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DATE : SUNDAY, 2017

TIME : 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات : (١) اجب عن اسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها. (٢) للمتقدمين للفروع المهنية (٣) عدد الاسئلة خمسة وعدد الصفحات اربع

**Question Number One: (23 points)**

**A) Read the following text carefully, and then in your answer booklet answer all the following questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the text.**

In Petra, Jordan, there lie the remains of a majestic city carved out of the desert rock. **This city** was the main area inhabited by the Nabateans, who migrated gradually from Arabia during the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE. Originally, they were a nomadic people who chose to settle in various places, such as southern Jordan, the Naqab Desert and northern Arabia.

There is little known about the lifestyle of the Nabateans, except that they were important traders in the ancient world. They might have traded goods such as spices, gold and animals with civilisations such as China, India and Rome because of their convenient position at a commercial crossroads in the world.

Many Roman writers wrote about what the Nabatean culture must have been like, but no one knows for sure. However, they agree that the language of the Nabateans could have been a mixture of Arabic and Aramaic. These Roman writers also say that the Nabateans were ruled by a royal family, and that, unlike many cultures in the ancient world, the Nabatean society might not have used any slaves. In addition to that, the Nabateans must have been expert engineers because they managed to build complicated water conservation systems in the desert terrain.

Despite archaeologists' best efforts, there is a limit to what they can tell us about these fascinating people who lived in Jordan such a long time ago. Although it is still difficult to know much, they can't have been illiterate because there are some inscriptions that remain. However, sadly for us, most of the things the Nabateans made and owned have been too easily destroyed by time or lost in the desert.

- 1) Nabateans were a nomadic people who chose to live in different places after emigrating from Arabia. Write down three of these places. **(3 points)**
- 2) How was Nabatean culture different from other ancient cultures? **(3 points)**
- 3) Why were the Nabateans important traders in the ancient world? **(3 points)**
- 4) The language of the Nabateans could have been a mixture of two languages. Write down these two languages. **(2 points)**

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- 5) Quote the sentence which indicates that the Nabateans must have known how to write and read. (2 points)
- 6) Nabateans might have traded many goods with other civilisations. Write down three of these goods. (2 points)
- 7) Nabateans might have traded many goods with other civilisations. Write down three of these civilisations. (2 points)
- 8) What do the underlined words "**this city**" refer to? (2 points)
- 9) Find a word in the text which means "**Not having learnt to read or write**". (2 points)

### B) Literature spot

Sissy spends time with Rachael each day to comfort her. One evening, as they are walking past Mr Bounderby's house, they are surprised to see one of Mr Bounderby's servants pushing an old woman into his house. "This old woman won't say why she was hiding near the bank. I'm sure she helped with the robbery!" he cries.

**Why does a servant think Mrs Pegler took part in the robbery?** (2 marks)

### Question Number two (16 points)

**A) Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 marks)**

1. To ..... electricity, we are cutting down on our heating. (conservation)
2. Many illnesses in these temporary refugee camps are the result of lack of ..... (sanitary)
3. The ..... future of the company looks very promising. (commercially)

**B) Choose the suitable word from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 marks)**

stew	newspapers	spiky	paved	ash
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1. .... is the soft grey powder that remains after something has been burnt, also coming from a volcano.
2. In South Africa, we ate a ..... made from flowers, which smelt lovely!
3. The Minoans built the first ..... roads in Europe and introduced running water.
4. In Thailand, we ate the strangest fruit, the durian which is a huge tropical fruit with a ..... skin.

**C) Study the following sentences and write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 marks)**

1. I like to test myself, so I try to run further every day.

**Replace the underlined word with its synonym.**

2. Earth has a **finished** supply of fossil fuels, so we need to find alternative energy resources.

Replace the underlined word with its synonym.

### **Question Number three (16 points)**

**A) Correct the verb between brackets, and then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (10 marks)**

1. We must get the house ..... for the wedding. (decorate)
2. They can't ..... much food lately. (eat)
3. While we ..... the picnic, it started to rain. (having)
4. I promised my younger sister ..... her to the children museum. (take)
5. When did you get back?  
Laila asked Fatima when she ..... back. (get)

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

1. Where do you get all these things from?  
My mum asked me .....
2. "Have you ever worked during the summer holiday"?  
Ahmad asked Sami .....
3. "I didn't have time to do my homework."  
She told me .....

### **Question Number four (8 points)**

**A) Rewrite the following sentences in the causative using the given between brackets verb forms and write the correct sentences down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(4 points)**

1. Ask someone to clean the garden next Friday.  
Go and ..... (get)
2. I need to buy a new car next week.  
..... (have)

**A) Write sentences which explain the possibilities of the following situations using the given modal verbs between brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)**

1. The tourist visited Petra. I am almost sure that they have heard about it.  
..... (must have)

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2. Manal looked happy last night. I am almost sure that she didn't lose her job.

..... (can't have)

### **Question Number five (7 points)**

#### **A) Guided Writing (2 marks)**

Read the information in the box below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about characteristics of traditional education using the appropriate linking words such as: and, but ... etc.

Some ways people should read more books ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- develop verbal abilities.</li><li>- increase focus and concentration.</li><li>- refresh memory.</li><li>- improve imagination skills.</li></ul>

#### **B) Free Writing (5 marks)**

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write about 80 words in ONE of the following:

1. Write a four – paragraph essay about one renewable energy source. Write about the advantages and disadvantages of this energy source.
2. Write a story about an unusual or exciting event happened to you when you were a child.

**The End**



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## الاجابات

### Question one

- A**
1. Southern Jordan, the Naqab Desert and northern Arabia.
  2. The Nabatean society might not have used any slaves.
  3. Because of their convenient position at a commercial crossroads in the world.
  4. Arabic and Aramaic.
  5. Although it is still difficult to know much, they can't have been illiterate because there are some inscriptions that remain.
  6. spices, gold and animals
  7. China, India and Rome
  8. Petra
  9. illiterate

**B** Because she was hiding near the bank.

### Question two

- A**
1. conserve
  2. sanitation
  3. commercially

- B**
1. ash
  2. stew
  3. paved
  4. spick

- C**
1. challenge
  2. infinite

### Question three

- A**
1. decorated
  2. have eaten
  3. were having
  4. to take
  5. had got

- B**
1. My mum asked me where I got those things from.
  2. Ahmad asked Sami if he had ever worked during the summer holiday.
  3. She told me that she had not had time to do her homework.

### Question four

- A**
1. Go and ask someone to get the garden next Friday cleaned.
  2. I need to have a new car next week bought.

- B**
1. They must have heard about it.
  2. She can't have lost her job.

### Question five

**A** There are many ways people should read more books such as developing verbal abilities, increasing focus and concentration and refreshing memory. Also, improving imagination skills.

**B** Free answer

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