



# ANGLAIS

The day of Arafah, known as *yawm al-Arafah* is an Islamic Holy Day, in which the verse of the Qur'an explaining that the religion had been perfected was revealed . The Day falls on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dhu'l-Hijjah of the lunar Islamic Calendar. This happens to be approximately 70 days after the end of the month of Ramadan. It is the second most important day of the Hajj pilgrimage and the day after is the first most important day which is the major Islamic Holiday called Eid ul-Adha. At dawn of this day, Muslim pilgrims will make their way from Mina to a nearby hillside and plain called Mount Arafat and the Plain of Arafat. It was from this site that Muhammad gave his famous Farewell Sermon in his final year of his life.

There are numerous virtues claimed for the 9<sup>th</sup> of Dhu'l-Hijjah. **This** is the day where the pilgrims assemble on the plain of Arafah to complete one of the essential rituals of the Hajj. It is claimed that this is the day the religion was perfected and the blessings of Allah were complete. The following verse was revealed to Muhammad on the day of Arafah; Allah says: "Today, I have perfected your religion for you, and have completed My blessing upon you, and chosen Islam as Din (religion and a way of life) for you". (Al Maidah: V 3). The completion of Allah's blessing refers to forgiveness for one's sins by Allah, as without it the blessings of Allah cannot be complete. This brings to light the importance of being forgiven by Allah. Those not performing pilgrimage are permitted to fast on Arafah day, it is expected that Allah will expiate the sins committed the previous year and the coming year.

Abu Qatada al-Ansari reported that Muhammad was asked about his fasting: "He was asked about fasting on the day of Arafah (9<sup>th</sup> of Dhu'l-hijja), whereupon he said: "**It** expiates the sins of the preceding year and the coming year". The Book of Fasting (Kitab Al-Sawm) Muslim: Book 6: Hadith 2603.

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I. **READING COMPREHENSION** (8 marks)

A. **Tick the appropriate title from the proposals below:** (1 mark)

- a. The pilgrimage;
- b. Ramadan month;
- c. The Day of Arafah.

B. **Match each paragraph with the corresponding title.** (03 marks)

TITLES	PARAGRAPH NUMBERS
a. Virtues of of Arafah's Day	Parag n°.....
b. Arafah's Day referring to Hadith literature	Parag n°.....
c. Definition and meaning of the day of Arafah	Parag n°.....

**C. For each statement indicate TRUE or FALSE and justify with specific quotes from the text (2 marks)**

1. Arafah’s Day takes place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Dhu’l-hijja .....  
Justification:.....  
.....
2. God forgives those who fast the day of Arafat.....  
Justification:.....  
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**D. What do the underlined words refer to in the text? (02 marks)**

3. **This**...in “this is the day where...” refers to .....
4. **It**... in “It expiates the sins...” refers to .....

**II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)**

**E. Complete the following dialogue by using the right tags, or the forms of verbs in brackets: (02.5 marks)**

**Abdou** : Hello, Moussa! I hope that you know something about Arafah’s day,  
(5) .....you?  
**Moussa** : Yes, of course, why (6). ..... (ask) me that?  
**Abdou** : Because I am (7)..... (plan) to go to Mecca.  
**Moussa** : Do you have enough money?  
**Abdou** : Yes, I (8)..... But I have no knowledge on the rites.  
**Moussa** : Ok, I (9).....(help) you.  
**Abdou** : Thank you very much!

**F. Report the following sentences: (2 marks)**

“Don’t be afraid” told the pilgrim to her companion  
10. The pilgrim told her companion .....  
“Leave this place” the guide told me  
11. The guide asked me .....

**G. Match the notions below with the following statements (01.5 marks)**

Like – dislike – preference – contrast

12. Most people would rather observe Eid ul-Adha than Ramadan fasting:.....
13. Despite the economic crisis, there are more and more pilgrims in Mecca:.....
14. Satan really loves those who commit sins:.....

**III. WRITING Choose ONE topic and write between 80-100 words (6 marks)**

- TOPIC 1** : Many people go on pilgrimage without knowledge of the rites. Give them some advice to help them achieve their pilgrimage.
- TOPIC 2** : Suppose you were in Mecca and after attending the day of Arafah, write a letter to tell your family about it.
- Topic 3**: You were appointed Pilgrimage Commissioner and a pilgrim told you about some problems he met. Write your conversation.