Topic N° .....*

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