

THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATION**-PART ONE: Reading****(15 points)****-A. COMPREHENSION****(07 points)****-Read the text carefully then do the activities.****The Ancient Phoenicians**

The ancient Phoenicians were a great civilization that inhabited the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea. The Phoenician civilization lasted over 1,000 years. It began about 1550 BC and ended about 300 BC.

The Phoenicians were the best shipbuilders and sailors of the ancient world. For more than 400 years, they ruled the seas! They were the first people to learn how to sail using the stars at night. The Phoenicians were brilliant traders too. They sailed their ships around the Mediterranean and sold things like wood and glass. One special item that they traded made them very rich. It was a purple-coloured dye. Purple was the colour of royalty in ancient times. No one in the ancient world knew how to make purple clothes except the Phoenicians.

Historians think the Phoenicians were the first civilization in the world to use an alphabet. They also think that all the alphabets in the world today come from the Phoenician alphabet. The Phoenicians invented an alphabet and a writing system around 1,400 BC because they wanted to communicate with their trading partners. It consisted of 22 letters based on sound.

Religious practice in Phoenicia varied by city, each having its own God or deities. Among them were Baal and Baalat in Byblos, Melqart in Tyre, and Eshmun in Sidon. Nonetheless, beliefs and rituals shared many characteristics, some of which may have been the result of extended cultural contact. During the preeminence of Sidon in the Achaemenid period, for example, the female deities in each city increasingly resembled Sidon's goddess Astarte (Ashtart).

By 572 B.C.E., the Phoenicians fell under the harsh rule of the Assyrians. They continued to trade, but encountered tough competition from Greece over trade routes. As the 4th century B.C.E. approached, the Phoenicians' two most important cities, Sidon and Tyre, were destroyed by the Persians and Alexander the Great.

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-1) Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.**The text is.. : (0.5)**

- a) a newspaper article. b) a website article. c) an extract from a book.

-2) Write the letter that corresponds to the right answer. (01.5)

A) The ancient Phoenicia first emerged in theof the Mediterranean.

- a. northern side b. southern side c. eastern side

B) They were famous for

- a. paper making b. shipbuilding c. farming

C) The Phoenicians used to believe in

- a. one god b. no god c. many gods

-3) Answer the following questions according to the text. (03)

- a. Why did the Phoenicians invent a system of writing?
b. How did the Phoenicians collapse?
c. Were they the best farmers?

-4) Fill in the following table from the text. (02)

Location	Talents (02 at least)	Achievements (02 at least)	Gods (02 at least)
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-B. TEXT EXPLORATION.

(08 pts)

1. Find in the text words or expressions that are closer in meaning to: (01)

- a. Settled (§1)
- b. devastated (§5)

2. Find in the text words or expressions that are opposite in meaning to: (01)

- a. Few (§4)
- b. least (§5)

3. Divide the following words into roots and affixes. (02)

-disapproval – prosperity – depopulation.

prefix	root	suffix

3. Express sentence “b” to mean the same as sentence “a”. (03)

a. Despite the fact that the Phoenicians were peaceful people, they were conquered by the Persians.

b.;however,

a. After the Phoenicians had settled in the east coast of the Mediterranean , they sailed to the west side.

b. Before.....

4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “ed”. (01)

Convinced – educated – transformed – transmitted

/t/	/d/	/id/

PART TWO: WRITTEN EXPRESSION

(05 points)

-One of the greatest ancient civilizations over history is the Egyptian Civilization. In no more than 10 lines write a short preview about this great civilization using the notes below.

-Notes:

-Location/along The Nile River/lasted from 3150 BC to 30 BC.

-System of government: the Pharaoh /ruler and god.

-People activities/ agriculture (fertile land) (irrigation system) /handcrafts (pottery)

-Structures: The Pyramids (tombs for pharaohs)/temples /Sphinx (guards of the temples)

-Collapse: external invasion /30 BC/ the Roman Empire.