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Notes: The candidate is to answer all the questions below.

QUESTION 1 (40%)

Give a survey of verb inflection in present-day standard English.
With reference to the verbs given in Appendix 1 focus on the following:

morphemic categories

regular and irregular allomorphy

type of allomorph

allomorph conditioning

QUESTION 2 (30%)

In what ways does suffixation affect the form of the base?

Answer this question on the basis of examples in Appendix 2, accounting for spelling (a) as well as pronunciation (b) and any rules and regularities in this area.

QUESTION 3 (30%)

Consider the *italicized* words in the sentences below. On the basis of morphological analysis and etymology account briefly for the meaning and structure of the words in bold *italics* below (as they are used here). Show root elements as well as affixes in your analyses.

- 1 This kind of geological activity is typically a *precursor* to an earthquake.
- 2 His Majesty *expired* early this morning, one day before his 84th birthday.
- 3 We may want to propose *septennial* elections for the European Parliament.
- 4 In an *attenuated* vaccine live virus particles with very low virulence are administered.
- 5 The US cannot afford to *alienate* its closest allies and friends in Europe.
- 6 The RVI was built as an *infirmary* for World War I veterans.
- 7 You can take a *pedicab* if you want to get around in central London.
- 8 For a political union of national states to be viable there has to be a general right of *secession*.

APPENDIX 1: verb lexemes

RAID				
QUOTE				
CALL				
FACE				
MANAGE				
PAY				
SAY				
HAVE				
LEARN				
SPELL				
COST				
HURT				
RUN				
BEAT				
DRIVE				
HIDE				
SEEK				
BUY				
BE				
WILL				
MUST				

APPENDIX 2: suffixes and formal modifications

	BASE	Suffix	→ Output		BASE	Suffix	→ Output
a)			lovable				
			lovely				
			living				
			lively				liveliest
							liveliness
			offered				tried
			credited				stayed
			regrettable				
			preferred				
			rebellion				
b)			'sanity				I'ranians
			mo'dernity				pedia'tricians
			'modernism				Gha'naians
			'generousness				
			gene'rosity				alco'holics
			parlia'mentary				'alcoholism
			parliamen'tarian				
			parliamen'tarianism				Isra'elis
			'manager				
			mana'gerial				advan'tageous
			'mountainous				con'tractual
			mountai'neering				
			pay'ee				
			detai'nee				kitche'nettes
		Vietna'mese				lega'lese	