

Secondary Boys School

٨th grade

Mid-term Exam

١. Read the following text and answer the questions below. (١٢ marks)

Music is at the heart of life. We dance to music and music tells our feelings.

It changes feelings, too. It can make us sad and it can make us happy. It can make us quiet when we are angry. It can even make us feel better when we are sick. Music is amazing!

It is ancient, too. Thousands of years ago, people used to sing folk songs about their simple lives. And from these came much modern music – rock music, for example, in America in the ١٩٥٠s.

Classical Arab music developed many centuries ago from the folk music of many cultures and from their poems. People used to put these to music, so singing was very important – and still is. People love great singers like Oum Kalthoum and Farid Al-Atrash.

However, musical instruments are very important, too, and many people agree that the greatest of these is the 'oud. People used to play a simple kind of 'oud six thousand years ago, but musicians developed the modern instrument about a thousand years ago. **It** remains a very important instrument today.

Arab music gave much to the music of Europe – like the 'oud, for example. There, the modern guitar developed from it two centuries ago, and **this** is now the world's favourite musical instrument.

١. How does music change our feelings when we are sick?

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٢. Where did classical Arab music come from?

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٣. What did the oud develop onto and where did this happen?

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٤. When did the oud reach its modern shape?

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٥. Tick these sentences True or False:

a. Singing is at the heart of life. ()

b. The oud is only musical instrument mentioned in the passage. ()

c. Music can make us sad. ()

٦. Get from the passage:

a. A word that means: **made better**:

b. The opposite of: **modern**:

c. The pronoun "**this**" refers to

d. The pronoun "**it**" refers to

٢. Vocabulary. (١٢ marks)

A. Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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١. is the way how people live and act.
٢. I don't like watching films. I am interested in funny ones.
٣. Building hospitals is a good
٤. I had my picnic on the grass by the stream where it the river.
٥. We've already the sign for Yosemite.

B. Complete the following sentences. Use pairs of opposites. (٣ marks)

١. My bag is very I am taking several big books but your bag is quite
٢. It was very cold last night., so we were happy to stay
٣. A: I hate wearing lots of things, so I wear a coat.
B: that's strange. I always wear a coat in winter. I hate being cold.

C. Complete the sentences with words from the box.

never	tastes	smells	looks	sounds
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١. The oud lovely.
٢. This soup delicious.
٣. The flower nice.
٤. Your jacket gentle.

٣. Language.

A. Write the verbs in brackets in the correct forms.

١. Nadia's aunt with grandma in Jenin. (live)
٢. Tina is on the phone. She to Nadia. (talk)
٣. Hurricanes bigger. (grow)
٤. Sami Always Facebook. (not/use)
٥. Have you ever to China? No, to China. (be)
(never/be)

B. Write the dialogue. Put the verbs in the correct forms.

Grandma: Nadia (often email) her friends, too?

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Mum: No, she (do not). She (prefer) to call them.

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C. Use the words in brackets to write statements.

١. often (email) my friends now / not use to do before / I/ text them.

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٢. Ali always (go) to school by bus / not use to do before / he walk to school.

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D. Write replies with already.

١. Aunt: Can Yasmeen take the picnic things to the car?

Uncle: She

٢. Aunt: You and Adnan need to clean the car.

We

٤: Writing.

١. **Number the sentences in the correct order. Write a paragraph.** (٧ marks)

..... They started there a year ago when they first arrived in Britain.

..... He is ١٤ and she is ١٣, but they are in the same year at Westhill School.

..... But they speak the language well now, and so life is much easier.

..... Life there was difficult at that time because their English was not very good.

..... Sami and Nadia Kamal are brother and sister.

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٢. **Write correctly.** (٣ marks)

Ahmad ali nabil and heba are going to visit gaza

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٥. Listening. (٧ marks)

A. listen to a conversation and complete the table. (٤ marks)

Task	Who	When
Watch the TV documentary	Mike and	at
Send an email and ask for information
Borrow some books from an uncle
Go on the internet for more information

B. Listen and write.

١. At the, the food delicious.
٢. To learn an like the you need to play every day.
٣. Arab developed the modern oud about a years ago.

٦. Speaking. (٧ marks)

A. Complete the sentences. Use pairs of words from the box. (٣ marks)

write writer	sing singer	work worker	play player
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١. What kind of stories do you?
I am not that kind of All my books are about science.
٢. Raina very well.
Yes, she practices a lot, and she's a great
٣. Omar and Khalid are good
Yes, and they always come at the right time every morning, and hard.

B. Match A with B. (٤ marks)

١. What's wrong, Mona? You didn't feel well.
٢. Why not go to the cinema? You'd better exercise regularly.
٣. I've lost my watch. Great idea!
٤. I'm getting fatter. I'm sorry to hear that.