

**Second Term Exam**

Abu Abdullah Muhammad Ibn Battuta was a Moroccan Muslim scholar and traveler. He is known for his travelling called the 'Rihla'. His journeys lasted for a period of almost thirty years.

Ibn Battuta was born in Tangier, Morocco, on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1304 C.E. His family was of Berber origin. After receiving an education in Islamic law, he chose to travel. He left his house on June 1325 on a hajj (pilgrimage) to Mecca, but he did not come back to Morocco for at least 30 years. His journey was mostly by land: to reduce the risk of being attacked, he usually chose to join a caravan.

This man sailed down the Red Sea to Mecca. He crossed the huge Arabian Desert and travelled to Iraq and Iran. In 1330, he travelled to Aden and later to Tanzania. In 1332, he decided to go to India where he got the job of a judge for a period of 8 years and then left for China. In 1352, he went south, crossed the Sahara Desert, and visited the African kingdom of Mali. Finally, he returned home in 1355 when he was appointed a judge in Morocco and died thirteen years later.

*Adapted from : <http://www.famousscintists.org/famous-muslim-arab-persian-scientists-and-their-inventions/>*

a caravan = group of people who travel together across a desert.

**Reading Comprehension:(07 points)**

**A/ I read the text and choose the right answer: (03 Pts.)**

- 1- Ibn Battuta was:
  - a- an inventor
  - b- a doctor
  - c- a traveler
- 2- His trips lasted for a period of:
  - a- 13 years
  - b- 30 years
  - c- 3 years
- 3- He died in:
  - a- Morocco
  - b- Iran
  - c- India

**B/ I Complete the table with events that correspond to the dates: (02 Pts)**

Dates	1304	1325	1332	1368
Events				

**C/ I find in the text words that are closest or opposite in meaning to the following: (2pts)**

- trips = .....
- died =/=.....
- return =.....
- small =/=.....

**Mastery of language: (7 pts)**

**A/ I re-order the words to get meaningful sentences: (3 pts)**

- 1- use to / alone / Ibn Battuta / Did / travel?
- 2- medicine / was / studying / He/ not.
- 3- living / Algeria / he / in / was?

**B/ I write the correct form of the verbs between brackets: (2pts)**

- 1- Ibn Battuta (to go) .....to Egypt. He (to meet) ..... many scholars.
- 2- He (to work) ..... as a judge while he (to live) .....in India.

**C/ I tick the right pronunciation of the letters in bold: (2 pts)**

/f/          /v/

first  
discover  
**of**  
physics

**Part two: (6 pts)**

**Written Expression:**

Your e-pal wants to know about one of the Muslim scientists. She/ He sent you an e-mail for help. Reply to his/ her request and introduce to him/ her Al Khwarizmi using the following information:

- **Name:** Muhammed Ibn Musa Al Khawarizmi
- **Date and place of birth:** 780 of Hegira in Precia.
- **Occupation:** mathematician, astronomer and geographer
- **Interests:** Mathematics
- **His book:** Hiseb el-jabr wa- al-Muqabala
- **Death:** 850 of Hegira.