

ثانوية: / السنة الدراسية :  
امتحان الثلاثي الأول في مادة : اللغة الانجليزية  
المستوى: السنة الثانية المدة : ساعتان

**Read the text then do the activities below:**

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that he would convene in Geneva on 22 January the long-sought international conference on Syria bringing together the Government and the opposition to a negotiating table for the first time, **they** will hopefully stop the horrible crimes committed since the conflict started in March 2011.

“This is a mission of hope,” Mr. Ban said addressing journalists at the United Nations Headquarters in New York .Mr. Ban called the upcoming conference, known as “Geneva II”, a **“vehicle for a peaceful transition”** to realize the aspirations of all the Syrian people for freedom and dignity, and guarantee safety and protection of Syrian people.

Mr. Ban said. “All must show vision and leadership. » He added that it would be “unforgivable” not to seize this opportunity and reiterated that the conflict remains “the world’s greatest threat to peace and security” which can only be solved through political means. The fighting has killed more than 100,000 people, nine million left **their** houses, countless missing and detained, and terrible violations of human rights.

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**PART ONE: Reading and interpreting (08 pts)**

**1. Answer the following questions according to the text. (1.5 pt)**

- a) Who will negotiate in Geneva Conference on Syria?  
b) What does Geneva Conference on Syria aim at?  
c) Which consequences of war in Syria are mentioned in the last paragraph?

**2. In which paragraph it is mentioned that the war in Syria is a major concern for the UN? (1 pt)**

**3. What or who do the underline words refer to in the text? (1.5pt)**

- a- they (§1)      b- vehicle for a peaceful transition (§2)      c- their (§3)

**4. Find in the text words or expressions that are closest in meaning to the following (1.5pt)**

- a) Began (§1)=.....      b) hopes (§2) =.....      c) chance (§3)=.....

**5. Find in the text words or expressions that opposite in meaning to the following.(1.5pt)**

- a) agreement (§1) ≠ .....      b) violent (§2) ≠ .....      c) danger (§3) ≠ .....

**6. Choose a title for the text: (1pt)**

- a. The War in Syria  
b. Geneva II conference on Syria  
c. United Nations and war in Syria

**TEXT EXPLORATION (07pts)**

**1. Complete the following table . (02pts)**

Verb	Noun
to.....	government
to.....	opposition
to solve	.....
to free	.....

**2. Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a). (1.5pt)**

**A.a)** “This is a mission of hope,” Mr. Ban said

**b)** Mr. Ban said that.....

**B.a)** The Syrian army has killed more than 100,000 people.

**b)** More than 100,000 people.....

**C.a)** The war in Syria can only be stopped through political means.

**b)** Only political means .....

**3. Fill in the gaps with words from the following list (2 pts)**

***world - given – stop – Prize***

The Nobel Peace.....**1**..... 2013 was .....**2**..... To the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for its works to.....**3**..... the production of chemical weapons in the.....**4**.....

**4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final “s” (1.5pt)**

wishes - hopes - wars – weapons – houses – rights

/s/	/z/	/iz/

**SECTION THREE: Written Expression: (05)**

**Choose ONE of the following topics:**

**TOPIC ONE:** Using the following notes, write a short paragraph on how to live in peace.

- Solving problems peacefully with negotiation.
- Wars are destructive.
- Democracy, freedom, Equality, Justice and brotherhood between people.
- Spreading of peace principles.
- Spending money on housing ,healthcare, education, and food rather than on massive destruction weapons.

**TOPIC TWO:**

Write a short paragraph about a person or an organization who/that you suggest as a candidate for Nobel Peace Prize with his/her/its works for peace.

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**PART ONE: Reading and interpreting (08 pts)**

1.
  - a) the Government and the opposition..... (0.5 pt)
  - b) will hopefully stop the horrible crimes committed since the conflict started in March 2011./ to realize the aspirations of all the Syrian people for freedom and dignity, and guarantee safety and protection of Syrian people ..... (0.5 pt)
  - c) The fighting has killed more than 100,000 people, nine million left their houses, countless missing and detained, and terrible violations of human rights.....(0.5 pt).
2. In paragraph 3 ( “the world’s greatest threat to peace and security”) ..... (1 pt)
3.
  - a- they (§1) → the Government and the opposition..... (0.5 pt)
  - b- vehicle for a peaceful transition (§2) → the upcoming conference/Geneva II (0.5 pt)
  - c- their (§3) → nine million..... (0.5 pt)
4.
  - a) Began (§1)= started..... (0.5 pt)
  - b) hopes (§2) = aspirations..... (0.5 pt)
  - c) chance (§3)= opportunity..... (0.5 pt)
5.
  - a) agreement (§1) ≠ conflict..... (0.5 pt)
  - b) violent (§2) ≠ peaceful..... (0.5 pt)
  - c) danger (§3) ≠ security..... (0.5 pt)
6. b. Geneva II conference on Syria. .... (1 pt)

**TEXT EXPLORATION (07pts)**

1.

<u>Verb</u>	<u>Noun</u>
to govern..... (0.5 pt)	government
to oppose..... (0.5 pt)	opposition
to solve	<b>Solution..... (0.5 pt)</b>
to free	<b>Freedom..... (0.5 pt)</b>

2.

- A) b) Mr. Ban said that **that was a mission of hope**..... (0.5 pt)
- B) b) More than 100,000 people **have been killed by the Syrian army**. .... (0.5 pt)
- C) b) Only political means **can stop the war in Syria**. .... (0.5 pt)

3.

- 1- **prize**..... (0.5 pt)
- 2- **given**..... (0.5 pt)
- 3- **stop**..... (0.5 pt)
- 4- **world**..... (0.5 pt)

4.

<u>/s/</u>	<u>/z/</u>	<u>/iz/</u>
hopes..... (0.25 pt)	wars..... (0.25 pt)	wishes..... (0.25 pt)
rights..... (0.25 pt)	weapon..... (0.25 pt)	houses..... (0.25 pt)

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