

The First Term Exam of English

Part One: Reading (15 points)

A/ Comprehension (07 points)

Read the text then do the activities that follow.

The civilization of ancient Greece flowered more than 2500 years ago but the ideas of the ancient Greeks continue to influence the way we live today. The people of ancient Greece made important discoveries in science. They developed democracy, a system in which people govern themselves rather than being ruled by a king. The Greeks also valued beauty and imagination. **They** wrote many stories and plays that continue to be performed today.

Greece is made up of a peninsula and group of islands in south Eastern Europe. Their mountainous, rocky land was not good for farming, so the ancient Greeks became excellent sailors who travelled to distant lands. Greek sailors learned from many different cultures and spread their ideas to many lands far from their home. The Greeks learned the alphabet from sea-faring Phoenicians, **who** lived in what is now Syria and Lebanon.

Ancient Greek geographers divided the world into regions we still use today. The lands west of Greece are still known as the western world, while the lands east of Greece are often referred to as the eastern world. Many of the ideas that flourished in the western world were “born” in ancient Greece. This is why Greece is often known as the cradle of western civilization.

Adapted from: <https://www.mrdowling.com/701greece.html>

1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the correct answer (0,5pt)

The text above is extracted from... a. a web article b. a newspaper article c. a speech

2. Are the following statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement and correct the false one (s)

- a. The civilization of ancient Greece had no impact on modern life. ✎.....
- b. Democracy gives people the chance to choose their ruler. ✎.....
- c. The land in Ancient Greece was fertile and cultivable. ✎.....
- d. The Phoenicians taught the Greeks the alphabetical system. ✎.....

3. Identify the paragraph in which the following idea is mentioned (0,5pt)

“ancient Greeks contributed to literature”

⇒ *It is mentioned in § ...*

4. Answer the following questions according to the text (03pts)

- a. How long ago did the ancient Greek civilization emerge? ✎.....
- b. Did the ancient Greeks exchange knowledge with other cultures? ✎.....
- c. Why is ancient Greece called the “cradle of western civilization”? ✎.....

5. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (01pt)

- a. they (§1) ⇒.....
- b. who (§2) ⇒.....

B/ Text Exploration (08 points)

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following (01,5pts)

- a. evolved (§1) =.....
- b. expand (§2) =.....
- c. areas (§3) =.....

2. Divide the following words into roots and affixes (01,5pts)

