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نموذج مسابقة (يراعي تعليق الدروس والتوصيف المعدل للعام الدراسي ٢٠١٦-٢٠١٧ وحتى صدور المناهج المطورة)

Part One: Reading Comprehension

(Score: 24/40)

Read the selection below about the global problem of water scarcity and then answer the questions that follow.

Valuing Natural Resources

1 Water is a **critical** natural resource upon which all social and economic activities and ecosystem functions depend. Yet, water scarcity- or inadequate amount of water- has become a threat that affects every continent. So far, water use has been growing at a rate more than twice the rate of population increase. Climate change is altering patterns of weather around the world, causing droughts in many regions.

2 Today, around 1.2 billion people, or almost one-fifth of the world's population, live in areas with water scarcity, and 500 million people are approaching this situation. Another 1.6 billion people, or almost one quarter of the world's population, face economic water shortage, where countries lack the necessary means for getting water from rivers.

3 Many variables have been identified as primary sources of water scarcity. There is enough freshwater on the planet for seven billion people, but it is **unequally distributed** among them, and too much of it is wasted, polluted and wrongly managed. As the world's population grows, pressure on agriculture and farming increases, which demands large amounts of water. Besides, to have enough supply of fresh water, man is changing the course of rivers and building dams, threatening marine life. For instance, some rare species of fish are becoming **extinct** in some seas and lakes.

4 Sufficient supply of good water quality is needed because it is a key ingredient in the health and well-being of humans, ecosystems and economic development. Nowadays, more than one billion people don't even have enough access to clean water, so they get diseases from polluted water. Although there have been some signs of success in improving water quality, there is no data to suggest that there has been an overall improvement in it on a global scale.

5 With the leadership of strong institutions and governments, a **reactive** role must be taken especially in water management by directing the way people use it. It is also necessary to use water in a productive way within a conceptual frame of protecting the environment. On the national and local level, the basic facilities of the infrastructure should be supplied with enough money to protect water resources and ensure a **fair** distribution of water benefits. In addition, individuals have the duty to inform and provide guidance on how to make the use of water resources continue for a long time for future generations to share its many benefits.

6 Accordingly, improving the management of water resources would increase access to safe drinking water to improve the quality of life of billions of individuals. It is also crucial for the

achievement of the goals to reduce child death rate, improve public health and reduce the burden of water-related diseases.

Questions:

A- Answer the following questions in complete sentences using your own words.

1- According to paragraph 1, why does the writer consider water scarcity a worldwide threat?

(Score: 02)

2- Based on paragraph 3, what are the causes of water scarcity? **(Score: 02)**

3- What benefits does the writer expect from improving the management of water resources?

(Score: 02)

4- Based on the selection, what does each of the following underlined pronouns refer to?

(Score: 02)

a- it (Paragraph 4) b- It (Paragraph 6)

B- Copy the table below and then write the number of paragraph that corresponds to each of the following main ideas. **(Score:03)**

Main Idea	Number of Paragraph
Many steps should be taken to prevent water scarcity.	
Supply of pure water is not enough.	
Many people suffer from water scarcity.	

C- Refer to the selection and then complete each of the following sentences. **(Score: 02)**

1- Marine life is threatened due to the -----

2- Because of insufficient supply of clean water, people -----

D- Use contextual clues to figure out the meaning of each word in the box below. Then fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the following sentences. **(Score: 04)**

critical (Paragraph 1)	distributed (Paragraph 3)	
extinct (Paragraph 3)	reactive (Paragraph 5)	fair (Paragraph 5)

1- Oxygen plays a----- role in many functions of the body and in the process of cellular respiration.

2- According to scientists, the reason why dinosaurs have become ----- is still a mystery.

3- The group insisted on having a ----- and equal representation of all its members in the conference.

4- In any country, poverty can be reduced only when wealth is equally ----- among its people

E- Combine each pair of sentences in one sentence, starting with the words given. **(Score: 03)**

1- The young man died last week. He had been suffering for a long time.

The young man -----

2- He had prepared very well for the exams. He did not pass.

Although -----

3- She eats healthy food. She still suffers from serious health problems.

She eats -----

F- In each of the following sentences, there is ONE grammatical error. Identify the error and then correct it. **(Score: 04)**

1- Neither Catherine nor her children was at the party last night.

2- They could not put out the fire because it already reached a big area of the forest.

3- I don't know how does she lose weight so quickly.

4- Angelina Jolie is famous actress.

Part Two: Writing:

(Score: 16/40)

Choose ONE of the following prompts:

Prompt (A): Read the following statement about man's behavior towards environment.

Scientists and media, nowadays, give more evidence on how man is causing damage to the environment. The government is expected to solve any environmental problem. However, it is also the responsibility of individuals to change their behavior and prevent further damage to their environment.

Make an outline and then write an essay in which you explain the above statement. As you develop your essay, refer to one environmental problem (deforestation, water or air pollution etc.), explain its negative effects and how governments and individuals can help in preventing it.

In your essay, provide a thesis statement in the introduction, a topic sentence in each body paragraph and then support the main idea with relevant, specific and adequate details. Give examples drawn from your reading, experience or observation. Your essay should be between 150-200 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.


Prompt (B): Read the following statement from an article about living in harmony with the environment.

Animals, fish and birds have been living fantastic lives for thousands of years in harmony with their environments. In a way, they have been more successful than human beings because they do not destroy their environment.

Based on the statement above, write a narrative essay about an incident in which someone or some people caused harm to the environment because of an irresponsible behavior (e.g. causing forest fire, cutting trees, polluting sea water, polluting the air, killing animals etc.). As you develop your essay, describe what happened, who was involved, and how the irresponsible behavior affected the environment and the people who live in it. Copy and fill in the chart below and then write the essay. Your essay should be between 150-200 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.

1	Title	
2	Setting	
3	Characters	
4	Events	
5	Ending	

Your essay will be evaluated based on ideas and organization (Score: 05), language and style (Score: 05), chart/outline and title (Score: 04), tidiness and handwriting (Score: 02).

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A-

- 1- Water scarcity is a worldwide threat because the rate of using water has been more than twice the rate of population growth, and changes in climate and weather cause droughts in many areas.
- 2- The causes are the unequal distribution of water resources, wasting a lot of water, bad water management, water pollution and the increase in using water for agriculture and farming with the world's population growth.
- 3- The writer expects more access to clean drinking water, better public health, less child death rate and less water-related diseases.
- 4- a- "it" in paragraph 4 refers to improving water quality.
b- "It" in paragraph 6 refers to improving the management of water resources.

B-

Main Idea	Number of Paragraph
Many steps should be taken to prevent water scarcity.	5
Supply of pure water is not enough.	4
Many people suffer from water scarcity.	2

C-

- 1- Marine life is threatened due to the change in the course of rivers and building dams.
- 2- Because supply of clean water is insufficient, people get diseases from polluted water.

D-

- 1- critical
- 2- extinct
- 3- fair
- 4- distributed

E-

- 1- The young man who had been suffering for a long time died last week.
- 2- Although he had prepared very well for the exams, he did not pass.
- 3- She eats healthy food, but she still suffers from serious health problems.

F-

- 1- was → were
- 2- reached → had reached
- 3- does she lose → she loses
- 4- famous → a famous