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(a) تكلّم عن حرب أهلية واحدة حدثت في بلد عربي في القرن العشرين. اشرح أسباب هذه الحرب وكيف أثّرت على البلد.

OR

(b) ماذا كانت أسباب هجرة العرب إلى المدن والخارج للعمل في القرن العشرين ؟ وماذا كانت نتيجة هذه الهجرة ؟

a/ *The Lebanese Civil war of 1975-90 is the most expected answer, although it is not exclusive. Mention is expected of the different elements involved – the roles of Christian and Muslim groups, the Palestinians, Syria and others and how this war can be traced to a time long before it started. Discussion can focus on the war in general, on the different phases of it or on the conflict in Beirut itself. Reference would be expected on the outcome of the war – elections, government being shared between Christians and Muslims etc.*

b/ *Poverty, rise in population and decrease in mortality, over-population in rural areas, improved agricultural techniques and machinery (e.g. tractors), less need for labourers, meant movement away from land to the cities of their own countries and overseas – e.g. North African Arabs to France, Egyptians to Lybia and Gulf, within Morocco, Egypt and Iraq – move to Casablanca, Cairo and Baghdad etc. Other relevant reasons and information accepted (c.f. ch 22 Hourani, a History of the Arab Peoples).*

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