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DATE: Saturday -----<sup>th</sup> of ....., 2017

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

(2) للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية

ملحوظات: (1) اجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها

Read the following text carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLETE answer all questions that follow. Your answer should be based on the text.

Our country has a high standard of education. This is mainly due to the fact that the government considers education a necessity. All schools, from kindergarten to secondary, are the responsibility of the Ministry of Education (MOE). Pre-school and kindergarten education is optional, followed by ten years of free, compulsory education. For higher education, students enter university, either for academic or vocational courses.

Students can attend one of ten public universities, or one of nineteen private universities. A large number of Jordanian students choose to study at these institutions, as well as foreign students from all over the world. These are undergraduates studying for a first degree, or postgraduates studying for a Master's degree, a PhD or a higher diploma.

The three universities with the most undergraduates are the University of Jordan in Amman, Yarmouk University in Irbid and Al Balqa Applied University in Salt. These are all public universities. An example of a newer university is the German-Jordanian University in Amman, which was set up in 2005 CE. It is a collaboration between the MOHE and Germany's Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and it follows Germany's model of education in Applied Sciences.

For students who wish to complete their university studies while working at the same time, it is also possible in some Jordanian universities to enrol onto online distance learning programmes. In the future, this option will become available in many other universities.

**Question number one (20 points)**

- A. 1- According to the text, there are two kinds of schools that are responsible from the Ministry of Education. Write down these two kinds. (4 points)
- 2- For higher education students enter university for two purposes. Write down these two reasons. (3 points)
- 3-Quote the sentence which indicates to the names and places of three Jordanian universities. (3 points)
- 4- Find a word from the text which means " someone who has not yet completed their First degree". (2 points)
- 5- what does the underlined word " their " in the last paragraph refers to (2 points)

- 6- The writer states that there are many public and private universities in Jordan. What does that number of universities tell you about Jordan and its educational system? **(3 points)**
- 7- to complete education it is possible in some Jordanian universities to enrol onto online distance learning programmes. Think of this statement and write your point of view in distance learning programmes. **(3 points)**

**Question number two (15 points)**

**A ) choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (8 points)**

**get cold feet      simulates      contradictions      compulsory      feel sad**

- 1- it is ..... to wear a hard hat on the building site.
- 2- there were a number of ..... in what he told the police.
- 3- the astronauts trained in a machine that ..... conditions in space.
- 4- I'm too nervous to do a parachute jump. I think that I'll..... at the last minute.

**B . Study the following sentence and answer the questions that follows. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (3 points )**

2 If you've got a problem, talk to someone about it. It helps to get it off your chest  
**What does the underlined idiom in the above sentence means?**

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**C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in the box below. There are more words than you need. Write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (4 points)**

- 1-We hope that you will .....this restaurant to all your friends. **(recommendation)**
- 2- She works for a voluntary .....helping homeless people. **(organise)**

**Question number three ( 12 points)**

**A. Corrects the verbs between brackets then write your answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (6 points)**

- 1- Do you mind ..... me why the train is late? (tell)
- 2- Many important things were ..... in the 20th century by scientist. (invent)
- 3- it is ..... that you had finished the project. (think)

**B . Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (6 points)**

- 1- I haven't got as much homework as my brother.  
 My brother .....
- 2- How has he managed to get in shape so quickly?  
 Do you know.....

3- people thought that the government built new hospitals.

The government .....

**C. complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each item. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 POINTS)**

- 1- They had to park here, .....?
- 2 I'll tell you what I understand by the term, .....?
- 3- Your mother comes from Madaba, .....?

**Question number four (15 points)**

**A. EDITING (4 POINTS)**

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have **(one grammatical mistakes, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes)**. find out these four mistakes and correct them. write the correct answer in your ANSWER BOOKELETE. (4 points )

It is believe that the Italians were the first people to come up with a signe language system in the sixteenth century. The idea was then taken to France in the seventeenth century, where the language was developed further.

One of the early developers of sign language was Charles-Michel de l'Epée . whose mother tanguage was French.

**B. GUIDE WRITING (4 POINTS)**

**Read the convering letter then fill in the table correctly.**

I am Raed jawarneh. I live in Inbeh, Irbid. I am married and have a baby. I am working as an English teacher since 2005 until now . I have a Master degree in English (applied linguistics) from Mutah university in an excellent rating . I have a published paper in an international journal. I am very hard worker and I love working within a team. I enclose a recommendation letter from Dr. Issa Al Khotaba.

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Education:**

**Work experience:**

**Skills and achievements:**

**Reference:**

**C. FREE WRITING (7 POINTS)**

**In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition about 120 words on ONE of the following.**

1- Write a blog post about your early memories of school. Compare it with your experience of school in recent years.

2- Some students prefer to complete their higher education abroad but others prefer to stay at home during the study. Write an article about the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad.