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**The Final Exam**

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**Instructions:**

1. **RELAX!!!**
2. **You may use Harraps / Oxford Dictionary**
3. **Answer ALL Questions in a clear hand writing**
4. **Write in a black/ a blue pen.**
5. **Time allotted : 90 minutes**

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**Your English Teacher:**

**Abeer Abu Akel**

# Read the Following text and answer ALL questions bellow:

# THE WORLD’S OLDEST MATTRESS

**BY JAMES OWEN**

The world’s oldest mattress was discovered in South Africa. The mattress consists of layers of reeds and rushes. And *it* was found at the bottom of a pile of bedding. The 3bedding was made of compacted grasses and leafy plants.

There was proof of very old plant bedding. It was 50,000 years older than any previous 5site anywhere in the world. The bedding has layers of fossil plants. And these plants show that people sometimes burned the bedding. Maybe they did it to limit insects and garbage.

8Ancient people probably added a top sheet to the bedding. The top sheet was made of insect-repelling plants. Maybe *they* wanted to keep away mosquitoes and flies. This covering of leaves may represent the earliest known use of medicinal plants by humans. The leaves are from a medicinal plant that produces insect-killing chemicals. The cave inhabitants may have suffered from bed bugs. Or they possibly may have used the leaves to fight body lice.

14The mattresses were around 12 inches high. *They* were probably very comfortable and long-lasting. They measured up to 22 square

For modern hunter-gatherers, the idea of just one or two people sleeping on a bed is 17unknown. Hunter-gatherers usually live with each other in affinity groups. It was probably the same in the Stone Age. Parents, children, and grandparents maybe used the same bed.

(Adapted from “Oldest Known Mattress Found; Slept Whole Family” [nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com), December 8. 2011))

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| **1.** | ***What information is given in paragraph 1?*** | | | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | The discovery of the world’s oldest mattress in South America | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | The discovery of the world’s oldest mattress in South Africa | | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | The discovery of the world’s bedding in South Africa | | | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | The discovery of the world’s compacted grasses and leafy plants  ( 9 points) | | | | | | |
|  |  | | | | | | |  | |
| **2.** | **How much older was the bedding found (paragraph 2)?** | | | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | 50,000 years older than any previous site anywhere in the world. | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | 50,000 years older than modern sites anywhere in the world. | | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | 50,000 years younger than any previous site anywhere in the world. | | | | | | |
|  |  | | ( 6 points) | | | | | | |
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| **3.** | **In paragraph 2, it is mentioned that people burned sometimes their bedding to** (-) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | to protect their fossil plants. | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | to limit insects and garbage. | | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | to show people their limits. | | | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | to add layers of fossil plants.  ( 9 points) | | | | | | |
| **4.** | **Why did ancient people add a top sheet to the bedding? (paragraph 3)** | | | | | | | | |
|  | Answer: ………………………………………………………………………….  ( 9 points) | | | | | | | | |
| **5.** | **In paragraph 3, the covering of leaves may represent (-).** | | | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | the earliest known use of medicine by humans. | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | the earliest known use of medicinal plants by animals. | | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | the earliest known use of insect-killing plants by humans. | | | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | the earliest known use of medicinal plants by humans.  ( 9 points) | | | | | | |
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|  | | **6. PUT A ✓BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS** | | | | | | | |
|  | | **Why did the cave inhabitants add a medicinal plant that produced insect-killing chemicals to the top sheet of the bedding? (paragraph 3)** | | | | | | | |
|  | | (i) | |  | They possibly used the leaves to fight body lice. | | | | |
|  | | (ii) | |  | They possibly used the leaves to sleep comfortably. | | | | |
| (iii) | |  | They possibly used the leaves to keep mosquitoes away. | | | | |
| (iv) | |  | They possibly used the leaves to keep their heads free of lice. | | | | |
| (v) | |  | They possibly used the leaves to fight mosquitoes. | | | | |
| (vi) | |  | They probably suffered from bed bugs. | | | | |
|  | | (2\*9=18 points) | | | | |  | | |
| **7.** | **The mattresses mentioned in paragraph 4 were large enough for a whole family. Copy the words that show this in the paragraph.** | | | | | | | | |
|  | Answer: …………………………………………………………………………….  (9 points) | | | | | | | | |
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| **8.** | **According to paragraph 4, what were the mattresses like?** | | | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | They were large enough for a whole family. | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | They measured up to 22 square feet. | | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | They were probably very comfortable and long-lasting. | | | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | The mattresses were around 12 inches high. (9 points) | | | | | | |
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| **9.** | **According to modern hunter-gatherers, what idea is unknown? (paragraph 5)** | | | | | | | | |
|  | Answer: …………………………………………………………………………… ( 9 points) | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | | | | | | |  | |
| **10.** | **According to modern hunter-gatherers in paragraph 5, how do they live nowadays?** | | | | | | | | |
|  | Answer: …………………………………………………………………………… | | | | | | | | |
|  | ( 5 points) | | | | |  | | |

**11. Reference : (3 points)**

**What do the following pronouns refer to?**

a. It (line 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b. They (line 9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c. They (line 14)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**12. Complete the following table (5 points)**

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| **Noun** | **Verb** | **Adjective** | **Adverb** |
| 1. **competition** |  |  |  |
|  |  | **successful** |  |
|  | **produce** |  |  |
|  |  |  | **imaginatively** |
|  | **create** |  |  |

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