



### I-Composition (30)

#### **Attempt only one of the following topics:**

##### **A) Report**

“Time is money,” says the English proverb. If none of us wastes his valuable time, he will be more productive and a lot happier. In **(12-14) sentences, plan and write about the importance of managing your time as a student, and how you can make the best use of it.**

#### **The following guidewords and phrases may help:**

The Arabic proverb/ time / sword / unless /cut / you /man / age /limited / make use / time /achieve /goals / school time /move to / upper grade / join university / spare time /build / bodies /brains /reading /learning / computer science//full use/ time/ efficient / have more time to entertain / family/ friends.

#### **Or**

##### **B) An Email**

Al-Watan newspaper has asked readers, preferably student readers, to write about their dream schools. In (12-14) sentences, plan and write an email **describing your dream school**, how it should be in terms of **its building, administration, subjects, teachers, the testing system...** etc. Your name is Ali. Your email address is [ali2012@hotmail.com](mailto:ali2012@hotmail.com). The email address for Al-Watan newspaper is: [alwatan@alwattan.ktt.com](mailto:alwatan@alwattan.ktt.com)

#### **The following guide words and phrases may help you:**

more open space - greenery - timetable – subjects- learners' and teachers' roles – discipline – the exam system – sports activities – cultural activities –more fun – real life – feel – at ease – technology – Internet – freedom – playground – breaks – practical – more choices – punishment – interests

**Writing Plan (5)**



**Reading Comprehension (25 Marks)**

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

The United Kingdom is an island located in Europe. It includes part of the island of Ireland. It consists of four nations: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Over 60 million people live in the United Kingdom. The vast majority of the population, however, lives in England. The government of the United Kingdom is considered a constitutional monarchy. A constitutional monarchy is a government in which the monarch (king or queen) is head of state. Queen Elizabeth II is the monarch of the United Kingdom. However, she exercises very little political power.

The history of the United Kingdom is full of wars, invasions, revolutions, and interesting rulers. Numerous castles, fortifications, old cathedrals, and ruins are evidence of the kingdom's past. The "UK," as it is often called, was once the world's most powerful nation. Canada, Australia, India, Pakistan, and even the United States are among nations that used to be controlled by it. It is also the birthplace of the English language.

There are many remarkable landmarks to see in the United Kingdom such as the Tower of London, Big Ben, Oxford University and the mysterious Stonehenge. Oxford University is the oldest university in the English speaking world. Many of the United Kingdom's former prime ministers attended Oxford. Stonehenge, located near Salisbury, England, is a group of giant standing stones arranged in a circular formation. Archaeologists believe the formations are over 4,500 years old. No one knows exactly what Stonehenge is meant to represent.

**A) Choose the best completion from a, b, c and d: (2 X 3.5 = 7 Marks)**

1. The second paragraph describes in brief .....

  - a. The Stonehenge.
  - b. The history of the United Kingdom.
  - c. The remarkable landmarks of the UK.
  - d. The location of the UK.

2. The underlined pronoun it in line 12 refers to.....

  - a. The United States
  - b. The United Kingdom
  - c. Pakistan
  - d. India

**B) Mark the following statements true (√) or false (X): (2 X 3 = 6 Marks)**

3. A few percentage of the population of the United Kingdom lives in England. ( )
4. The United Kingdom used to be controlled by the United States. ( )

**C) Answer the following questions: (2 X 3 = 6 Marks)**

5. What is the United Kingdom made up of?

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6. What is meant by a constitutional monarchy government?

**D) Complete the following sentences in reference to the passage above:(2 X3 =6Marks)**

7. Although Queen Elizabeth II is the monarch of the United Kingdom, .....

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8. The Tower of London, Big Ben, Oxford University and the mysterious Stonehenge are some of .....

### **I. Summary Making (10 Marks)**

For centuries, people have struggled to come up with a good definition of art. Before the 1700s, the word art was often used to describe any skill that produced something. At the time, both painting and farming were thought of as arts. Today, people think of the arts more as forms of expression. Artists use skill and imagination to create a product. This creation often draws a response from others. These can include admiration of a beautiful sculpture, feelings of sadness from a moving poem, or pleasure from a funny play.

Individual arts are often grouped into categories based on similarities. Theater, dance, and music are common examples of performing arts. Poetry, short stories, and novels are thought of as literature—words crafted to express ideas. Art forms that result in “useful” products are sometimes called decorative arts. Furniture design, metalworking, basketry, and pottery are a few examples of decorative arts.

Sometimes an art can be classified in more than one category. For instance, painting and drawing are often thought of as visual arts—art forms enjoyed through sight.

**In four sentences of your own, write down the four categories of individual arts:**

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**TRANSLATION (15 Marks)**

**A) Translate the following into GOOD Arabic: (10 Marks)**

Natural disasters like floods and volcanoes can cause great destruction. The eruption of a volcano in Iceland released a volcanic cloud that caused thousands of flights to be cancelled. Hundreds of thousands of passengers could not reach their destinations. This volcano had been inactive for 200 years before it erupted a few months ago.

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**B) Translate the following into GOOD English: (5 Marks)**

أحمد: كثرت في الآونة الأخيرة الدعاوى المرفوعة بسبب أمور بسيطة.

فهد: أعتقد أن القضايا البسيطة يمكن أن تحل دون اللجوء للمحكمة.

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