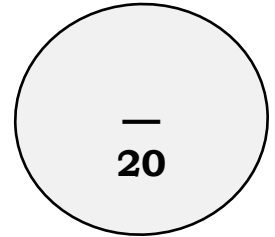


The First Term English Language Test

Full name: **Class:**



Reading.

A. Comprehension.

Read the passage below then do the activities that follow.

The city of Charouine, located at the heart of the Algerian Sahara, is home to many *ksour* (villages). A town rich in cultural resources, Charouine gave birth to many traditions **that** withstood the test of time. However, and like any other place in Algeria, this diverse town did not resist the change imposed by the modern ways of life.

To start with, the majority of children used to attend Quranic schools where they would learn a variety of subjects from Arabic grammar and poetry to a more Islamic-oriented course of study. Nowadays, this habit has declined. Very few parents send **their** children to these schools. Moreover, another tradition whose presence has decreased is Touiza. This latter is volunteer work that takes place with the participation of everyone from the village.

To conclude, it would be unfair to say that one way of life is better than the other. Both the traditional and modern ways of life have their own merits that need to be preserved and cherished by each generation.

1. Say whether the following statements are ‘true’ or ‘false’.

- a. Charouine had very few traditions in the past.
- b. Charouine resisted the transformations of modern life.
- c. Participation in Touiza has declined over the years.

2. In which paragraph does the author mention some of Charouine’s traditions?

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3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a. What did kids in Charouine use to do?

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- b. Does the author prefer one way of life over the other?

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- c. How can we protect our traditions?

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4. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?

that (§1) →

their (§2) →

B. Text Exploration.

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

- a. poor (§1) b. just (§3)

2. Complete the table as shown in the example.

Noun	Adjective
<i>Example: tradition</i>	<i>traditional</i>
practice
.....	racial
revolution

3. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense to express a habit in the past or a habit in the present.

- a. Years ago, our grandparents' food (to be).....healthier.
 b. Omar usually (to practise).....basketball with his friends every day.
 c. When I was a child, my father (to take).....us to Algiers during summer holidays, but now we often (to visit).....Oran.

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

patterns – preparation – transformation – changed

Our eating habits have.....completely over the last years. The consumption of foods that take time and effort to cook has declined dramatically. By contrast, that of foods which need little has increased. This change in our eating.....is not something that we have chosen. It is imposed on us by an overallin our lifestyles.

Do your best!