

May :2022	Level: 3ALLE	Duration : 3h30
<u>MOCK EXAM</u> <u>TOPIC ONE "1"</u>		

Part one: Reading

Read the text carefully then do the following activities

Why would a flourishing civilization, advanced for its time, suddenly cease to exist, its inhabitants gone and its architecture abandoned? Conspiracy theorists offer all manner of offbeat explanations including alien abduction, natural disasters, climate change, invasions and economic irrelevance. Still, we don't know – and likely never will – exactly what happened to bring about the end of the Khmer Empire of Cambodia, the Olmec Empire of Mexico or the Mycenae.

Once one of the most powerful empires of Southeast Asia, the Khmer civilization spread from modern-day Cambodia out into Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and Malaysia and is best known today for Angkor, its capital city. The empire dates back to 802 CE. The Khmers practised both Hinduism and Buddhism and built intricate temples, towers and other structures including Angkor Wat, dedicated to the god Vishnu. Attacks from outsiders, deaths from the plague, water management issues affecting the rice crops and conflicts over power among the royal families likely led to the end of this empire.

The Olmec civilization might even have been the first civilization in the Western hemisphere to develop a writing system, and possibly invented the compass and the Mesoamerican calendar. Dating to around 1500 BCE, the Olmec civilization wasn't 'discovered' by historians until the mid-19th century. Its decline is blamed on environmental changes caused by volcanic eruptions, earthquakes or possibly damaging agricultural practices.

Unlike the Minoans before them, the Mycenae didn't flourish by trade alone – they set out to conquer, and expanded into an empire that overtook much of Greece. The empire's artifacts have been found as far away as Ireland. In fact, this culturally and economically wealthy civilization has left behind a wealth of art, architecture and artifacts. What happened to the Mycenae? Natural disasters are possible, but most experts believe that it was either foreign invaders or internal conflict that brought about the end to this once-great empire.

Adapted from: <http://www.momtastic.com/webcoist/2011/05/02/lost-civilizations-12>

A/Comprehension (7pts)

1-The type of the text is : (0,25)

a- a website article b- an extract from a book c- a newspaper article

2-Are the statements "True" or "False " correct the false one according to the text : (2pts)

- a- Causes that led to the vanishing of civilizations are well-known to historians.
- b- Khmer civilization made many contributions in architecture.
- c- The Olmec Vanished because of internal conflicts.
- d- Trade was the only factor that contributed to the flourishing of the Mycenae.

3-Answer the questions according to the text . (3pts)

- a-Were historians able to discover the real reason behind the end of the Khmer? Justify your answer.
- b-What were the possible causes that led to the collapse of the Olmec civilization?
- c-List two main factors that contributed to the flourishing of the Mycenae?

4- What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text. (1,5pts)

a-its (§1) b- this (§2)..... c-them (§4).....

5-Choose the general idea of the text. (0,25)

- a-Mesoamerican civilizations.
- b-Societies that vanished in mystery.
- c-Ancient civilizations and their achievements.

B-Text exploration : (7pts)

1-Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following: (1pt)

a-stop (§1)=..... b-collapse (§3) =..... c-rich (§4)=.....

2-Divide the following words into roots and affixes(1,5pts)

Undeveloped - illegible- disappearance

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Root</u>	<u>Suffix</u>
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3- Ask questions that the underlined words answer (1pt)

- a) The study of history provides many benefits
- b)Matters of culture are included in historical study

4-Link the pairs of sentences using connectors from the list below ,Make any necessary changes .(1,5pts)

(Although – while – in order to – as long as – so...that)

- 1-The Napatean developed a system of irrigation. They wanted to improve agriculture.
- 2-The Olmec was the first Mesoamerican civilization. Historians discovered the Olmec during the mid 19th century.
- 3) The Khmer were powerful. They expanded to many Asian countries.

5-Classify these words according to the pronunciation of the final "ed": (1,pt)

devastated – - -changed - attacked - -civilized

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6-Fill in the blanks with only FOUR words from the list below. (1pt)

(knowledge - structures- Mesopotamia - approximately - savagery-civilization)

One of the most important recent discoveries is the most ancient civilization of America-Caral.It appeared1...at the same time as the first world civilizations in Egypt and...2....About 6,000 years ago the humanity started transition from...3... to civilization that was marked by

construction of cities ,huge structures ,and pyramids .In the Old world, Caral exchanged...4... and goods ,as well as all new structures.

Part Two:Written Expression

(6points)

Choose one of the following topics.

Either Topic 1: :

:Islamic civilization is one of the greatest civilizations that humanity ever seen. Using the notes below ,write a composition of about 150 words in which you analyze the causes that led to the collapse of Islamic caliphate.

-internal conflicts /tribes seeking power :ethnic disputes.

-large area/not easy to control /protect.

-external invasion : Crusade campaigns by European countries.

-appearance of colonialism in Europe /fall of the Othman Empire

: Or Topic 2: There are companies whose only concern is making profit .*Being a successful businessman* , you are invited to attend a conference and deliver a speech of about 70 to80 words on the benefits for a company to be socially responsible

Correction

1)The text :a website article

2)Are the sentences true or false

1) false (they are unknown)

2) true

3)false(the Olmec vanished because of environmental changes like volcanic eruption and earthquakes)

4) false (no trade was not the only factor that contribute to the flourishing. They conquered and expand into an empire ,they were wealthy of art and architecture and artifacts... these factors also led to the flourish of this civilization)

3) Answer the questions

A) No , they were not able . attacks from outsiders , deaths from the plague , water management issues ... and conflicts over power.... **Were likely to be** the reasons behind the end of the Khmer civilization.(historians still don't know the reasons)

B) The possible causes that led to the collapse of Olmec civilization was environmental changes or possibly damaging agricultural practices.

C) The two factors are : trade , the conquer and expand over the empire

4) What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to

Its: flourishing civilization

This : The Khmer empire

Them: Minoans

5) Choose the general idea of the text

Societies that vanished in mystery.

Text Exploration

1) Synonyms

Stop=cease collapse=decline rich = wealthy

2 Divide the following words into roots and affixes(1,5pts)

Undeveloped - illegible- disappearance

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Root</u>	<u>Suffix</u>
<u>un</u>	<u>develop</u>	<u>ed</u>
<u>il</u>	<u>legible</u>	
<u>dis</u>	<u>appear</u>	<u>ance</u>

3)Ask the question that the underlined words answer

1)What does the study of history provide?

2)Where are matters of culture included?

4)Link the pairs of sentences using the connectors from the list

1)The Napatean developed a system of irrigation in order to improve agriculture.

2) Although the Olmec was the first Mesoamerican civilization ,historians discovered it during the mid 19th century.

3) The Khmer were so powerful that they expanded to many Asian countries.

6) Fill in the gaps with only four words from the list

- 1) approximately
- 2) Mesopotamia
- 3) civilization
- 4) knowledge

-Classify these words according to the pronunciation of the final "ed": (1,pt)

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attacked	Changed civilized	devastated

Written expression (6pts)