

Type of Text: Narrative.**Sheikh Naimi Middle School Ouled-Djellal.****Sample Exam Paper.****March 2008 Meeting.****Part One. 14 pts.****Cyrus Mc Cormick.**

Cyrus Mc Cormick was the first man to build a machine to cut wheat. It was called a reaper. Mc Cormick built his first machines in 1831, but farmers did not buy them at first. He didn't sell his first reaper until 1840! Farmers finally began to buy reapers. Mc Cormic wanted to build a reaper factory which had to be near farms. So, he decided to put it in a small town near Lake Michigan. The name of the town was Chicago.

In 1840s, Chicago had no railroad. The streets were dirt, and rain made the streets mud. It was difficult to travel in town. Chicago didn't seem to be a good place to start a factory. However, the factory helped the town grow. Using Mc McCormick's machines, farmers were able to plant and harvest more wheat. Chicago soon became a large city and the principal wheat market in the world.

Cyrus Mc Cormic became very rich. His machines were used all around the world. His reaper and other machines are still helping farmers grow more food for hungry people.

**A- Reading Comprehension. 7 points.****1) Match the dates with the corresponding events. 2 points.**

1840	Mc Cormick made the first reaper.
1831	Mc Cormic sold the first reaper

**2) Choose a, b, c, or d to complete the following sentences. 3 points.**

- Mc Cormic's factory was in .....  
a) Chicago    b) Washington    c) London    d) Lake Michigan
- Mc McCormick's machines made the farmers jobs .....  
a) impossible    b) easier    c) longer    d) harder
- These machines help farmers ..... More food.  
a) produce    b) eat    c) sell    d) give

**3) Lexis:**

Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following. 2 points.

- named ≠ .....                      could ≠ .....

B- Mastery of Language. 7 points.

1) Combine the following sentences using the appropriate connectors:

if / because / where / when. 3 points.

- a) The garage is the right place. People can put cars.
- b) Dad didn't buy a reaper. It was extremely expensive.
- c) He will buy a tractor. He gets a loan from the bank.

2) Supply the punctuation and the capital letters where necessary. 2 points.

all the farmers of the world must thank McCormick do you know why

3) Pronunciation. 2 points.

-Pick out from the text four (4) verbs and complete the following table according to the pronunciation of their final – ed.

/t/	/d/	/id/
1-	1-	1-
		2-

**Part Two: 6 points.**

## Written Expression.

Imagine that you are having a conversation with Mc Cormick about his identity and his achievement. Use the necessary information in the following table and write the dialogue.

name	job	nationality	invent
year	use	price	in Chicago

Use:You: .....?Mc McCormick: My name.....

