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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 history of clock making industry and then answer the questions that follow.

Keeping Time

1 The early history of clock and watch trade is very obscure. Very little is known about the early clockmakers, and had it not been for the custom of marking the works of each watch with the name of its maker, our knowledge would have been still more **scanty**.

2 One of the earliest timekeeping devices could be found in Ancient Egypt. Early clocks were very imprecise, and one had to adjust them frequently, using sundials and position of the sun. Later in the Middle Ages, the mechanical clock was one of the most important inventions made in Western Europe. In large cities, very big mechanical clocks could be seen in clock towers. Then, the advancement of clock-making took a huge leap when the pendulum clock was invented. The pendulum clock had **adequate** precision for everyday life.

3 At the turn of the nineteenth century, Concord was a **prosperous** area, already famous throughout the young nation for its clock making. It was a town that attracted over five hundred visitors twice a year, many of them were customers for Concord's hats, shoes, carriages and clocks. Among Concord's approximately four hundred heads of households in this period, about sixty-five percent were in agriculture, four percent in commerce, and thirty-five percent in manufacturing. Of those in manufacturing, seven men headed clock making shops, and another thirty were engaged in the shops or in businesses that supplied the clock making trade. In short, the center of Concord, the Milldam, was a machine for the production of clocks, second in importance to Boston's industrial Roxbury Neck, where the **influential** Willard family had been producing clocks since about 1785.

4 The well-crafted clocks of these seven shops, featuring reverse painted glass, were generally perceived as products of a traditional clockmaker. Yet, they were actually products of a network of shops employing journeymen labor that extended from Concord to Boston and overseas to the highly developed tool trade of England.

5 In addition to crafting in the fashionable Willard features, such as the pierced decoration, Concord clockmakers attempted to differentiate their products from those of the Willard's through the use of distinctive ornamental inlay¹. This added to the perception of custom work not usually seen on the Willard's standardized products. The Willard's also made less expensive wall clocks. Later, Concord clockmakers wanted to win the Willard's. They used **distinctive** diamond shaped design and inverted movement of some Concord wall clocks which helped in beating the Willard's.

¹ inlay: material set into the surface of something for decoration

Questions:

A- Answer each of the following questions using your own words.

- 1- According to paragraph 2, what was the difference between early clocks and pendulum clocks? (Score: 02)
- 2- Based on paragraph 5, how could the Concord clockmakers make their products different and later win the Willard's? (Score: 02)
- 3- In paragraph 3, what does the writer mean by “*Milldam was a machine for the production of clocks*”? (Score: 02)
- 4- Based on the selection, what does each of the following underlined pronouns refer to?
(Score: 02)
a- those (paragraph 3) b- those (paragraph 5)

B- The following statements are false because they misinterpret what is stated or implied in the text. Rewrite each correctly. (Score: 02)

- 1- Boston ranked the second after Milldam in the production of clocks.
- 2- Wall clocks made by Concord clockmakers were less expensive than the Willard's clocks.

C- The reading selection has five paragraphs (1→5). Each of the following extracts (A and B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts A and B carefully and then choose from paragraphs (1→5) the one that correctly fits with each extract.
(Score: 02)

Extract (A): *A pendulum clock uses a swinging weight as its timekeeping element. The advantage of a pendulum for timekeeping is that it is a harmonic oscillator; it swings back and forth in a precise time interval dependent on its length.*

Extract (B): *The origin of clock making is studied through the devices that were invented and used for keeping time. The first clocks to which clear references exist were large weight-driven machines fitted into towers, and these early devices struck only the hours and did not have dials.*

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)

scanty (Paragraph 1)	adequate (Paragraph 2)	prosperous (Paragraph 3)
influential (Paragraph 3)	distinctive (Paragraph 5)	

- 1- The judge could not make any decision because he had----- evidence, and it was difficult for him to infer anything.
- 2- The economic growth in the country made the towns of the north more----- and improved people's living conditions.
- 3- According to scientists, the most ----- feature of the dinosaurs was their unusual huge size.
- 4- He is one of the most ----- people in politics, his decisions shape the government's economic strategies.

E- Rewrite the following sentences, starting each with the words given, without changing the meaning. (Score: 04)

1- Farmers sell their organic products in Michigan and Orlando.

Organic -----

2- Peter asked Jane, "Did Charles clean the garage yesterday?"

Peter asked Jane -----

3- The patient came late, so he could not see the doctor.

If-----

4- The new company has organized a wonderful festival for our event.

A wonderful -----

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

1- By the end of next month, we have covered three chapters in the Math book.

2- The audience were excited when the players scored in the football match.

3- I have neither bought the ticket or travelled to Spain.

4- Two weeks are not enough to finish such a big project.

Part Two: Writing

Choose ONE of the following prompts:

(Score: 16/40)

Prompt (A): Read the following statement from an article about the importance of handicrafts.

A craft is a profession that requires particular skills and knowledge to produce a piece of work. Unlike items produced cheaply and quickly, handicrafts (e.g. a hand-made carpet or scarf) represent the culture and traditions of any country. Handicrafts are ways to preserve the rich heritage of arts, skills and talents which are associated with people's history, and they provide an opportunity for making money.

Make an outline and then write an essay in which you explain the above statement. As you develop your essay, explain why it is important to preserve traditional crafts, and what can be done to keep such crafts in existence.

In your essay, provide a thesis statement in the introduction, a topic sentence in each body paragraph and 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 essay on arts.

Despite living in an increasingly digital world, there are old things we should keep as reminders of arts, feelings and experiences. Thus, visiting an exhibition of handicrafts can be an inspiring experience.

Based on the statement above, write a narrative essay about a trip you once planned for with your friends to visit a museum of handicrafts. As you develop your essay, describe how you planned for the exhibition visit, who was involved, how you were inspired and what lesson you learned from this experience. 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	
6	Lesson learnt	

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

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A-

- 1- The pendulum clocks were more precise than early clocks.
- 2- Concord clockmakers used special ornamental inlay to differentiate their products from the Willard's. Then, they used the design of a diamond shape and the reversed movement for wall clocks to win the Willard's.
- 3- The writer means that Milldam was a place for efficient and regular manufacturing of clocks.
- 4- a- "those" in paragraph 3 refers to heads of households.
b- "those" in paragraph 5 refers to products.

B-

- 1- Milldam ranked the second after Boston in the production of clocks.
- 2- Wall clocks made by Concord clockmakers were more expensive than the Willard's clocks.

C- Extract A is the correct part that completes paragraph 2.

Extract B is the correct part that completes paragraph 1.

D-

- 1- scanty
- 2- prosperous
- 3- distinctive
- 4- influential

E-

- 1- Organic products are sold in Michigan and Orlando by farmers.
- 2- Peter asked Jane if Charles had cleaned the garage the day before.
- 3- If the patient had not come late, he could have seen the doctor.
- 4- A wonderful festival has been organized for our event by the new company.

F-

- 1- have covered → will have covered
- 2- were → was
- 3- or → nor
- 4- are → is