

## First Term Examination

### Part One: Reading (15 pts)

Read the text then do the following activities.

Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, about 40 kilometers south of the Egyptian capital city Cairo. They are now open to the public for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people gathered outside the Bent Pyramid at a special opening ceremony on Saturday. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago. It was built for the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an important step in the development of pyramid building. Tourists can also enter an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetep-Heres.

The two pyramids are part of the Memphis Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will boost the country's tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but tourist numbers fell after the 2011 uprising. Ancient sites in Egypt are on the bucket lists of many people around the world. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be able to go through a 79-meter narrow tunnel to reach two chambers deep inside. They will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists uncovered a collection of stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in. Some of the sarcophagi contained mummies.

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#### A. Comprehension (7pts)

1. Choose the right answer: the text is extracted from:

- a. the Internet                      b. a book                      c. a Newspaper

2. Are the following statements true or false according to the text:

- a. The old pyramids are situated in the city of Alexandria.  
b. The side pyramid was build for the king's wife Cleopatra.  
c. Memphis Necropolis is UNESCO World Heritage site.  
d. The Bent pyramid contains many valuable treasures.

3. Answer the following questions according the text:

- a. Where are the two pyramids situated?  
b. Why was the side pyramid built?  
c. What are sarcophagi? What do some of them contain?

4. What or do the underlined words refer to?

It →

They→

**B. Text Exploration (8pts)**

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to

a. constructed (§1)

b. spouse (§2)

c. very old (§2)

2. Complete the following table:

Verb	Noun	adjective
To emerge		
	Flourishing	
To destroy		

3. Write sentence B so that it means the same as sentence A.

1- a- Before the Islamic civilization collapsed, it had flourished.

b- After.....

2- a- Although Phoenicia had fertile land, people were not interested in farming.

b- Despite of.....

3- a- The exam was difficult. I got a super mark.

b- Although.....

4. Fill in the gaps to complete the paragraph

Bones -Algiers -Various- project

Archaeologists have been digging at ..... sites on this .....for 25 years. The sharp-edged tools and ..... were discovered near the city of Setif, about 200 miles east of Algeria's capital, ..... In particular, the animal bones excited the scientists.

**Part two: Written Expression**

Choose **ONE** of the following topics

**Topic one:** All ancient civilizations such as the Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Sumerian, etc rose, fell and then vanished because of wars, epidemics, etc. How about our modern civilization? What, in your opinion, threatens the world today?

Use the following ideas to write an essay of about 10 lines:

- nuclear wars
- diseases
- climate change
- pollution
- economic collapse
- natural catastrophes

**Topic two:** Write a composition of about 10 lines explaining why most ancient civilization emerged and developed around coastal areas.