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## Paper II

### I- Composition

**Attempt only ONE of the following topics:**

#### A- Report

Some people are not satisfied with what they have, they always want something more. Plan and write a **report** of 18 sentences, **explaining why people always complain about what they have as being not enough**. Give examples to support your opinion.

**The following guide words and phrases may help you:**

human nature / greedy / ambitious / luxury / compare themselves with others / stars / famous people / imitate / compete / be the best / show off / follow the fashion / change cars / mobiles / clothes / appearance / have more money / more friends

#### B- Email

You travelled by plane last holiday and your suitcase was lost. Plan and write an **email** of 18 sentences to the airline explaining your feelings. Describe your suitcase and its content. Ask about the procedure to be followed to get your suitcase back.

Your name is Ali / Amani. Send the email to: fly@hotmail.com.

**The following guide words and phrases may help you:**

feel disappointed / annoyed / officer / in charge / Luggage Claim Office / delay / grey Samsonite / size / three stickers / one side / initials / some books / important documents / deeply appreciate / prompt reply / most convenient

Writing plan

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**Write your topic here**

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## II- Reading Comprehension

### Read the following passage and answer the questions below:

Have you heard of tulipomania? It means that people went crazy for tulips, all at the same time. This is not a joke. It really happened. About 400 years ago, tulips were becoming the most popular flower in Holland (a part of what is now called the Netherlands). Rich people spent a lot of money building *\*lavish* gardens. It seemed that the more tulips they put in their gardens, the richer they felt. This made the price of tulip bulbs go higher and higher. If the price of a tulip bulb cost 50 florins (Dutch money) on Monday, it might cost 100 florins by Wednesday.

People started to think they could make a lot of money selling tulips. Now both rich and poor people wanted tulips. If people did not have money, **they** traded their jewellery, their land, and their animals to buy tulip bulbs.

In late 1636, tulipomania reached its **climax**. One single tulip could be sold for 6000 florins; two horses, and a coach. At that time, 6000 florins would buy 50 tonnes of butter!

Soon after, tulip traders found that people were no longer willing to pay such high prices for tulips. The bubble burst. Tulips became almost worthless. People who had paid a lot of money for their tulips lost everything. It seems hard to believe that people would spend so much money for a flower. Tulipomania was an amazing event, but it is something we can learn from.

*\*lavish* : more than enough

### A- From a, b, c and d, choose the best answer:

1- The third paragraph discusses .....

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| a- the decrease in the price of tulips | b- tulips as the most popular flower. |
| c- why people traded in tulips.        | d- the cost of a single tulip.        |

2- The word "**they**" in the second paragraph refers to .....

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| a- tulips  | b- people |
| c- animals | d- bulbs  |

3- The word **climax** in the third paragraph is closest in meaning to .....

a- highest price

b- lowest price

c- richest people

d- poorest people

4- We can learn from the passage that .....

a- tulips are now costlier than they were in the past.

b- you should necessarily buy what you can afford.

c- the price of a product is determined by its consumers.

d- you can spend all your money in buying flowers.

**B- Decide whether the following statements are true (✓) or false (X): (4X6=24)**

5- About 400 years ago, the price of a tulip bulb doubled in two days time. ( )

6- Tulipomania was a real event. ( )

7- Only rich people could buy and sell tulips. ( )

8- A tonne of butter at that time would cost 6000 florins. ( )

**C- Answer the following questions:**

9- Why did the price of tulips increase?

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10- What did people have to sell to get tulips?

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11- How much would the Dutch pay for a single tulip in 1636?

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**D- Complete the following sentences with reference to the passage:**

12- People felt rich if .....

13- Tulips became worthless because .....

14- The advantage of tulipomania is that .....

### III- Summary Making

**Read the following passage, then answer the question below:**

Scientists say dolphin intelligence and human intelligence are alike in some ways. Like humans, every dolphin has its own "name". The name is a special whistle. Each dolphin chooses a specific whistle, usually by its first birthday. Actually, scientists think dolphins, like people, "talk" to each other about a lot of things, such as their age, their feelings, or finding food. Dolphins use a system of sounds and body language to communicate. But understanding their conversations is not easy for humans. No one "speaks dolphin" yet.

Dolphins are also social animals. They live in groups called *Pods* and join others from different pods to play games and have fun; just like people. In fact, playing together is something only intelligent animals do.

Dolphins and humans both make plans to get something they want. In the seas of southern Brazil, for example, dolphins use an interesting strategy to get food. When fish are near a boat, dolphins signal to the fishermen to put their nets in the water. Using this methods, the men can catch a lot of fish.

**In four sentences of your own, write down how dolphins are similar to humans.**

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#### IV- Translation

##### A- Translate the following into good Arabic:

In some countries, tornadoes are responsible for a large number of deaths and injuries every year. Although they occur quite frequently, tornadoes are difficult to predict. As a matter of fact, tornadoes develop from violent storms and change direction several times. However, meteorologists can't know exactly when a storm turns into a tornado.

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##### B- Translate the following into good English:

صالح: يقوم المتطوعون في الجمعيات الخيرية بمساعدة الفقراء من جميع الجنسيات.

Saleh: .....

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علي : هذا صحيح. هم يفعلون ذلك دون توقع أي مكافأة أو مديح.

Ali : .....

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**End of Exam**

**Good Luck**

