

KABUL'S SINGING SENSATION

Selection Test A**Comprehension**

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.

(6 points each)

1. The “singing sensation” in this feature article is
 - A. a young Afghan music teacher
 - B. an Afghan boy in the United States
 - C. a boy who writes Afghan songs
 - D. a young singer from Afghanistan
2. What hard times did Mirwais experience while growing up in Afghanistan?
 - A. He was punished for singing.
 - B. His home was destroyed in a war.
 - C. His mother and father abandoned him.
 - D. He lived between two warring commanders.
3. How was life different for musicians after the Taliban government left power?
 - A. Life became freer for all musicians.
 - B. People had to destroy all recorded music.
 - C. Men were allowed to sing in front of women.
 - D. Musicians were arrested and beaten in the street.
4. What detail about Mirwais does the author use to support the main idea that “Remaining a singer until adulthood may be a challenge”?
 - A. His handlebars have artificial flowers on them.
 - B. He often sings until three in the morning.
 - C. His cell phone is his one luxury item.
 - D. He is a bright child with a sad smile.
5. The author explains that others enjoy Mirwais’s singing ability by describing
 - A. how long the wedding season lasts
 - B. who plays in Mirwais’s band
 - C. Mirwais’s busy schedule
 - D. Mirwais’s competition

SELECTION TEST A, CONTINUED

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word. (6 points each)

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| <p>6. <u>Transcendent</u> means</p> <p>A. hopeful about the future</p> <p>B. above the material world</p> <p>C. interested in others' lives</p> <p>D. on a journey to a new place</p> <p>7. What does <u>exile</u> mean?</p> <p>A. a great danger that a family lives through</p> <p>B. the detailed account of experiences in war</p> <p>C. the regulated way of moving to a new place</p> <p>D. an enforced removal from one's home country</p> <p>8. Someone who is <u>puritanical</u> is</p> <p>A. entirely unhappy</p> <p>B. not religious</p> <p>C. sternly moral</p> <p>D. unusually disliked</p> | <p>9. An <u>edict</u> is</p> <p>A. a command from someone in power</p> <p>B. a desire for others to gain power</p> <p>C. the wish to give power to others</p> <p>D. a question about who has power</p> <p>10. What does <u>immaculate</u> mean?</p> <p>A. incredibly small</p> <p>B. very clean</p> <p>C. mostly easy</p> <p>D. extremely quick</p> |
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Written Response

Short Response On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the article. (10 points each)

11. What are two details that the author includes to indicate that Mirwais comes from a musical family?
12. Name one belief or cultural tradition from Afghanistan that the author includes in the article.

Extended Response Answer the following question based on your knowledge of the article. Write one or two paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

13. Describe life for musicians and music lovers during Taliban rule in Afghanistan. Support your response with three details from the article.