

الجمهورية الجزائرية الديمقراطية الشعبية

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PART ONE READING AND INTERPRETING (15 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities

Numidia (202 BC - 25 BC) was an ancient Berber kingdom in North Africa and is no longer in existence today. It was located on the eastern border of modern day Algeria, bordered by the Roman province of Mauritania (western border of modern Algeria) to the west, the Roman province of Africa (modern day Tunisia) to the east, the Mediterranean sea to the North and the Sahara Desert to the south. Its earliest inhabitants, the Numidians, were divided into tribes and clans and were racially indistinguishable from the other Berber inhabitants of early North Africa. From the 6th century BC, points along the coast were occupied by the Carthaginians, who by the 3rd century BC had expanded into the interior as far as Thevesta (Tébessa).

The name of Numidia was first applied by Polybius and other historians during the 3rd century BC to indicate the territory west of Carthage, including the Entire Maghreb as far as the river Mulucha (Muluya), about 100 miles west of Oran. The Numidians were conceived of as two great tribal groups: the Massyli in eastern Numidia, and the Massaesyli in the west. The Numidians were semi-nomadic Berber tribes who lived in Numidia, in Algeria, east of Constantine and in part of Tunisia and Morocco. The Numidians were one of the earliest natives to trade with the settlers of Carthage.

The inhabitants remained semi-nomadic until the reign of Massinissa, the chief of the Massyli tribe living near Cirta (Constantine). During the second Punic War he was initially an ally of Carthage, but he went over to the Roman side in 206 BC and was given further territory extending as far as the Mulucha River. For nearly 50 years Massinisa retained the support of Rome as he tried to turn the Numidian pastoralists into peasant farmers. He also seized much Carthaginian territory and probably hoped to rule all North Africa.

The internet. Google/ Numidia

A. COMPREHENSION (7 pts)

1) Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.

The text is: **a-** an extract from a history book

b- a web article

c- a newspaper report

2) Are the following statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement.

a- Numidia still exists in modern Algeria.

b- The earliest inhabitants of Numidia were Berbers.

c- Massinissa ruled all North Africa.

3) What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

a- Who §1

b- He §3

4) Answer the following questions according to the text.

a- Where was Numidia situated?

b- Give the names of the Numidian tribes.

c- What were the Numidians' activities?

5) In which paragraph is it mentioned that 'the Numidians made business with the Carthaginians?'

B. TEXT EXPLORATION (8 pts)

1) Find in the text words that are synonyms to the following.

- a- small communities =§2 b- to govern = §3

2) Complete the following table

| Verb | Noun | Adjective |
|---------|-------------|-----------|
| succeed | | |
| | unification | |
| | | dead |

3) Connect each pair of sentences with one of the words given. Make changes where necessary.

- a- 1/ we will discover our history. 2/ We learn more about Algeria. **(Providing that)**
b- 1/Thousands of Carthaginians escaped to Numidia. 2/Carthage was destroyed. **(After)**

4) Fill in the gaps with words from the list.

commander - educated - Massinissa - Carthaginian

... ..1.....was the son of king Gala (or Gaia) of the Massylians, and was2.....in Carthage - a kind way to say that he was in fact a hostage. When he was almost thirty years old, he served as.....3..... of a Numidian cavalry unit in the4.....army in Iberia.

5) Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final "ed"

- remained located conceived divided hoped

PART TWO WRITTEN EXPRESSION (5pts)

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 examples and illustrations)

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

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

Or, Topic Two

What are the contributions of the Islamic civilization to the modern world? Give concrete examples (maths, medicine, biology, astronomy, sociology.....)

PART ONE: READING AND INTERPRETING (15 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities

Education is compulsory and free for every child in The United States. Most children start school by the age of six. They attend eight years of elementary school and four years of high school (or secondary school). The money for free public schools comes from taxes, and each state is responsible for its own educational system. State legislatures set the educational requirements but leave the management of the schools in the hands of the local communities. Most states require their children to go to school until a certain age. This age varies from 16 to 18 years according to the laws of the individual states. The Federal government contributes funds to the states for additional schools and school services.

After graduation from high school, a student can start his higher education in a two-year college, a four-year college, a university, or a specialized professional school-either public or private. Most colleges admit students on the basis of their high-school records. The cost of a college education is expensive in private universities, but it is much less in those supported by states and cities. Many students receive scholarships from the schools, the government, or private foundations and organizations. More than 50 % of the college students work to help pay their college expenses. Only 2 % of the population of the country cannot read and write.

From American English

A. COMPREHENSION (7 pts)

1. Are these statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement.

- a. Education is free-paying for every child in the US.
- b. Most states require their children to go to school until the age of 19.
- c. Education in private universities is not expensive.
- d. Most of American people are able to read and write.

2. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a. How many years do students attend elementary school in the USA?
- b. Where does the money for public schools come from?
- c. On what basis do most colleges admit students?

3. Circle the letter corresponding to the right answer.

The text is : a- argumentative b- narrative c- expository

4. What do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- a) they (§1).....
- b) those (§2).....

5. Choose a title to the text.

- a. Public Education in USA
- b. Free Education in USA
- c. Education in USA

B. TEXT EXPLORATION (8 pts)

1. Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to:

a- private (§1) b- cheap (§2)

2. Classify the following words in the table below. An example is given.

| Words | Prefix | Root | Suffix |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| unacceptable | un- | accept | -able |
| requirement | | | |
| discourage | | | |
| elementary | | | |

3. Combine the following statements using the connectors in brackets.

- a) They will go to secondary school. They must attend eight years at the elementary school. (**unless**)
b) The students graduate from high school. The students start higher education. (**if**)
c) Education is available for all people in the USA. Some Americans are illiterate. (**despite that**)

4. Put the stress on the appropriate syllable.

- a. professional b. organizations c. require d. expensive

5. Reorder the following sentences to make a coherent passage

- a- so that we can pass exams and gain the qualification for a secure job.
b- From the moment we enter kindergarten as small children until secondary education,
c- we had better discipline ourselves to work hard
d- Education is a long process that only provides us with basic skills such as literacy,
e- but it is also essential in shaping our future lives.

PART TWO: WRITTEN EXPRESSION (5pts)

Choose one of the following topics.

Topic One

What are the similarities and differences between the Algerian and American school?

The following notes might help you:

Primary, complementary, secondary and higher education – number of years per cycle – age of students - type of education (free / fee-paying) - subject matters – exams - degrees

Topic 2.

Write a paragraph on the following topic.

Do you think parents should influence their children in their choice of a career?

Give at least 03 arguments and 03 examples.