

TOTAL MARK (200)

I. VOCABULARY (30 Marks)

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A. Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d: (4X4=16)

1. On the National Day, Kuwait's TV and radio stations broadcast.....songs to celebrate this great occasion.
A] intricate B] preoccupied C] patriotic D] irritated
2. My friend and I have agreed to.....our books after we finish reading them.
A] embark B] swap C] cultivate D] socialise
3. Arabs are famous for showing their.....and warm welcome to guests.
A] chain B] transition C] quarrel D] hospitality
4. People have to make sure that water tanks are completely clean before.....them.
A] refilling B] claiming C] gazing D] reminiscing

B. Fill in the spaces with words from the list below: (4X3 1/2=14)

replica / weary / take part in / extravaganza / originally

5. More than 28 Ferrari motors are expected to.....Dubai International Rally this year.
6. This building wasmeant as a hotel, but was later turned into a hospital.
7. During the festival, the large audience enjoyed a/an.....of folklore shows.
8. Your face looks so.....and pale. You need to stop working and get some rest.

II. GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

A. Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d: (4X3=12)

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9. The cost of living has gone.....sharply in the last few years.
A] without B] out C] away D] up
10.we are a small company, we sell almost a hundred machines a month.
A] Although B] Once C] After D] When
11. No sooner.....the letter than she started crying.
A] she had read B] will she read
C] had she read D] she will read
12. The fire spread through the building quickly, but fortunately everybody.....escape.
A] can B] couldn't C] was able to D] can't

B. Do as shown between brackets: (2X4=8)

13. If I had known it was your birthday,..... (Complete)

14. My uncle lives in a big house with a garden and a backyard. (Use: pretty)

III. LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS (30 Marks)

Write what you would say in the following situations: (5X6=30)

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15. Your teacher wants to know why you have been absent for a week.

16. Your sister suggests going out to dinner but you have a lot of work to do.

17. Your brother thinks that using iPads in class can improve students' learning.

18. Ask a friend of yours to pay back the money he/she owes you.

19. You kept someone who is phoning you on hold for a long time.

IV. SET BOOK (20 Marks)

A) Answer only (Two) questions of the following, in meaningful sentences: (2x7 =14)

20. Why do you think coffee has been a popular drink for so long?

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21. What would you tell people to encourage them to visit Kuwait during the Hala February Festival?

22. In your opinion, why must family members meet on different occasions?

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B) Answer only (One) question of the following, in meaningful sentences: (1x6 =6)

23. Do you think Huck took the right decision when he ran away? Justify your answer.

24. What can you do to end a feud between two of your friends?

V- Writing (30 Marks)

"Coffee houses are now everywhere. They are in almost every corner of the country. Many teenagers and young adults meet there and spend most of their time together."

In (12 sentences/140 words), plan and write a **report** about **coffee houses as meeting places discussing the following ideas:**

- the disadvantages of coffee houses as meeting places for teenagers
- other meeting places where teenagers can get together
- the activities they can do there to make good use of their time

Writing Plan (3 Marks)

VI. Reading comprehension (60 Marks)

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* Read the following passage carefully, and then answer the questions below

For hundreds of years, the finest pearls in the world were found in the waters of the Arabian Gulf. The ancient pearling industry provided the only real income for the people of what is now Kuwait. The land was too barren to allow any farming. People were too concerned with finding water and food. A few families would leave the nomadic desert lifestyle and settle on the coast to fish. Some of the fishermen probably found the occasional pearl in the shallows, and kept it until there was an opportunity to barter it.

In response to the increased demand for pearls, many more families settled **permanently** in the coastal villages. **Others** would live on the coast during the four months of the pearling season, from May to September, and return to the desert in the winter. If one of the divers was lucky enough to find a top quality pearl or two, he would become very rich. There is evidence of a pearl being sold for fifteen thousand pounds (sterling) during the 1920s - equals more than three hundred thousand pounds today.

The pearl diver used to wear a wrap-around skirt or a black suit and a clip like a clothes-peg to close his nostrils. He also used a leather covering to protect his fingers and enable him to wrench the shells from the rocks underneath the sea. Each of his big toes was guarded by a similar covering. Round his neck was slung a string bag, which he filled with shells. He was attached to a rope with which the puller drew him up again when he gave the signal. Divers remained below the surface for nearly a minute and a half, and they **descended** about 30 times a day, often to a depth of 14 *fathoms. The shells were heaped on deck during the day and opened in the evening. The shells were thrown back into the sea. The divers believed that oysters would feed upon the empty shells.

The pearl industry in Kuwait began to decline in the early 1920s. That was because of the successful pearl cultivation in Japan and the world economic disaster in 1930. With the discovery of oil in 1938, pearl divers found alternative work in the growing oil industry. This resulted in the virtual death of the ancient pearl industry for the lack of divers to keep the industry going.

* **fathom:** a unit for measuring the depth of water, equal to 1.8 metres or 6 feet

A. From a, b, c, and d, choose the right answer: (4x10 =40)

25. The best title for the passage would be:

- A] Finding Water and Food
- B] The Discovery of Oil in Kuwait
- C] The World Economic Disaster
- D] The Pearling Industry in Kuwait

26. The underlined word "**permanently**" in the 2nd paragraph is **opposite** in meaning to...

- A] suddenly
- B] for a short time
- C] always and forever
- D] recently

27. The underlined word "**others**" in the 2nd paragraph refers to.....

- A] families
- B] pearls
- C] shallows
- D] villages

28. The underlined word "**descended**" in the 3rd paragraph is closest in meaning to.....

- A] broke down
- B] pulled up
- C] picked up
- D] went down

B. With reference to the passage, answer the following questions: (2x5 =10)

29. What happened as a result of the increased demand for pearl?

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30. Why were the shells thrown back into the sea?

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C. Summary-Making (10 Marks)

In not less than four sentences, summarize the 3rd paragraph in answer to the following question:

What pearl diving tools did divers need?

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VII. Translation (10 Marks)

A. With reference to the reading comprehension passage, translate the last paragraph into good Arabic: (6Marks)

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B. Translate the following into good English: (4Marks)

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سالم: لأنه أحد أركان الإسلام الخمسة وهو فريضة على كل مسلم قادر مرة واحدة في العمر.

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End of Exam

Good Luck