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TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

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

Does the language we use influence the way we think? Or does our culture influence the way we use language? Sociologists have been looking into this question for hundreds of years. They have now begun to look at not just how people talk, but also how they think, asking whether the way we understand and remember experiences is influenced by language. As a result of these Sociologists, they have come up with some interesting results.

A lot of research has been carried out on the relationships between mind, world and language. In one study, a psychologist points out that when describing an event, English speakers tend to mention the person who was responsible. Whereas English speakers might say, 'John broke the vase', Spanish or Japanese speakers would use a passive form. It is believed that such differences between languages have an effect on how their speakers understand events, and whether someone is blamed for an action or gets away with it.

In another study, speakers of English, Spanish and Japanese were asked to watch videos of two people popping balloons, breaking eggs and spilling drinks, either on purpose or accidentally. Later, when asked to recall the videos, the English speakers mentioned the person who did the action. The Spanish and Japanese mentioned the person responsible for intentional events, but left this out when they considered that event to be an accident.

Scientists at Newcastle University, UK, have carried out tests to prove that different cultures also have different ways of seeing colours. They found that in Japanese, for example, there are different words for light blue and dark blue which are not found in English. Native speakers of Japanese, therefore, made a clearer distinction between colours on the spectrum.

Is it our language that has affected our way of thinking? Or has a difference in cultural habits affected both our thoughts and our language? Most likely, culture, thought and language have all come about together.

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Question Number One: (20 points)

- A)
1. To study the effects of language on our thinking, sociologists started to examine two things. What are they? (2 points)
 2. How do English differ from Japanese and Spanish speakers when recalling some event? (3 points)
 3. What does the underlined pronoun *they* refer to? (2 points)
 4. Find out a phrasal verb from the text which means “to do something wrong without being discovered or with only a minor punishment”? (2 points)
 5. Quote the sentence that indicates experts have been investigating the relationship between culture and language for a long time. (3 points)
 6. Imagine that your friend is going to live in a foreign country and he has to learn its language. Suggest three pieces of advice related to language and culture. (3 points)
 7. The article states that language can affect how speakers see the world. Think of the statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

B) Literature spot: (3 points)

Read the following lines from A Green Cornfield carefully, then answer the questions that follow:

And as I paused to hear his song
While swift the sunny moments slid
Perhaps his mate sat listening long
And listened longer than I did

- 1- Find one example of alliteration. (1 points)
- 2- There are two listeners for the skylark's songs, who or what are they? (2 points)

Question Number Two: (15 points)

A. Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences. There are more words that you need . Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

offence, compulsory , negotiate , speed up, seminar

1. Jordanians have to spend ten years of basic education at school..
2. The will be held in Amman city, it's about children abuse.
3. Farmers use fertilizers in order tothe growth of crops and plants.
4. Don't speak loudly during the conference that may cause

B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

Who is the elected chairman of the party?

Replace the underlined word with the correct gender-neutral words.

C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

- 1-To feed more and more people, we need to have an.....revolution. (agriculture)
2. Our.....on oil and gas for generating electricity is increasing constantly. (dependent)

Question Number Three : (13 points)

A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET . (4 points)

1. I feel ill. I wish I.....so many sweets .(not eat)
- 2.The regulations have.....recently. (be, change)

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 BOOKLET . (9 points)

1. Engineering is more popular than Visual Arts.
Visual Arts aren't
2. What do you mean by 'mnemonics'?
Do you mind telling me.....?
3. Experts have proved that exercise is good for concentration.
Exercise

Question Number Four : (7 points)

A. Read the following situations and rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. Because my father was very poor, he didn't buy a new car. (could)
.....
2. I don't know how to make an apple pie. (If only)
.....

B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET (3 points)

1. I will make you a cup of tea,.....?
2. Many people in Jordan speak English fluently,.....?
3. You can't help me with this,?

Question Number Five : (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 four mistakes. (one grammar mistake , one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes).Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

I wish I researched Chinese culture before I visited the country. In order to be successful in China, you need to eirn their respect. Chinese business people will always ask about a company's successes in the past. However! because I worked for a new company, I could not talk about its track recard.

B. Read the information in the table below, and write two sentences comparing and contrasting number of users of electronic devices in your school. (4 points)

Name of device	Number of users
personal computer	15
laptop	20
Smartphone	244
Tablet	20

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

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

1. Write an article about the advantages of learning a foreign language telling the readers about how learning a foreign language can improve the functionality of your brain and other benefits you might get.
2. Education is not only a way to help us find a job, it has also many positive effects on society in different areas such as : health, general behaviour and fighting violence. Discuss the statement.

(THE END)***T.Waleed Suwwan***

Answers

Question One

- A)
- 1- a) how people talk, b) how they think
 - 2- English speakers tend to mention the person who does the action, whereas Japanese and Spanish speakers only mention the person responsible for intentional events
 - 3- Spanish and Japanese
 - 4- get away with
 - 5- Sociologists have been looking into this question for hundreds of years.]
 - 6- student's own answer
 - 7- student's own answer

B)

- 1- While **swift** the **sunny** moments **slid**.
- 2- a) the poet (Christina Rossetti) b) the female skylark/skylark's mate

Question Two

A) 1- compulsory 2- seminar 3- speed up 4 offence

B) chairperson

C) 1- agricultural 2-dependence

Question Three

A)
1- hadn't eaten 2- been changed

- B)
- 1- Visual Arts aren't as popular as Engineering.
 - 2-Do you mind telling me what you mean by 'mnemonics'?
 - 3- Exercise has been proved to be good for concentration.

Question Four

- A)
- 1- If my father hadn't been very poor, he could have bought a new car.
 - 2- If only I knew how to make an apple pie.

B) 1- shall I? 2- don't they? 3- can you?

Question Five

A)

- 1- had researched 2-earn 3- However, 4- record

B) student's own answer.

C) student's own answer