

The text:

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PART ONE (14 pts)

A) Reading Comprehension (07 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following tasks:

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| a. War in Gaza | b. Schools in Gaza |
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Task Two (04 pts): Answer by "True" or "False".

1. The UNICEF and UNDF help children in Gaza.
2. The UNICEF gives money to the children of Gaza.
3. Gaza children dream of schools that will serve as second homes for them.
4. Hala said she did not like the way her classroom looked.

Task Three (02 pts): Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in the meaning to the following:

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| a. unfriendly (§2) ≠ | b. impossible (§2) ≠ |
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B) Mastery of Language (07 pts)

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Task Three (02 pts) Classify the following words in the table below according to the pronunciation of their final 'ed' ending.

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PART TWO (06 pts): Written Expression

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- Palestinian refugees all over the world. (more than 5 million)
- Palestinian children rights (the right to live in peace, education, health care, ... etc.)
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You may start like this:

April, 2021
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April 22nd, 2021

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This time, I'm very excited to tell you about *the Palestinian refugees all over the world. They are more than 5 million. Their children are deprived of their most basic rights like the right to live in peace, education, health care, ... etc. Their dreams are living in peace, feeling safe, liberating the homeland, returning home, ...etc.*

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