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for Boys

10th Grade
(A/ B/ C)

Name: Second Exam
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I. Comprehension :

Read The Following Text:

The value of emeralds has been known for centuries and even in ancient times. The Aztecs in Mexico and the Incas in Peru held them in high regard. However, the oldest emeralds were found in Egypt, near the Red Sea. Many Egyptian pharaohs took emeralds from the mines there. The mines were actually known as "Cleopatra's mines" because Cleopatra liked to wear the stones. She wore jewelry made from emeralds and decorated many ornaments with the jewel. Cleopatra presented noble visitors with carved emerald sculptures that looked like the Queen.

The ancient Egyptians believed that emeralds were not only beautiful but were also able to cure disease. Historians know that these emeralds were a lighter color green than many emeralds found today, but they were highly valued in Ancient Egypt.

A. Answer The following Questions:

(10 Marks)

1. Write the two civilizations that mentions in the text?
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2. Why Emeralds are important to the ancient Egyptians?
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3. When did emerald found?
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4. Do you think Colombia will also use up all its emeralds like in Egypt? Explain.?
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5. The underlined pronoun "they" refers to:

B. Complete the sentences with words from the box. (10 Marks)

Unusual		Traded		Long
jewellery	trees	have	call	frogs
		brown	millions	

1. Amber also has a surprising secret. Many (1)..... of years ago, amber was a sticky resin inside trees. As this sticky resin came out of the (2)..... , lots of small plants and animals fell into it. After a million years or so, the resin became very hard and fossilised. It is this fossilised resin that we (3)..... amber. The plants and animals that fell into it are still inside, perfectly preserved. Spiders, (4), flies, small lizards, flowers and leaves are all still there, exactly as they were in life. Amber has a (5)..... history. Archaeologists have discovered that some people (6)

