

Reading Comprehension: (25 points)

Question Number One: (15 points)

Read the text then do the tasks below:

It's estimated that, as a result of the Nakba, over 700,000 Palestinians were forced to leave their homes in 1948 and 1949 (about 80% of the original population), with more to follow. Today, there are more Palestinians living abroad than in Palestine itself, mostly in Jordan or other Arab states but also in the USA, Europe and other non-Arab countries.

At the time, I don't think we completely realised the full scale of this Diaspora, but I do remember our home in New York became a meeting place for many displaced Palestinians, mostly young men. My aunt would cook them Palestinian food and it became a 'home from home' for them. In return, they would have to suffer her insistent questioning about their backgrounds. What town or village were they from? Who were their relatives?

These kinds of questions have always been part of normal conversation among Palestinians, but I now realise the deeper importance that **they** had after 1948. It was a way to reassure ourselves that these places had not disappeared, as if simply by naming them they could be preserved in reality. The constant discussions about people's origins and backgrounds were a way of returning to their homeland, at least in imagination.

What people sometimes forget is that for us, the idea of return was a very real one. 'It's our home,' people would say, 'so how is it possible that we won't be going back soon? Surely the rest of the world can see how unfairly we've been treated, and won't allow it to continue.'

A. Decide whether each of the following is True or False: (3 points)

1. About 20% of the Palestinian population stayed in Palestine as a result of the Nakba. ()
2. The number of the Palestinians in the Diaspora is more than that inside the country. ()
3. Questions about Palestinians' backgrounds were rarely asked in New York at that time. ()

B. Answer the following questions: (5 points)

1. What does the writer remember after leaving Palestine?

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2. How does the aunt's behavior in New York reflect her love to Palestine?

a.....

b.....

3. What is the importance of asking about origins and backgrounds in the Diaspora?

a.....

b.....

C. Complete the following from the text above. (4 points)

1. The writer wrote this article while he was living in, describing the period he lived there after
2. The writer stressed the idea ofas a real right for all the displaced Palestinians.
3. The pronoun "**they**" (line 11) refers to

Literature: (15 points)

اختر واحدة من القصتين واجب عن جميع أسئلتها: Choose one of the two stories and answer all the questions:

Romeo and Juliet (15 points)**Question Number Three:**

A: Decide whether the following statements are True or False. (4 points)

- Romeo stabs himself with his knife when he sees Juliet lying dead in the Capulet's tomb ()
- Mercutio is Romeo's friend and a member of his family, as well. ()
- Prince Escalus blames himself too for the tragic end of the young lovers. ()
- Just the day after the party, Romeo and Juliet get married secretly. ()

B: Circle the correct answer: (4 points)

- Romeo discovers that Juliet is a Capulet from
 - Mercutio
 - Benvolio
 - The Nurse
 - Friar Laurence
- Who is meant by "a tired little boat"?
 - Romeo
 - Juliet
 - Mercutio
 - Old Capulet
- Tybalt has challenged Romeo to a fight because Romeo....
 - speaks badly against the Capulets
 - marries Juliet.
 - disrespects Paris
 - comes to the Capulets' party without being invited.
- Juliet doesn't want Romeo to swear by the moon about their love because the moon is....
 - not real thing.
 - not bright enough.
 - too far away.
 - always changing.

C: Answer the following questions: (4 points)

- What does Lord Capulet say about Romeo when Tybalt wants to throw him out of the party?
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- How is Romeo punished for killing Tybalt? By whom?
.....
- Why does Friar Laurence agree to marry Romeo and Juliet secretly?
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- What does Friar Laurence give Juliet to avoid marrying Paris?
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D: Read the following quotation and answer the questions below. (3 points)

“This is a black day, and there will be more black days to come. This is just the beginning of the unhappiness..... now, I throw off my gentleness!”

- Who said these words?
- To whom?
- Why is it a black day to the speaker?
.....
- What does the speaker mean by " I throw off my gentleness"?
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King Lear (15 points)**Question Number Three:**

A. Decide whether the following statements are True or False: (3 points)

- Lear realized later that giving away his kingdom was a wise thing. ()
- The Duke of Albany arrested Edmund because he didn't lead the army well. ()
- Oswald was ordered to find Gloucester and kill him. ()

B. Complete the following sentences: (3 points)

- Lear visited Goneril and Regan but unfortunately neither of them.....
- Edmund told Edgar that his father.....
- Edmund quickly left his father castle after betraying him to Cornwall in order not to be.....
.....

C. Read the following quotation then answer the questions below: (3 points)

"You are not worth the dust which the rude wind blows in your face."

1. Who said this?.....
2. The pronoun **you** refers to
3. Why did the speaker say this?

D. Answer the following questions: (6 points)

1. Why did Lear ask how much his daughters love him?
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2. What did Lear feel for the first time when he saw 'Poor Tom'?
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3. Why did Gloucester decide to jump off the cliff?
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4. Why were Goneril and Regan jealous of each other?
.....

Writing: (10 points)

Question Number Four:

Choose one of the following topics:

اكتب موضوعا واحدا من الموضوعين

Write an essay on one of the following topics

A. "If poverty makes us miserable, it stands to reason that wealth makes life worth living. But does it? Psychologists aren't so sure "

Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Explain your point of view supporting it with examples.

B. "Having online friends is dangerous to a certain extent and we should not be having online friends if they are not necessary."

What's your opinion concerning positive and negative sides of making online friends?

You can make use of these notes.

- **Positive points:** easy to make, shy people feel safe while chatting, express yourself freely.
- **Negative points:** socially isolated, possibility of hacking your account, poor relationship with family.

The End