

**I- Read the following passage and then answer the questions: (30 marks)**

**Cooking Methods and Some English Colloquialism**

Basic methods of preparing food show great similarity throughout the world, but English cooking terms sometimes have special meanings. For example, almost all cultures have devised some means of baking, that is cooking bread or other food in an oven. Boiling, or cooking food in water, is another universal practice. A related process, stewing, means to boil slowly or gently a mixture of usually meat, vegetables, and water. Still another cooking process, roasting, means to cook meat in its own juices in an oven. While the terms to describe the various cooking methods have a literal meaning in formal English, in informal English they are used to describe human behavior in a humorous way. Half-baked, for instance, may refer to a foolish idea or a stupid person. Boiling mad means very angry. In a stew means to be worried or to be in a difficult situation. To roast a person means to criticize him without mercy. This brief list demonstrates the use of cooking terms as colloquial expressions to picture human conduct more clearly.

1. What is the name and function of the first sentence of the paragraph?
2. What is the function of sentences 2 to 5 in the paragraph?
3. Identify the transition sentence showing the two sets of ideas that it connects.
4. Find the transitional words in the paragraph. For each, explain how it relates one idea to another.
5. What is the name and function of the final sentence?

**II-Attempt one only of the following: (50 marks)**

1. Write a contrast essay (with an outline) on the differences between the Objective Test and the Essay Exam.
2. Write a comparative essay (with a simple outline) on the Similarities between Christianity and Islam.