

## READING

(10 marks)

**Q 1: Read the text below and answer the following questions**

People started writing thousands of years ago. At first, they wrote records of local trade. This kind of writing wasn't for entertaining an audience in the way stories and poems are! People told stories and poems for entertainment around the world before writing existed. Africa has a long history of storytelling. The most famous African stories are about little animals that use their intelligence to survive against bigger animals. These stories were told from person to person before written copies were ever made. Writing was used to tell stories across the Middle East before it was used anywhere else in the world. Some of the earliest pieces of literature came from the Middle East. These stories travelled around the world because the writers' skills were so impressive. Reading stories from around the world helped writers to develop their skills by learning from each other over the centuries.

1. When did people start writing and what did they write at first? .....
2. What was the purpose of telling stories and poems? .....
3. Write the sentence showing that Africa has a rich history of storytelling. ....
4. What are the most famous African stories about? .....
5. Why did stories travel around the world? .....
6. What is the main idea of the text above? .....
7. The underlined pronouns refer to.....
  - A. they: .....
  - B. their: .....
  - C. it: .....
  - D. 4.their: .....
8. Find a word from the text that means:
  - A. Written reports of events and facts: .....
  - B. Fun: .....
  - C. Improve: .....
  - D. Cleverness: .....

**VOCABULARY****(10 marks)****Q2 A: Fill in the blanks with the suitable word**

• crop • herbs • poverty • hard-working • compete

1. He grew up in ..... with very little money or food.
2. My brother studies all day long – he's very .....!
3. Fruit was the main ..... on the farm.
4. They use .....and plants for medicine.
5. Many Jordanian and Arab poets ..... to win the "Arar Literary Award"

**Q2 B: Match the following words to their definitions**

Words	definitions
1. tribe	a. the situation of being poor
2. patriotism	b. the ability to do something well
3. poverty	c. people united by race, customs, language, belief, etc.
4. compete	d. great love for your country
5. skill	e. to try and win a competition

**STRUCTURE****(10 marks)****Q 3: A. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form**

1. I ..... with the Nyangatom tribe at this moment. (stay)
2. People usually ..... very hard. (work)
3. I ..... still ..... many things. (plan)
4. .... they ..... an article on old African stories right now? (read)
5. .... you ..... your grandparents every week? (visit)

**Q3: B. Correct the following sentences. Mistakes are underlined**

1. We are spending our holidays in Aqaba every summer.  
.....
2. Jawad's father usually is taking his family to different places for their holidays.  
.....
3. Nowadays, I stay at my uncle's house until my parents are back next week.  
.....
4. Do you watch TV right now?  
.....
5. Is she going to school every day?  
.....

**SPEAKING****(3 marks)****Q 4: Think of this quotation by Gandhi and discuss it with your classmates.****"A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people"****WRITING****(7 marks)****Q 5: A. Complete the sentences with the suitable linking word from the box**

• and • but • because • however

1. You should go to bed early ..... you will have an exam tomorrow.
2. Arar wrote famous poems like 'Wish of the Wisher' ..... 'Sorrow of Youth'.
3. Amazon children don't use the Internet, ..... they go to school.
4. Life is really hard for the Nyangatom. ...., we could all learn from them.

**Q 5: B. Write a personal letter to tell your friends about your new house, school and teachers. Invite them to visit you at your new home.***Best Wishes*

Answers**READING****(10 marks)**

1. People started writing thousands of years ago. At first, they wrote records of local trade
2. It was for entertainment people around the world.
3. "Africa has a long history of storytelling".
4. The most famous African stories are about little animals that use their intelligence to survive against bigger animals.
5. Stories travelled around the world because the writers' skills were so impressive.
6. **suggested answer** The history of writing
7. 1. people 2. little animals 3. writing 4. writers
8. 1. records 2. entertainment 3. develop 4. intelligence

**VOCABULARY****(10 marks)****Q2 A:**

1. poverty
2. hard-working
3. crop
4. herbs
5. compete

**Q2 B:**

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. E
5. B

**STRUCTURE****(10 marks)****Q3 A:**

1. am staying
2. work
3. am / planning
4. Are / reading
5. Do / visit

**Q3 B:**

1. spend
2. takes
3. am staying
4. Are / watching
5. Does / go

**SPEAKING****(3 marks)**

**suggested answer** Gandhi's quotation suggests that culture is about something more than customs. It is about the qualities in the hearts and in the soul of the nation's people. For example, kindness and love are two examples of these qualities.

**WRITING****(7 marks)****Q5 A:**

1. because
2. and
3. but
4. However

Q5 B: **suggested answer**

**Your name**  
**Al-Sa'ada St.**  
**Zarqa**  
**Jordan**  
**19 November**

Dear (**your friend's name**),

How are you and your family?

I'm very fine. My new house is very modern. I have a big room and I share it with my brother, ..... We are at the same school. Our school is not modern, but it is very big.

My new teachers are friendly. **Zarqa** is a very busy city. There is a lot of traffic so I need to go to school much earlier.

I miss you and all my friends from **Mafraq**. I will be happy if you come and visit me. Please ask your parents.

See you soon. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

**Your name**

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