

## THEME 4 TRADITIONS READING SKILL (SUNSHINE)

### A. Read the texts and write T for true and F for false for the following statements.

#### THE OTTOMANS

Building hospitals was seen as an act of charity in this society. It was the religious duty to help the sick. Also, they used to build foundations for charity. The rich thought that it was both their privilege and duty to take care of people who needed their help. Therefore, they enjoyed using their economic power to help the poor, the sick and other people in need.

Ahi Foundation was very important in trade and craftsmen in this society. Ahi Evran played an important role in directing craftsmen and tradesmen by organizing their social and working life. Ahi Evran used to recommend the members of Ahi Foundation to be honest while trading. As a result, it was a great honor to be accepted into this organization.

This society had one of the most important geographers in the world history who produced original works in the fields of marine geography and navigation. He also completed a map of the world in 1513. Apart from geography, they also gave a lot of importance to astronomy. They founded many observatories. The most important duty of the Chief Astronomer was the preparation of annual calendars. They were responsible for determining the beginning of fasting times, preparing horoscopes and astronomical tables for the palace people and important officials.

#### THE ROMANS

In the early days, only boys went to school. They used to have education in some fields such as agriculture, warfare and traditions. After the civilization developed, boys and some girls started education in private schools. They learned basic reading, writing, arithmetic and Greek.

They had impressive technological developments. They used to be very good at engineering and architecture. They built many famous roads, bridges, baths, theaters and arenas but it took a lot of time. Everyone knows that Rome was not built in one day!

Their native language was Latin. While some people were using Latin in written language, others preferred Greek in spoken language. In very old days, they used to believe in many gods but later, they accepted Christianity. They appreciated arts and literature.

(.....) **1.** In Roman society, all boys and girls used to go to private schools.

(.....) **2.** The people used to speak two languages in Rome.

(.....) **3.** These people didn't like astronomy, but they still built observatories.

(.....) **4.** Roman people didn't use to like arts and literature.

(.....) **5.** Being accepted into Ahi organization was important for traders and craftsmen.