PART ONE – WHILE LISTENING

- This part of the exam aims at testing your ability to listen to a discussion and answer questions at the same time.

- You are going to listen to a student and a university tutor talking about the ancient Sumerian civilization. Berfu is going to write an essay about this topic and is consulting her tutor before she hands it in.

- Answer the following questions while you listen and give short answers. At the end of the discussion, you will be given 5 minutes to check your answers.

- You will hear the discussion only ONCE.

- Now you have 3 minutes to read the questions before the discussion begins.

- The questions are IN THE SAME ORDER as the information occurs in the discussion.

1. ‘Mesopotamia’ is a Greek word which means ________________________________

2. Fill in the following 4 boxes on the map to show where these ancient civilizations were located: Assyria, Babylonia, Akkad and Sumer (2 pts)

3. Why is Sargon a significant character in history?

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4. Why are the ancient Sumerians considered to be the creators of the first civilization?

5. Although the land in ancient Sumer was very ___________________________, Sumerians had to develop methods of irrigation because ____________________________

6. Which means of transport did the Sumerians use for trade between cities and distant regions?

7. For which purpose did the Sumerians use the wheel for the first time in history?

8. Why did the Sumerians create the first lunar calendar?

9. What is the main difference between the lunar calendar of the Sumerians and the solar one?

10. What is Dr. Harvey’s opinion on the invention of writing by the Sumerians?

11. What made Cuneiform a difficult system of writing?

12. What was the main purpose of majority of Sumerian cuneiform writing?

Listening One: ___________ / 13 pts