



Classes : 3ASLLE

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First term English exam

Nearly every continent has its ruins, places where only stones tell the tale of fallen civilizations. Yet they all raise the same questions: How could something so great all but vanish? Why do civilizations collapse?

Civilizations are far more difficult to define, but still demand a number of requirements to thrive including a large, centralized population; a surplus of food, a centralized government, religious unity ... etc. Naturally, any harm to that large, centralized population can potentially lead to a civilization's collapse.

Such a blow might come in the form of genocidal warfare, epidemic disease or geological disorder. The Mayan civilization, for instance, faded from prominence after the 16th century Spanish invasion brought warfare, disease and a foreign culture intent on spreading its own rule. Environmental changes can also wipe out a civilization, especially if they impact the food supply. A 300-year drought decimated the Akkadian empire between 2200 B.C. and 2500 B.C.

The Roman economic crisis led to Rome's fall because of less conquest, which in turn meant fewer human resources to keep the wheels of industry and agriculture turning. The ancient Pueblo in North America pose yet another interesting model for civilization collapse. Pueblos practised agriculture and astronomy. They built elaborate cliff dwellings yet eventually abandoned them. Historians point to numerous factors in their decline, including warfare and cooler temperatures in addition to a divisive religious crisis that caused many of them to migrate south to follow Christianity.

From population to religion, a number of factors play into the subsistence of civilization. If enough of them fail, however, things inevitably fall apart.

<https://science.howstuffworks.com/>

1- Say whether the following statements are True or False. Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement and correct the false one(s).

- a)- Damage to any pillar of a civilization can lead it to fall down.
- b)- Only wars can wipe out civilizations.
- c)- Ancient Pueblo declined because of droughts.

2- Identify the paragraph in which the following ideas are mentioned:

- a)- Romans depended on conquering to rise its economy.
- b)-Harm to religious unity might make people abandon their settlements.

3- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a)- What are the factors that can lead a civilization to prosper?
- b)-How can Environmental changes end a civilization?
- c)-Did religious problems push the Pueblos to collapse? Justify.

4- Find what or who the underlined words in the text refer to.

- a)-they (§3): ... b)-which (§4): ... c)-that (§4): ...

5- Identify the type of discourse :

The text is ...

- a) expository
- b) argumentative
- c) prescriptive

B/ Text Exploration (07 pts)

1-Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to

- a)- rise (§1) ≠ ... b)- extinction (§5) ≠...

2- Divide the following words into roots and affixes.

existence- inhumanity - disagree

prefix	root	suffix

3-Combine each pair of sentences with the connectors given between brackets. Make changes where necessary.

- a) Many old civilizations were tremendously great. They were vanished because of different reasons. (despite)
 b) The Spaniards conquered South America. The Mayan civilization faded from prominence. (after)

4- Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

thrive- existence- collapse- religion

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables

5-Fill in the gaps with words from the given list.

Attributed- spread – success- treatment

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Part two: written expression: (6pts)

Choose one topic from the followings

Topic one:

The contributions of the Muslims for human civilization are great and can't be denied by anyone. Write an article of about 120 words in which you highlight the major contributions of Muslim civilization to the modern one. The following notes may help you: - Translate/Greek writings - Important medical discoveries (Ibn Sina) - Advances in mathematics (al-Khwarizmi) - Architecture (Alhamraa palace)

Topic two:

Write a composition of about 120 words explaining why the reasons of collapse of the ancient civilizations may threaten modern ones.



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- 6- Say whether the following statements are True or False. Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement and correct the false one(s).
- a)- True
b)- False
c)- False
- 7- Identify the paragraph in which the following ideas are mentioned:
- a)- paragraph 04
b)- paragraph 04
- 8- Answer the following questions according to the text.
- a)- a number of requirements to thrive including a large, centralized population; a surplus of food, a centralized government, religious unity ... etc.
b)- Environmental changes can end a civilization if they impact the food supply.
c)- Yes, they did. A divisive religious crisis that caused many of them to migrate south to follow Christianity.
- 9- Find what or who the underlined words in the text refer to.
- a)-they (§3): environmental changes b)-which (§4): less conquest c)-that (§4):religious crisis
- 10- Identify the type of discourse :
- The text is a) expository

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- a)- rise (§1) ≠ collapse/vanish b)- extinction (§5) ≠ subsistence

2- Divide the following words into roots and affixes.

prefix	root	suffix
//	Exist	Ence
In	Human	Ity
Dis	Agree	//

3-Combine each pair of sentences with the connectors given between brackets. Make changes where necessary.

- c) Despite the tremendous greatness of many old civilizations, they were vanished because of different reasons.
d) After the Spaniards had conquered South America, the Mayan civilization faded from prominence.

4- Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

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