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نموذج مسابقة (يراعي تعليق الدروس والتوصيف المعدل للعام الدراسي 2016-2017 وحتى صدور المناهج المطورة)

Part One: Reading Comprehension

(Score: 24/40)

Read the selection below about how the United Nations supports democracy around the world and then answer the questions that follow.

Commitment to Democracy

1 The values of freedom, justice and respect for human rights are essential elements of democracy. In turn, democracy provides the natural environment for the protection and effective realization of human rights. These **sublime** values are enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and further developed in the International Covenants on Human Rights.

2 The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is the principal human rights official of the United Nations. It represents the world's commitment to universal ideals of human dignity. It has a unique mandate from the international community to promote and protect all human rights. It provides input to global and regional actions for promoting democracy and human rights in cooperation with United Nations agencies and regional organizations. In addition to assisting national actors and institutions involved in the administration of justice, it focuses on enhancing the capacity of parliaments to promote and protect human rights.

3 According to the UN General Assembly, the evolution of democratic norms and standards should be clearly matched by an ever greater operational activity on the ground concerning democracy-related issues such as elections, building institutions, strengthening civil society and the rule of law. Such efforts should continue to grow to consolidate democracy around the globe and improve the quality of the world's democratic institutions and practices.

4 One broad concept that is central to democratic practices and peacebuilding is constitution making, which is part of UN global efforts. It ranges from drafting a new constitution to reforming an existing one. Both processes are needed for the success of constitution-making, which presents a great opportunity to create a common vision of the future of a country, the results of accomplishing them have a **profound** and lasting impact on democracy, peace and stability. In particular, the inclusion of commitments in peace agreements to address ethnic, regional or political tensions in a constitutional framework can be a vital element in consolidating peace. Similarly, provisions to reform national systems can provide an important platform for efforts to strengthen democracy and the rule of law.

5 The United Nations provides a wide variety of election-related technical assistance to requesting Member States. In electoral assistance activities, it tries to ensure organizational coherence and political and technical consistency in electoral activities. A coordination mechanism has been established with relevant United Nations departments, agencies and programs involved in electoral assistance.

6 Besides, a functioning democracy requires a free, active and responsible civil society. To this end, civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations, human rights groups, women’s groups, youth groups, professional societies are **indispensable**. The United Nations supports over 400 civil society projects in more than 150 Member States. These projects aim to strengthen the voice of civil society and encourage the **collaborative** participation of all groups in democratic processes. The large majority of the support steps go to local non-governmental organizations and focus on the strengthening of democratic dialogue, civil society empowerment, civic education, freedom of the press and the strengthening of the rule of law.

7 Empowering women and promoting women’s rights are an **integral** part of United Nations democracy assistance. This includes addressing gender discrimination that contributes to women’s exclusion and the marginalization of their concerns. Also, the United Nations supports democracies in improving gender responsiveness in the context of elections and promoting women’s political participation. The areas of support that are particularly noteworthy include building the capacity of women elected officials; fostering improved accountability for gender equality; and promoting increased attention to women in politics in the media.

8 There are many recommendations relating to United Nations cooperation with both intergovernmental democracy movements as well as regional and intergovernmental organizations working in the field of democracy promotion. To support the continuing efforts of the United Nations in providing sustainable democracy assistance, it is necessary to enhance the reach of the International Day of Democracy and to expand the democracy assistance of the United Nations globally.

Questions:

A- Answer each of the following questions in 1-3 sentences using your own words.

- 1- Based on paragraph 1, how can you best describe the relationship between democracy and human rights? Explain. **(Score: 02)**
- 2- Based on paragraph 6, what is the purpose of civil society projects supported by the United Nations? **(Score: 01)**
- 3- In paragraph 3, what does the writer imply by saying “*The evolution of democratic norms and standards should be clearly matched by an ever greater operational activity on the ground*”? **(Score: 02)**
- 4- What recommendations does the writer give concerning the democracy assistance of the United Nation? **(Score: 01)**

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- 1- What is the pattern of organization in paragraph 7? Explain. **(Score: 02)**
- 2- What is the thematic relationship between paragraphs 5 and 6? Explain. **(Score: 02)**
- 3- What two types of audience might be interested in reading this selection? State the interest of each. **(Score: 02)**

C- Based on the indicated paragraphs, what does each of the following underlined pronouns refer to? **(Score: 04)**

- 1- it (Paragraph 2)
- 2- one (Paragraph 4)
- 3- them (Paragraph 4)
- 4- this (Paragraph 7)

D- The following statements are false for they misinterpret what is stated or implied in the selection. Rewrite each correctly. **(Score: 02)**

- 1- The success of the constitution-making process can be successful only by creating a new constitution.
- 2- The United Nations electoral assistance is based particularly on the work of its agencies.

E- The reading selection has eight paragraphs (1→8). Each of the following extracts (A and B) is the correct ending of ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts A and B carefully and then choose from paragraphs (1→8) the one that correctly fits with each extract. **(Score: 02)**

Extract A- *Gender equality and women's empowerment are a matter of justice and human rights, and they are also essential for the achievement of human rights for all, for the development of all societies and for our collective global future.*

Extract B- *The spread of democracy around the world is one of the most significant achievements of our times, and the United Nations continues to be a trusted impartial actor providing assistance in elections each year, either at the request of Member States or based on a Security Council or General Assembly mandate.*

F- 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)**

sublime (Paragraph 1)	profound (Paragraph4)	collaborative (Paragraph 6)
indispensable (Paragraph 6)	integral (Paragraph7)	

- 1- Technology has changed our lives, and the use of technology as an educational tool has become for improving academic performance.
- 2- The concert filled our hearts with so much joy because of themusic the pianist played.
- 3- The civil war had effects on industry, economy and agriculture that will last for years.
- 4- The most appropriate way is to work as a team and make efforts to financially support the community as a whole.

Part Two: Writing:

(Score: 16/40)

Choose ONE of the following prompts:

Prompt (A): Read the following statement from an article about protection of human rights.

Human rights are the rights that we possess as human beings including the right to live, liberty and human dignity. Protection of human rights is a measure of a country's level of development. Also, protection of human rights is of prime importance because they are the basic rights to be enjoyed by every human being

Write an essay in which you explain the above statement. As you develop your essay, refer to the measures a government can take to ensure the protection of human rights in its legal and educational systems.


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 250-300 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.

Prompt (B): Read the following viewpoint from a debate on gender equality.

Gender equality is a prerequisite to achieving democracy. Now throughout the world, women play a critical role in economic growth and development. However, women still suffer from gender discrimination as they have less benefits and protection under legal systems. Progress towards democracy will never be successful without legal systems that give women equal rights.

Write an argumentative essay in which you argue *for* or *against* the above statement. As you develop your essay, support your position by drawing on logical reasoning and experience. In your supporting paragraphs provide relevant, specific, and adequate evidence and examples from your reading, experience or observation. Your essay should be between 250-300 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.

Your essay will be evaluated based on content and organization of ideas (Score: 07), language and style (Score: 07), tidiness and handwriting (Score: 02).

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أسس التصحيح (تراعي تعليق الدروس والتوصيف المعدل للعام الدراسي 2016-2017 وحتى صدور المناهج المطورة)

A-

- 1- There is a relationship of interdependence between democracy and human rights. Each is needed for the realization of the other.
- 2- The purpose of civil society projects supported by the United Nations is to make the voice of the civil society more heard and to encourage people's participation in democratic processes.
- 3- The writer implies that working continuously on the implementation of democracy is important for realizing it.
- 4- The recommendations are enhancing the reach of the International Day of Democracy and increasing the United Nations democracy assistance worldwide.

B-

- 1- The pattern of organization in paragraph 7 is listing. The writer lists the areas in which UN supports women's empowerment in its democracy assistance.
- 2- It's a relationship of addition. In paragraph 5, the writer explains the United Nations technical assistance in electoral activities to support democracy. Then, in paragraph 6, the writer uses "Besides" to explain how the United Nations supports civil society democratic practices.
- 3- Audience like politicians might be interested in reading this selection to understand how they can support democracy and human rights in their countries. Civil society activists might also be interested in reading it to learn about democratic practices they need to enhance in their action plans.

C-

- 1- "it" in paragraph refers to The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).
- 2- "one" in paragraph 4 refers to constitution.
- 3- "them" in paragraph 4 refers to both processes of drafting and reforming the constitution.
- 4- "this" in paragraph 7 refers to empowering women and promoting women's rights.

D-

- 1- The success of the constitution-making process can be successful by the creation of a new constitution and the reform of an existing constitution.
- 2- The United Nations electoral assistance is based on a mechanism of coordination between its departments, agencies and programs involved in electoral assistance

E- Extract A is the correct ending of paragraph 7.
Extract B is the correct ending of paragraph 5.

F-

- 1- indispensable
- 2- sublime
- 3- profound
- 4- collaborative