

BACCALAUREATE SAMPLE PAPER
PART ONE: Reading and interpreting (15 points)
Read the text carefully then do the activities

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The Nobel Peace Prize has been jointly awarded to Professor Muhammad Yunus from Bangladesh and The Grameen Bank he started. The prize was given for their work in lending very small amounts of money to poor people to set up businesses, especially women in the countryside.

This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded in Oslo to the Bangladeshi banker Muhammad Yunus and the Grameen Bank. Announcing the winner, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee said Muhammad Yunus had shown himself to be a leader who had managed to give hope to millions of people. Mister Yunus is the founder of the concept of 'micro credit', which is the extension of small loans to entrepreneurs too poor to qualify for traditional bank loans.

The award came as a surprise to many here who had tipped someone involved in peace talks as winner this year. Mr Yunus himself told national Norwegian television he was delighted with the prize soon after the announcement was made. The winner is expected to receive the award and 1.4 million dollars in prize money during a ceremony here in December.

Lars Bevanger, BBC News, Oslo

(A/ COMPREHENSION/INTERPRETATION)

1. The text is about:

- a- Bank management in Bangladesh
- b- Nobel Prize for anti-poverty work

Tick the right answer.

2. Say whether the following statements are true or false, according to the text.

- a- The Nobel Prize was given to Pr Muhammad Yunus alone.
- b- The Nobel Peace Prize announcement was made in Norway
- c- 'Micro credit' consists in lending money to wealthy entrepreneurs to set up businesses

3. Answer the following questions according to the text

- a- What was the Nobel Peace Price awarded for?
- b- Why did the award come as a surprise?
- c- What will happen in Oslo in December?

4. This text is:

- a- a newspaper article
- b- a radio news report

5. This text is:

- a- descriptive
- b- narrative

6. a- Find in the text a word which means : quantities (§1)

- b- Find in the text a word whose definition is: money lent to someone (§2)
- c- Find in the text an opposite to: unhappy (§3)
- d- Write a sentence using only one of the three words you have found in the text.

(B/ TEXT EXPLORATION)

7. Complete the following table

NOUNS	VERBS	ADJECTIVES
Peace	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Winner	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Founder	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
.....	To translate	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

8. Combine the following statements using the connector given in brackets
 Yunus lent money to the poor. They were able to set up businesses. (so that)

9. Ask questions on the underlined word
Mister Yunus is the founder of the concept of 'micro credit'.

10. Underline the silent letters
 - talks / - delighted

11. Underline the content words in the following
 The prize was given for their work.

12. This is a conversation between Yunus and a reporter. Imagine what Yunus says
 Reporter: Congratulations Mr Yunus! May I ask you some questions ?
 Yunus:
 Reporter: What are your feelings now that you have won the Nobel Peace Prize ?
 Yunus:
 Reporter: How did the idea of lending money to the poor come to you ?
 Yunus:
 Reporter: But lending money to the poor is somehow risky, isn't it ?
 Yunus:
 Reporter: Thank you, Mr Yunus.

PART TWO (05 points)

Choose one of the following topics

1. Imagine a dialogue in which Pr Yunus explains to a radio reporter how 'micro credit' can result in the creation of social conditions for peace.
 Explain in particular how the lending of money to poor people can help:
 - generate wealth
 - create jobs
 - prevent criminality
 - make people more hopeful....
2. Write a letter to the chairman of the Nobel Prize Committee to propose a candidate for next year's prize.
 Support your proposal by giving a coherent account of the problems she / he has solved for the benefit of humanity.