

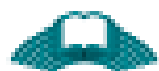
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**Part 1**





**Directions:** Read the text again and answer questions 7-9 using short phrases only.

7 How long did it take the Harappa cities to empty?  
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8 Why do most experts believe the Harappa civilisation ended?  
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9 Why might the creativity of the Harappa civilisation have disappeared?  
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### Task 3

#### Writing

**Directions:** You are Dimitar Borisov/Elena Borisova. Write a formal letter to your school director in which you suggest starting an Ancient Civilisations Club. Support your suggestion by explaining:

- the beneficial effects of extra-curricular activities for students;
- the importance of understanding ancient civilisations;
- the organisation and structure of the classes (number of participants, duration, instructors, etc).

Start and finish the letter in an appropriate way.

(Word limit: 120-130 words)

## Task 1

### Listening

**Directions:** You will hear a text about the role of the monarchy twice. Before you listen to it, you have 2 minutes to read questions 1-9. After you hear the text, you have 3 minutes to answer the questions, choosing the answer which you think fits best according to the text. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers. Read questions 1-9.

- 1 Very few nations have a monarchy in the present day.  
A True                      B False
- 2 Denmark has the longest history of any European monarchy.  
A True                      B False
- 3 The UK monarch is head of state of a number of countries.  
A True                      B False
- 4 Kings and queens are often in charge of lawmaking nowadays.  
A True                      B False
- 5 Monarchies cost countries a lot of money.  
A True                      B False
- 6 According to the speaker, Monarchs tend to  
A create divisions within a society.  
B come from the upper levels of a social system.  
C argue against class divisions between people.  
D feel distanced from their own people.
- 7 During elections, most monarchs  
A advise people how to vote.  
B are the first people to vote.  
C do not take part in the selection process.  
D represent a political party.
- 8 Tourists often take pictures of themselves  
A with kings and queens.  
B around the capital city.  
C outside royal homes.  
D inside important buildings.
- 9 Aristotle said that  
A monarchies are good for everybody.  
B monarchies are a bad idea.  
C monarchs only help the rich.  
D monarchies are bad for democracy.

**You will now hear the text.**

**You will hear the text once again.**

## Task 2

### Reading

**Directions:** Read the following text and mark the correct answer for questions 1-6.

#### An invitation

"But indeed you must and shall come [said Mrs Palmer]. I am sure you will like it of all things. The Westons will be with us, and it will be quite delightful. You cannot think what a sweet place Cleveland is; and we are so gay now, for Mr Palmer is always going about the country canvassing against the election; and so many people came to dine with us that I never saw before, it is quite charming! But, poor fellow! it is very fatiguing to him! for he is forced to make everybody like him."

Elinor could hardly keep from smiling as she agreed to the hardship of such an obligation.

"How charming it will be," said Charlotte, "when he is in Parliament! – won't it? How I shall laugh! It will be so ridiculous to see all his letters directed to him with an MP."

Mr Palmer took no notice of her.

"He cannot bear writing, you know," she continued – "he says it is quite shocking."

"No," said he, "I never said anything so irrational. Don't palm all your abuses of language upon me."

ℓ. 12 "There now; you see how **droll** he is. This is always the way with him! Sometimes he won't speak to me for half a day together, and then he comes out with something so funny – all about anything in the world." She surprised Elinor very much as they returned into the drawing-room, by asking her whether she did not like Mr Palmer excessively.

"Certainly," said Elinor; "he seems very agreeable."

"Well – I am so glad you do. I thought you would, he is so pleasant; and Mr Palmer is excessively pleased with you and your sisters I can tell you, and you can't think how disappointed he will be if you don't come to Cleveland. – I can't imagine why you should object to it."

Elinor was again obliged to decline her invitation; and by changing the subject, put a stop to her entreaties.

... She began by inquiring if they saw much of Mr Willoughby at Cleveland, and whether they were intimately acquainted with him.

"Oh dear, yes; I know him extremely well," replied Mrs Palmer; – "Not that I ever spoke to him, indeed; but I have seen him for ever in town. Somehow or other I never happened to be staying at Barton while he was at Allenham. Mama saw him here once before; – but I was with my uncle at Weymouth. However, I dare say we should have seen a great deal of him in Somersetshire, if it had not happened very unluckily that we should never have been in the country together. He is very little at Combe, I believe; but if he were ever so much there, I do not think Mr Palmer would visit him, for he is in the opposition, you know, and besides it is such a way off. I know why you inquire about him, very well; your sister is to marry him. I am monstrous glad of it, for then I shall have her for a neighbour you know."

Adapted from *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen

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| <p>1 At the beginning of the passage, Mrs Palmer is<br/> <b>A</b> complaining about her husband.<br/> <b>B</b> boasting about her home.<br/> <b>C</b> making an invitation.<br/> <b>D</b> explaining why a visit is impossible.</p> <p>2 Mr Palmer is involved in<br/> <b>A</b> politics.<br/> <b>B</b> business.<br/> <b>C</b> the legal system.<br/> <b>D</b> the church.</p> <p>3 The word <b>droll</b> in line 12 means<br/> <b>A</b> angry.<br/> <b>B</b> funny.<br/> <b>C</b> sad.<br/> <b>D</b> uncaring.</p> | <p>4 Mrs Palmer tells Elinor that her husband likes Elinor and her siblings.<br/> <b>A</b> True <b>B</b> False</p> <p>5 Elinor accepts the invitation the second time it is made.<br/> <b>A</b> True <b>B</b> False</p> <p>6 Mrs Palmer and Mr Willoughby are close friends.<br/> <b>A</b> True <b>B</b> False</p> |
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**Directions:** Read the text again and answer questions 7-9 using short phrases only.

- 7 Who met Mr Willoughby at Allenham?  
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- 8 Why won't Mr Palmer go to Mr Willoughby's house?  
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- 9 Why does Mrs Palmer feel happy about the idea of Mr Willoughby marrying Elinor's sister?  
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## Task 3

### Writing

**Directions:** More than 50% of the world's population lives in some sort of a democracy. It is the best way for people to make sure their opinions are represented. However, a lot of people feel democracy has its drawbacks. Write an essay expressing your opinion about this topic and support it with arguments including:

- freedom, equality and economic growth;
- expensive elections and emotional choice of candidates;
- the importance of democracy.

(Word limit: 200-220 words)



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