

Part One : Reading
A/ Comprehension

Read the text carefully then do the activities

The Byzantine Empire is also known as the Eastern Roman Empire, for it was in fact a continuation of the Roman Empire into its eastern part. At its greatest size, during the 500's AD, Byzantine included parts of southern and eastern Europe, the Middle East, and northern Africa

The Byzantine people called themselves Romans although they were actually descendants of various ancient peoples and they spoke Greek. The word Byzantine, in fact, comes from "Byzantium," which is the Greek name for a city on the Bosphorus. The Greeks colonized the area first, in the mid-600's BC, even before Alexander the Great brought his troops into Anatolia (334 BC). Greek culture continued its influence long after the region became part of the Roman Empire, in the 100's BC. But it was when Roman emperor Constantine the Great moved the capital of the Empire from Rome to Byzantium and renamed it Constantinople (Istanbul today), in 330 AD, that the Byzantine Empire really began. It lasted over 1000 years, ending finally in 1453, when the Ottoman Turks conquered Constantinople and renamed it Istanbul.

Christianity had a strong influence on Byzantine art, music, and architecture. Since Constantinople was the political center of the Empire, it also was the educational center, where future government officials learned to read and write the language of ancient Greece. Thus this period produced remarkable works in history as well as fine poetry, and much religious prose. All the visual arts flourished, too. Most of the artists worked as servants of the court or belonged to religious orders, and they remained anonymous. Ivory carvings, Byzantine crosses, and "illuminations," or small manuscript paintings, attest to their skill. Almost all that survives of the Byzantine architecture are its churches, with their glorious frescoes and mosaics.

For 1100 years, the Byzantine's were able to maintain control of their empire, although somewhat tenuously at times; the Empire's expansion and prosperity were balanced by internal religious schisms (such as Nika Riot) and recurring wars with enemies from the outside. Finally, weakened by recurring waves of attack, the Ottomans overcame the exhausted Byzantines and a new era of leadership began. The Byzantine Empire, however, had left its mark on the culture, never to be entirely erased even after the Conquest.

1. *The type of discourse in the text is*

a_ argumentative

b_ narrative

c_ prescriptive

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

a- Byzantine Empire spread to Europe and Africa.

b- The Greek influence stopped when the Romans settle in the area .

c- The Byzantines were Jewish.

d. The Ottoman attack the empire and dominate it.

3. *Answer the following questions according to the text.*

d) Were Byzantine people from Roman origins?

e) Where were the future government officials educated?

f) How long did the Byzantine empire stand?

4. *In which paragraph are the achievements of the Byzantine empire mentioned ? .*

5. *What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to?*

a) its (§1)

b) they (§2)

6. *Give a title for the text.*

B/ Text Exploration

2. *Much words with their definitions :*

a-Empire	1-Vocal or instrumental sounds combined in such a way to produce a beauty of form, harmony, and expression of emotion.
b-Prose	2-The art of practice of designing and constructing buildings .
c-Music	3-An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch.
d-Architecture	4-Written or spoken language in its ordinary form, without metrical structure .

4. *Give the opposite of the following word , keeping the same root:*

known _ colonize _ internal _ agree

5. *Ask questions about the underlined words :*

a- The Byzantine people called themselves Romans.

b- The Ottoman Turks conquered Constantinople and renamed it Istanbul.

6. *Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final - ed-*

settled _ dominated _ looked _ renamed

/t/	/d/	/id/

5 Fill in the blanks with only FOUR words from the list below.

knowledge - structures- Mesopotamia - approximately - savagery-civilization

One of the most important recent discoveries is the most ancient civilization of America-Caral.It appeared1...at the same time as the first world civilizations in Egypt and...2....About 6,000 years ago the humanity started transition from...3... to civilization that was marked by construction of cities ,huge structures ,and pyramids.In the Old world, Caral exchanged...4... and goods ,as well as all new structures.

PART TWO: Written Expression:

Choose one of the following topics.

Topic One: Culture is an important factor in everyone's life. It's the foundation to a prosperous lifetime. In order to keep it alive, doing your part to preserve it is extremely necessary.

Using the following notes to write a composition of about 100 to 120 words.

- Speaking your mother language.
- Learning about your religion.
- Attending your country's national festivals.
- Teaching your own children to practice the traditions.

Topic 2:Write an article of about 150 ,in which you analyze the causes and effects of examination stress on students.

Typical correction

Part One : Reading

A/ Comprehension 7 pts

1. *The type of discourse in the text is :* b_ expository **0.5 pts**
2. *Are the following statements true or false according to the text ?* **2 pts**
 - a- false.
 - b- true .
 - c- true.
 - d. false.
3. *Answer the following questions according to the text.* **1.5**
 - a) It begins early in September.
 - b) They are small.
 - c) During the four-year high school program the student studies four or five major subjects per year. In addition, the student usually has classes in physical education, music and art.
4. *Re_order the following ideas according to their appearance in the text :* **2 pts**
 - e) *The yearly program in high schools .(3)*
 - f) *The difference between public and private universities .(4)*
 - g) *Education is obligatory from the age of six until the age of sixteen .(1)*
 - h) *Students move to high school automatically without admission examination .(2)*
5. *What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to?* **0.5 pts**
 - a) they (§2) **Students**
 - b) he (§3) **student**
6. Education in America / American educational system. **0.5 pts**

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3. *Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to:* **0.75 pts**
 - a) Joined (§1) _combined
 - b) Presence (§2) _ attendance
 - c) Obligatory (§2)_ compulsory
7. *Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following:* **0.75 pts**
 - a) Refusing (§3) ≠ admission
 - b) Succeed (§3) ≠failed
 - c) Part (§3) ≠ entire
8. *Complete the following table:* **1.5 pts**

verbs	nouns	adjectives
to educate	Education	educative
To complete	completion	completed
To admit	admission	Admitted
To accommodate	Accommodation	Accommodated

*that it
pts*

- 4. Re_ write sentence (b) so means the same as sentence (a) 2**
1. a. If you don't study harder, you

won't get a good job.

b. Unless you study harder , you won't get a good job.

2. a. The authorities should give a great consideration to educators.

- b. Educators should be given a great consideration by the authorities.
- 3. a. He said:” I have searched for knowledge with a great passion”.
- b. He said that he had have searched for knowledge with a great passion
- 4. a. Someone wishes to succeed in exams with distinction .
- b. I wish I would succeed in exams with distinction.

7. *Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final -s- 1 pts*

oceans _ cases _ students _ interests

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/
Students	oceans	cases
interests		

6. *Fill in the gaps so with the following words : 1pts*

lower _ pay _ smaller _ universities

There are about 3,000 colleges and **universities**, both private and public, in the United States. Students have to **pay** to go both private and State universities. Private universities are generally **smaller** but very expensive, which means that the tuition fees are extremely high. State colleges and universities are not that expensive, the tuition fees are usually **lower**, and if the students are State residents, they pay much less.

PART TWO: Written Expression: 6 pts