

VI-Reading Comprehension (16 marks)

-Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions below:

Although not the longest river in America, the Rio Grande is one of the most important. what makes the Rio Grande so important is its location. Since 1846, it has been the official border of Texas and Mexico.

The Rio Grande is either the fourth or fifth longest river system in North America. It all depends on how it is measured. Because the river twists so much, it occasionally changes course. The river starts in Colorado and extends downward to the Gulf of Mexico. Not only does the river extend south, but it also starts in the mountains and gets lower and lower in elevation as it extends to the Gulf. Its name is Spanish for the “Big River,” but the Rio Grande is actually known as Rio Bravo in Mexico. “Bravo” translates as ‘**furious**’ so the name makes sense. Because of its twists and turns, it certainly does seem to be angrier than most rivers!

The Rio Grande today is mostly used as a source of drinking water. Sadly, much of the water has been drained from the river. This is because people use more water from the river than the river can get back from rain and other sources. Parts of the river are almost dry! Experts are working to correct this, though, with hopes of restoring the river to its past strength. Today, the river is important as a source of water for Texans and Mexicans. More important, it is a symbol of cooperation between two nations. Though borders like the Rio Grande separate nations, **they** are also shared spaces. The Rio Grande is therefore a symbol of friendship and peace between two peoples.

A)-Choose the best answers from a, b, c and d: (6 X 2 = 12 marks)

9.The main idea of the second paragraph is;

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| a) Rio Grande geography | b) Rio Grande today |
| c) Rio Grande length | d) Rio Grande location |

10. The underlined word “ **furious**” in the second paragraph means;

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| a) large | b) twisted | c) angry | d) dry |
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11. The underlined pronoun “**They**” in the third paragraph refers to :

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| a) nations | b) borders | c) peoples | d) spaces |
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12. The river Rio Grande is one of the most important rivers in America because:

- a) **it is an official border between Texas and Mexico**
- b) it is the only source of drinking water in America.
- c) It starts in Colorado and extends to the Gulf of Mexico.
- d) it is a symbol of cooperation between two nations.

13. According to the passage, all the following statements are **NOT TRUE** except;

- a. Rivers can't be official borders between countries.
- b. The length of Rio Grande depends on how it is measured.**
- c. The Rio Grande river gets back its water only from the rain.
- d. The Rio Grande river starts from the Gulf of Mexico.

14. What is the author's purpose in writing this text?

- a. To encourage people to save drinking water.
- b. To compare between different rivers in the world.
- c. To give information about the Rio Grande river.**
- d. To explain the different sources of fresh water.

B)-Answer the following questions : (2 X2 = 4 marks)

15. Why is the river slowly going dry?

It is going dry because people use more water from the river than the river can get back from rain and other sources.

16. How is the river a symbol of friendship between nations?

The two countries have shared the water and the spaces .

II-Writing (30M)

A-Grammar (10 marks)

a)-Choose the correct answers from a, b, c and d : (4 X 1 = 4 marks)

My brother (**spends**- spent – is spending) hours in the gym every weekend. He believes that exercising is very important (so- so that – **to**) keep him fit and healthy. He has joined it (for – **since**- last) September. (**Gaining** –Gain - gained) weight is a problem for him because he has an office job and he has to stay hours in front of the computer.

b)-Do as shown in brackets : (3 X 2 = 6 marks)

13. While the manager (conduct) **was conducting** an important meeting , he had an emergency call . (Correct the verb)

14. Many people donated to charity organizations in Kuwait, **didn't they?** (Question tag)

15. The blue sofa is more comfortable than the white sofa. (Use not asas)

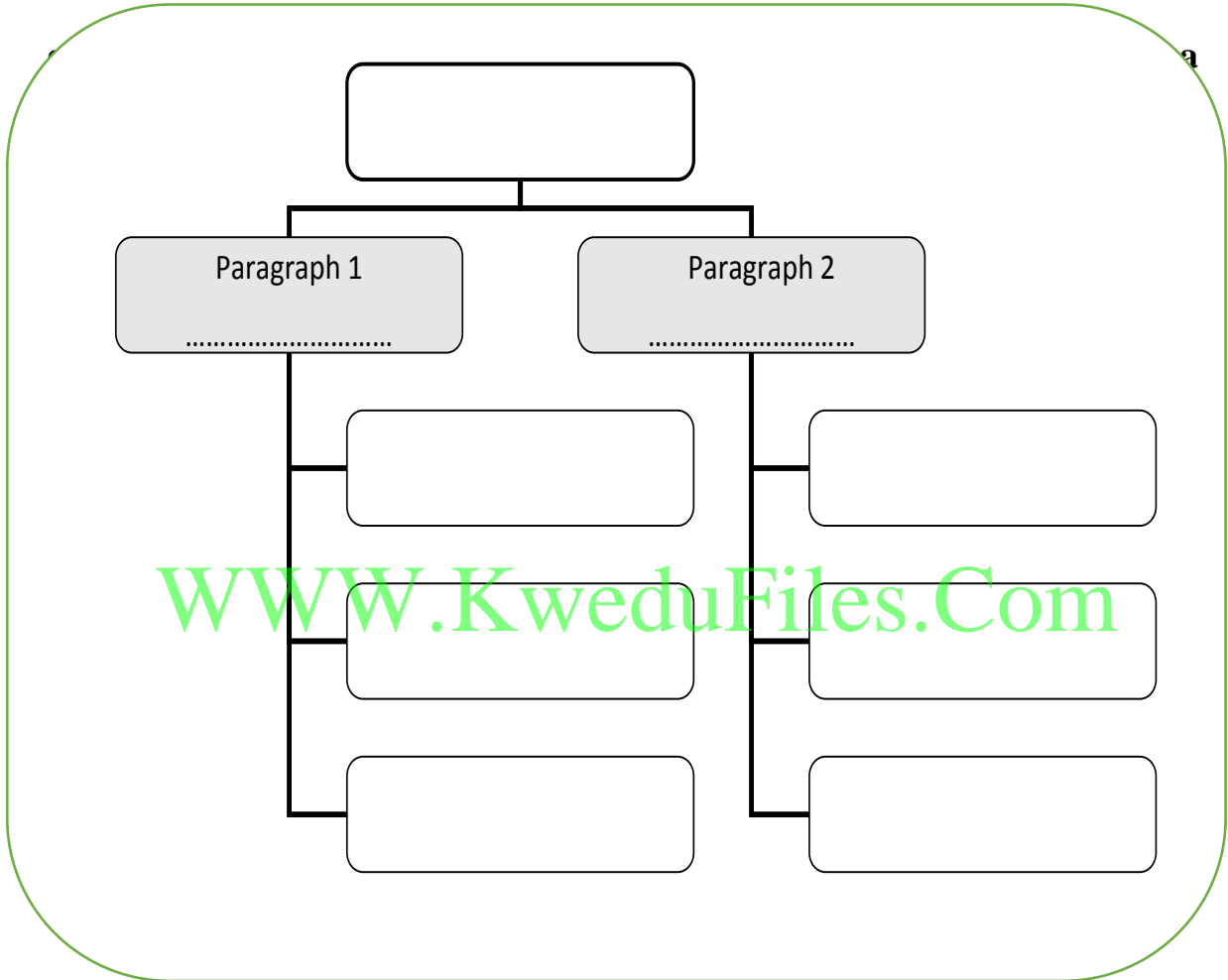
The white sofa isn't as comfortable as the blue sofa.

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B- Writing (20 Marks)

"Islam asks Muslims to treat animals with care, but some people mistreat them "

Plan and write a report of two paragraphs (not less than 10 sentences) about **"Treating animals "** , showing how some people mistreat animals ,and how we should protect them .



Rubrics	Mark	Student's mark	Total
Planning	3		<hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 20
Exposition of ideas and coherence	10		
Paragraphing and number of sentences	3		
Grammar	1		
Spelling	1		
Hand writing & Punctuation	2		
2 marks to be deducted from the total mark for changing the format.			
Off point planning / topics receive zero			

Write your Topic here (17 marks)

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Good Luck