

**Text:**

Harun al-Rashid was born on 17 March 763 in Rey, near Tehran, Iran. He was the son of al-Mahdi, the third Abbasid caliph (ruled 775 – 786), and al-Khayzuran, a former slave girl from Yemen, who was a woman of strong personality. Most of his time was dedicated to mastering Hadith and Quran.

In addition, he underwent advanced physical education as a future mujahid, and as a result, he practiced swordplay, archery, and learned the art of war. At the age of 18, a few years before becoming caliph, Harun married his cousin Amat al-Aziz (nicknamed Zubaidah).

Harun al-Rashid became caliph in 786 when he was in his early twenties. At the time, he was tall, good looking, and slim but strongly built, with wavy hair and olive skin. Under Harun al-Rashid's rule, Baghdad flourished into the most splendid city of its period. Harun made pilgrimages to Mecca by camel (1,750 miles from Baghdad) several times. Because of the Thousand and One Nights tales, Harun al-Rashid turned into a legendary figure obscuring his true historic personality. In fact, his reign initiated the political disintegration of the Abbasid caliphate. He died in Tus, Iran on 24<sup>th</sup> March 809.



**Source:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harun\\_al-Rashid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harun_al-Rashid)

**Part One:**

**A- Reading Comprehension: (4pts) Read the text and do the following activities:**

**Activity1: Read the text and the dates with the events (2pts)**

- Al-mahdi was the third Abbasid caliph. ....
- Harun al-Rashid became caliph at the age of 23. ....
- His wife Zubaidah's real name is Amat al-Aziz. ....
- Harun al-Rashid ruled 23 years. ....
- .....

**Activity2: Match each word with its definition (2pts)**

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|---|---------------|
| - a religious and civil leader in a Muslim country.                   | - goodlooking |
| - having a pleasing or attractive appearance: handsome, or beautiful. | - caliph      |
| - an imaginative narrative of an event : example :story.              | - March       |
| - The third month of the year.  | - tales       |

**B- Mastery of Language: (8pts)**

**Activity1: Supply the punctuation and capital letters where necessary (2pts)**

Ibn Khaldoun was born in tunisia. he died in cairo, Egypt.

**Activity2: Write the correct form of the verbs in brakets (4pts)**

- He ( to bear)..... in 1889 in Tunis.
- He ( to go)..... to Egypt and ( to study)..... Philosophy there.
- He ( to write)..... “Almuqadima”.

**Activity 3: Classify the following words in the table according to their final -ed pronunciation (2pts)**

*dedicated, flourished, practiced,initiated*

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**Part Two: Situation of Integration (8pts)**

Your teacher of English asked you to write a biography about “Ibn Khaldoun” . Use the ID card below to present this great philosopher to your classmates.

**Name:** Abu Zeid Abdurahman ben Mohamed Ben Khaldoun.  
**Date of birth:** May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1332.  
**Place of birth:** Tunis (Tunisia)  
**Research fields:** Politician, Historian, Philosopher.  
**Main achievements:** He founded Modern Sociology and Political Economics  
**Jobs:** Judge, Lecturer.  
**Study:** Zitouna University.  
**Famous book:** “Almuqadima” the Introduction.  
**Date and place of death:** March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1406 in Cairo, Egypt.

