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دولة الكويت  
وزارة التربية  
منطقة مبارك الكبير التعليمية  
التوجيه الفني للغة الإنجليزية

## Composition (70 Marks)

**Attempt only ONE of the following two topics:**

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

Most Kuwaitis like to camp in the desert during the spring holiday. However, some of them leave rubbish behind. This causes pollution and prevents others from enjoying themselves there. In a report of 18 sentences, **plan and write** about the **importance of our deserts**, **why many people like to go camping in the desert** and **how we can keep our deserts clean**.

**The following guidewords and phrases might help you:**

spacious – sand – view – relax – sunny - fresh air – plants - desert camp – dirt – noise – motorcycles – dust – awful- clean environment – ecological system – awareness campaign – healthy – beautiful – lungs – trees

**Or**

### **B) An article**

Television is often a blessing, but it could be a curse. In 18 sentences, **plan and write** an article for your school magazine on the **advantages** and the **disadvantages** of television.

Your name is Fahd.

**The following guidewords and phrases might help you:**

**Advantages:** interesting / spend free time / cartoons / educational programmes / films / music / news / information / different languages

**Disadvantages:** affect moral values negatively / violence / waste of time / bad for eyes / don't study enough

**Writing Plan (10)**



**Reading Comprehension (70)**

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

The "Pathfinder" spacecraft took an eight month journey to Mars and shocked the world when it landed on the "Red Planet", on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 1997. The landing was made possible by a new method that slowed the descent with a parachute. The landing was also cushioned by airbags. The vehicle bounced many times before settling safely on the surface.

Aboard the "Pathfinder", was a \$25 million car called "Sojourner". The robot was a six-wheeled robotic rover that wheeled onto the surface of Mars on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 1997. "Sojourner" was named after Sojourner Truth, an African-American who fought for freedom during the American Civil War. The robot was very slow moving, crawling at less than half an inch per second. **It** weighed 22 pounds and was only 11 inches high. "Sojourner" explored the surface of Mars and studied the atmosphere, rocks and soil testing whether other rovers could work on Mars in the future. Both the "Pathfinder" and "Sojourner" had stereo imaging systems, which relayed (أرسلت على التوالي) images of the surface of Mars to earth instantaneously (فوراً).

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) believes that Mars is the only other planet that people would be able to live on in the next 100 years, so it needs to be explored and tested before anybody can be sent there safely. Before this mission, the last time a spacecraft was sent to Mars was in the 1970s.

**A) Choose the best completion from a, b, c and d: (4 X 5 = 20 Marks)**

1. The best title of the above passage could be.....
  - a. The first mission to Mars.
  - b. Exploring the Earth from Mars.
  - c. Relaying images from NASA.
  - d. A successful NASA mission to Mars.
  
2. The underlined pronoun **it** in line 10 refers to .....

  - a. The "Pathfinder" .
  - b. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
  - c. Sojourner, the robot.
  - d. Mars, the red planet.

  
3. "Sojourner" the robot .....

  - a. was too heavy to move on Mars.
  - b. moved very fast on Mars.
  - c. crawled along very slowly on Mars.
  - d. was a four wheeled robotic rover.

  
4. Mars is also known as the .....

  - a. The blue Planet
  - b. The Red Planet

- c. The Evening Star
- d. The Morning Star

**B) Mark the following statements true (✓) or false (X): (4 X 5 = 20 Marks)**

- 5. The "Pathfinder" was expected to easily land on Mars. ( )
- 6. The pathfinder was the first successful mission to Mars. ( )
- 7. NASA believes that Mars will be able to support human life in the future. ( )
- 8. The "Pathfinder" took eighteen months to land on Mars. ( )

**C) Answer the following questions: (3 X 5 = 15 Marks)**

9. How did NASA make the landing of the "Pathfinder" possible?

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10. What did "Sojourner" do on the surface of Mars?

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11. How heavy was the robot?

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**D) Complete the following sentences in reference to the passage above: (3 X 5 = 15)**

12. NASA was convinced that Mars is the only other planet that people could live on, so

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13. Before the mission of the "Pathfinder",

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14. "Sojourner" was named after

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### I. Summary Making (10)

You have got something that is more complicated than the most powerful computer. With this thing, you can experience the sight and smell of a flower, the memory of a holiday, the pain when you hit your thumb with a hammer, the sound of your favourite singer, your thoughts and ideas. All these are possible because of a kilo of cells in your skull: the brain.

Your brain controls everything you do. It receives information from your senses about conditions inside your body and outside it. Your brain analyses it with amazing speed and sends out messages that control your body. For example, when you put your hand in very hot water, you think “Oh! That hurts!” and you remove your hand from the water. Your hand sends a message to your brain: “Very hot” and your brain immediately sends a message to your hand: “Take your hand out of the water”.

Your brain also stores memories of the past and this makes learning and remembering possible. Finally, your brain controls your lungs, heartbeat and body temperature.

**In FOUR sentences of your own write down what a brain does: (4 X 2½ = 10 Marks)**

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## II. TRANSLATION (40)

### A) Translate the following into GOOD Arabic:

(30 Marks)

Oil companies keep drilling for oil. They drill for it in deserts, in mountains and under the sea. Quite often, they find nothing, but the search of oil continues. Oil is very important because most of our machines run on it. Without oil, most of the world's factories will stop working.

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### B) Translate the following into GOOD English: (10 Marks)

محمد : لقد ساعدت تكنولوجيا الفضاء على صناعة طائرات أسرع و أخف وزنا.  
حسين: وقد ساعدت أيضا في صناعة محركات طائرات أكثر هدوءا وأقل استهلاكها للوقود.

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