

Second Term Test of English**Part One: READING****(15 pts)****A) Comprehension**Read the passage carefully then do the activities.

Once upon a time, there was a king of the sea “The Mer-King” who had three beautiful daughters whom he loved very much. They were all beautiful and talented mermaids but the loveliest one was Ariel, the youngest daughter, red-haired, green eyed and slender, with a beautiful voice that charmed everyone in the sea.



Ariel often liked to swim to the top of the ocean although her father had warned her that it was very dangerous. One day she saw a beautiful prince sailing with his crew and suddenly fell in love with him. Before she knew it, a big storm came and destroyed the prince’s ship. The prince fell in the water and almost drowned. Luckily, Ariel was there to save him and took him to the shore. As he lay unconscious, she sang to him for a long time, caressing his face and staring at him in wonder.

When the sun rose, he woke up but before he knew it, Ariel was gone in the waves. He knew someone had saved him and his mind was filled with Ariel’s beautiful voice. He swore that he would never rest until he found her...

*“Adapted from The Internet”***1. Circle the correct answer: (1pt)****The text is:****a- Book review****b- Story****c- Blurb****2. Say whether the following statements are “true” or “false” according to the text: (2pts)**

- Mer-King hated his daughters.
- Ariel had an absorbing voice.
- The prince woke up directly after the storm.
- The prince didn’t have any idea about Ariel’s existence.

3. Answer the following questions from the text: (4pts)

a) How many daughters did “Mer-King” have?

b) What did Ariel look like?

c) What was forbidden for Ariel?

d) Did the prince decide to look for Ariel? Justify.

4. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1pt)**-that (§1):****-him (§2):****B) Text Exploration :****1. Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to: (1.5pt)**

a- oldest (§1) ≠.....

b- safe (§2) ≠.....

c- slept (§3) ≠.....

2. Join the following pairs of sentences using the appropriate relative pronoun “who” or “which” (2pts)