**9th Grade Final Exam 2015**

**Part One: Reading**

**Read the following passage then answer the questions. (13 pts)**

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| Some of the world’s oldest cities were built in Palestine, and they were constructed with excellent stone. This building stone and also marble were cut by our ancestors from the Holy Land itself.  Today, the stone industry remains very important: with its beautiful colours and excellent quality, Palestinian stone is often preferred by architects round the world.  Stone was not always produced as efficiently as it is now. In ancient times, it was very difficult to cut stone. Everything was done by hand, and it was slow, hard work. Now, however, technology **has come to the rescue**, and finished stone is produced very efficiently.  Over 60% (sixty per cent) of the 262 quarries are near Hebron and Bethlehem. The stone is then cut and finished by 15,000 workers in 618 factories, and many of these are also in the same area.  However, quarries are found in other places, too, and there are factories everywhere. Together, they produce 4.5% (four point five per cent) of the world’s building stone. They also make 450 million dollars a year for Palestine, and they provide over 22,000 jobs.  The world stone industry is growing at 9% a year. And with our natural advantages, we can raise  Palestinian ***production*** even faster. But to do this, we need to learn more about different needs round the world. The industry is therefore studying world markets carefully. If **it** can continue to grow, it will bring Palestine a lot more jobs and money. |

**A. Answer these questions.**

1. How has technology come to the rescue of the stone industry?   
   ………………………………………………………………………………………………
2. Why is Palestinian stone often preferred by architects?  
   ……………………………………………………………………………………………………...

**B. Read and mark the statements true ( ✔ ) or false ( ✘ ).**

1. Over 22,000 people work in the quarries of Palestine. ( )
2. Technology has made stone production a little more efficient than it used to be. ( )

**C. Complete:**

1. Over 60% (sixty per cent) of the 262 quarries are near ………………. and …………………..
2. To raise the Palestinian production we need to ………………………………………………….

**D. Say what the underlined words refer to:**

1. Line 15: If **it** can continue to grow, ……………………………………………………………..
2. Line 6: technology **has come to the rescue**, ……………………………………………………
3. Line 14: the ***production*** is ………….. { noun – verb – adverb – adjective}

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**Part Two: Vocabulary** (16 pts)

**1. Complete the sentences from the list. (make any changes needed)** (4 pts)

{ **production , quarry , government , fair , needed** }

1. Does the stone go straight from the ……………………….. to the customers?
2. Istanbul was the centre of ……………………… for the Ottomans.
3. And how much of world …………………… of building stone comes from here?
4. Let’s be …………………………… and give everyone the same number of biscuits.

**2. Use pairs of words from the list to complete the sentences.** (3 pts)

{ **health – healthy / safe – safety / danger –** **dangerous** }

1. You can hurt yourself in any sport, so there is always some ……………… . But rock climbing is more ……………………… than a lot of other sports.
2. Dr Blake wants everyone to be ……………… when they do sport, and not hurt themselves, so he always tells people some important and sensible …………………… rules.
3. It isn’t ……………….. to eat just fries and sweets. For good …………………… you need to eat real food, not just junk food!

**3. Add these words to their definitions.** (4 pts)

{ **brave , fair , intelligent , calm** }

1. …………………. : not afraid of danger.
2. …………………..: not full of strong feelings.
3. …………………...: good at thinking, understanding and learning.
4. ……………………: behaving well and in the same way to everyone.

**4. Complete the conversations with pairs of opposites.** (2 pts)

{ **forget , modern , remember , ancient** }

1. A. Istanbul is nearly 3,000 years old, so it’s a very ………………….. city.  
   A. Yes, but it’s also an exciting …………………. place.
2. A. I must ………………….. to change some more money.  
   B. Well, don’t …………………… to take your passport. You’ll need that.

**5. Circle the correct answer.** (3 pts)

1. This programme is ………… . It’s sending me to sleep!  
   a. bored b. boring c. excited d. exciting
2. Where does our national ………. come from?  
   a. independent b. cove c. information d. identity
3. The opposite of "*put away*" is ………..  
   a. put down b. put off c. put on d. take out

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**Part Three: Language** (17 pts)

**1. Use the prepositions of time and place to complete the sentences.**

{ **in – during – next to – at** }

1. They watched some films …………… the very long flight to Palestine.
2. They are sitting ……..…… each other ……..………… the back of the place.

**2. Put the correct verb form.** (4 pts)

1. Nidal ……………………. some water to drink. (want)
2. I ……………… already ………………….. a nice wardrobe. (see)
3. Waleed tried to call while Jamie ……………………… some books. (get)
4. Books are ……………………… for every grade. (write)

**3. Change the sentences into the passive. (Think: *by* + agent / *~~by~~* ~~+ agent~~)** ( 3 pts)

1. A famous film star opened the park 30 years ago.  
   ………………………………………………………………………………………………….
2. Someone opens the park gates at 8:00 every morning.  
   …………………………………………………………………………………………………..

**4. Use the correct comparative forms of adjective or adverbs.** (4 pts)

1. Fuad doesn’t feel as ………………….. as Yasser. (sick)
2. I am much ……………………… than I was. (good)
3. You are not doing the ……………………….. you can. (good)
4. You should take things ………………………….. (slowly)

**5. Circle the correct answer.** (3 pts)

1. We ………… now ……… at 11 meters. (fly)  
   a. fly b. flies c. are flying d. flown
2. At 8:00 tomorrow morning, he ………….. for London on flight PF 156.  
   a. take off b. took off c. taking off d. takes off
3. Istanbul is ……….. city on two continents.   
   a. a b. the c. an d. some

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**Part Four: Listening** (8 pts)  
**1. Listen. Mark the parts that go up ( ) and the part that goes down ( ).**

1. I spoke to several experts – Doctors Ahmad, Fatima and Ashraf. ………
2. What time did you take off? …….
3. So were you in the air for 23 hours? …….

**2. Listen and choose the best way to complete the statements**. ( 4 pts)

1. Dr Blake thinks that ……………….………… young people are fit and healthy. (**some / most**)
2. He says that some sports are ……………………………………………. . (**completely safe / less dangerous than others**)

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**Part Five: Speaking** ( 8 pts)

1. Talk about the people. Use {too+adj+for / not+adj+to}

1. The ball isn't ………………………… her. (fast)   
   She isn't ………………………… stop the ball. (quick)
2. She ………………………. for him. (good)  
   he isn't ………………………. to return the ball. (fast)

**Part Six: Writing** (10 pts)

**1. Write about a place that you enjoyed visiting.**

I remember when I visited …………………………………………………………………………… ………………………………………………………………………………………………………