

First Term Exam

PART ONE: Reading and Interpreting (15 points)

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Text:

Greek civilization developed chiefly in small city-states around 800 B.C. A city-state consisted of a city or town and the surrounding villages and farmland. The Greek city-states were loosely independent and often quarreled among themselves. But their small size and constant rivalry had certain advantages. Citizens of a city-state were strongly patriotic, and many citizens took part in public affairs. The most advanced city-states established the world's first democratic governments. The best-known city-states were Athens and Sparta.

The ancient Greek city-states never became united into a nation. However, a common language, religion, and culture bound the people together. The Greeks called themselves Hellenes and their land Hellas. They thought of themselves as different from all other peoples, whom they called barbarians.

The small Greek polities had the gift of life: the way of life described together in the collected and organized creative thought. Greek scholars laid the foundations of science and philosophy by asking logical questions for what happened under what conditions. Greek writers created new forms of expression, which captured human personality and emotions. Greek civilization reached its height in Athens during the fifth-fourth centuries B.C., a period of outstanding achievement in the Hellenic age.

a) Interpretation:

1. Are the following statements true or false? (1.5pts)
 - a) The Greeks were united under one state.
 - b) The Greeks spoke different languages.
 - c) Greek civilization declined during the sixth-fourth B.C.
2. In which paragraph is it mentioned that... (1.5pts)
 - a) The Greeks considered themselves superior?
 - b) Greek towns were free?
 - c) The Greeks were advanced?
3. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1.5pts)
4. Answer the following questions according to the text (2pts)
 - a) What were the famous states in Greece?
 - b) Did the Greeks call themselves barbarians?