

Part One: Reading.

(14 points)

A) Comprehension

(07 points)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

Vinca, the Cradle of European Civilization

The Vinca culture flourished from 5,500 to 3,500 BC on the territories of what is now Bosnia, Serbia, Romania and Macedonia. It got its name from the present-day village of Vinca, 10 km east of Belgrade on the Danube River, where over 150 Vinca settlements have been determined. There is no evidence of war or defences in the townships, and it appears that the Vinca were a peaceful society combining low-level agriculture with foraging and trade.

The Vinca produced the first known European examples of a 'proto'-script and were the first people in the world known to smelt copper. They existed in a similar state for almost 2,000 years, following which they appear to have dispersed around the Mediterranean and Aegean.

Vinca settlements were considerably larger than any other contemporary European culture, in some instances surpassing the cities of the Aegean and early Near Eastern Bronze Age a millennium later. The largest sites, some more than 300,000 square metres may have been home to up to 2,500 people. They lived in spacious housing and separated their dead in nearby necropolis (cemetery).

The Vinca tribe knew about trade, handcrafts, art and metallurgy. They had workshops, which means skilled labour. They worked with several styles of pottery and had their own particular artistic fingerprint which is seen in both early Cretan and Sumerian cultures, which rose following the demise of the 'Old Europe' heartland.

Adapted from: <http://www.ancient-wisdom.com/serbiavinca.htm>

1. Identify the type of the text.

The text is a... a) newspaper article b) web article c) book extract

2. Say whether the following statements are True or False.

- a) The Vinca culture thrived primarily in what is now modern-day Serbia, near the Danube River.
- b) Archaeological evidence indicates that warfare was a significant aspect of Vinca society.
- c) The Vinca settlements were typically smaller than those of other contemporary European cultures.
- d) The inhabitants of Vinca were advanced in terms of writing and trade.

3. Identify the paragraph in which each of the following ideas is mentioned.

- a) Metalworking was a notable skill of the ancient European Vinca people.
- b) Compared to other settlements of that era, the Vinca's were remarkably large.

4. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a) What is the origin of the name "Vinca"?
- b) Were the Vinca peaceful settlers? Justify your answer.
- c) What technological and intellectual advancements are attributed to the Vinca?

5. Find what or who the underlined words in the text refer to.

- a. where (§1):
- b. which (§2):

B) Text Exploration**(07points)****1- Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following.**

- a) proof (§1) = ... b) spread (§2) = ... c) fall (§4) = ...

2- Give the opposites of the following words keeping the same root.

settlement appear determined

3- Ask questions which the underlined words answer.

- a) The Vinca culture was discovered near the Danube river.
b) The Vinca produced a range of sophisticated goods.
c) The culture existed for almost 2,000 years.

4- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “-ed”.

produced – discovered – smelted – settled

/t/	/d/	/Id/

5- Fill in the gap with only four words from the list given.

pottery city prehistoric revealed developed bed

When the Danube returned to its river ...1... a century ago, it exposed a great treasure. The archaeological site in Vinča...2..... different kinds of tools made of stone and bones,3....., ritual vases, jewelry, numerous and zoomorphic - animal- figurines, the remains of4.....houses and many other objects created there or brought from remote areas.

Part Three: Written Expression**(6points)****Choose ONE of the following topics:****Topic 1:**

The Vinca were among the earliest societies in Europe to develop peaceful towns, trade networks, and proto-writing. Write a composition of about 80 and 120 words in which you describe what made the Vinca civilization unique. These notes may help you:

- developed a system of symbols “Vinča script”.
- suggested a form of communication and record-keeping using clay artifacts
- trade networks facilitated the exchange of goods
- combined peaceful urbanism and developed trade

Topic 2:

The yearly toll of human trafficking, as reported by "United Against Human Trafficking", is devastating, with tens of thousands becoming victims. As a member of a humanitarian association, write an article of about 80 to 120 words for a local newspaper to implore public authorities to enact effective measures to combat this crime.

انتهى الموضوع الأول

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الموضوع الثاني

Part One: Reading (14 points)

A/ Comprehension (07 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

In the complex world of financial crime, one method that stands out due to its effectiveness is smurfing. Smurfing is a technique used to launder money and evade regulatory inspections, posing significant challenges for financial institutions.

This method involves breaking down large amounts of illicit funds into smaller, less suspicious sums. These smaller transactions are then deposited by smurfs, who are often recruited by criminal organizations, into various accounts or used to purchase financial instruments to avoid detection by regulatory authorities. The primary goal of smurfing is to evade reporting thresholds and obscure the money trail.

Smurfing comprises the strategic placement and layering of illicit funds to make **them** appear legitimate. By using multiple small transactions, criminals can avoid triggering suspicious activity reports and maintain anonymity. This process complicates the tracking and tracing of illicit funds, making it difficult for financial institutions and regulatory authorities to identify and intercept money laundering activities.

In the realm of cybersecurity, smurfing techniques can be used to exploit vulnerabilities in financial systems. Cybercriminals often employ sophisticated methods to breach security protocols and gain unauthorized access to banking networks. Once inside, **they** can execute smurfing operations to launder money, further complicating detection efforts. The use of technology and online banking platforms has made it easier for criminals to conduct smurfing activities remotely, increasing the complexity of monitoring and preventing such transactions.

Adapted from: <https://www.tookitaki.com>

1. Say whether the following statements are True or False.

- Smurfing is a money laundering technique used to evade regulatory inspections.
- Essentially, smurfs are employed by banks to identify suspicious transactions.
- Cybercriminals use smurfing techniques after breaching financial systems.
- Online banking makes remote smurfing more complex and harder to achieve.

2. Identify the paragraph in which each of the following ideas is mentioned:

- Cybercriminals use smurfing techniques to launder money remotely.
- Smurfing involves strategically placing and layering illicit funds.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- What is the main purpose of smurfing?
- How do criminals typically execute smurfing?
- How has technology impacted smurfing activities?

4. Find who or what the underlined words in the text refer to:

a-This method (§2)

b- them (§3)

c- they (§4)

5. Give the general idea of the text.

B/ Text Exploration (07 pts)

1- Find words in the text whose definitions follow.

- Forbidden by law, rules, or custom. (§2)
- Exchanges of goods, services, or money between parties. (§3)
- Individuals who use computers and the internet to commit illegal activities. (§4)

2- Divide the following words into roots and affixes.

Effectiveness unauthorized activities

Prefix	Root	suffix

3- Combine each pair of sentences with the connectors given. Make changes where necessary.

after despite in order to unless

- The initial funds are illegally gained. Money laundering aims to make them appear legitimate.
- Criminals engage in money laundering. They want to disguise the origins of their ill-gotten wealth.
- The illegal source of money is concealed. A complex series of transactions is executed.
- large cash deposits were made. financial authorities easily spotted money launderers.

4- Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

Smurfing - complicates - sophisticated - trail

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables and more

5- Reorder the following sentences to get a coherent paragraph.

- Engaging in such activity is a serious crime that can lead to severe penalties.
- known as "money mules," smurfs are used in a money laundering technique
- less suspicious amounts and depositing them into various accounts.
- that involves breaking down large sums of illegally obtained money into smaller,

Part Two: Written Expression (06 points)

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic One: Some individuals, lacking awareness of the legal definition of smurfing, may accept to deposit sums of money into their personal accounts, and therefore, engaging in an illegal activity that can lead to difficulties. As a conscious citizen, write an article of about 80 to 120 words for your city blog in order to sensitize your fellow neighbours and others of the drawbacks of smurfing. These notes may help you.

- Personal risks:** potential fines, legal investigations, imprisonment
- Social effects:** Supporting criminal activity: drug trafficking, fraud, etc.
- Economic effects:** Money laundering can destabilize the economy

Topic Two: A well-known influencer recently posted a video asserting, "Honesty alone isn't enough to get ahead in today's world." Write a comment of about 80 to 120 words to denounce this ungrateful claim and highlight the value of honesty.

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