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GENERAL ENGLISH  
المستوى الثالث – الدورة الصيفية

DATE: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of July , 2017

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

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

It's normal to *feel a bit blue* from time to time. However, studies show that negative emotions can harm the body.

Anger can also have harmful effects on health. When you see red, your blood pressure is raised and you can suffer from headaches, sleep problems and digestive problems. However, what about positive feelings and attitudes? Until recently, scientists had not investigated whether there is a link between positive feelings and good health.

Then, in a study that had followed more than 6,000 men and women aged 25 to 74 for 20 years, researchers found that positivity reduced the risk of heart disease. Other factors influencing health included a supportive network of family and friends, and an optimistic outlook on life.

The research showed that children who were more able to stay focused on a task, and who had a more positive attitude to life at age seven, were usually in better health 30 years later.

The study has been controversial. Some health professionals believe that bad lifestyle choices, such as smoking or lack of exercise, are the reason for heart disease and other illnesses, and not an individual's attitude. The researchers, while agreeing, raise the question: why are people making bad lifestyle decisions? Do more optimistic people make better and healthier lifestyle choices?

The researchers appreciate that not everyone's personal circumstances and environment make *it* possible to live without worry. However, *they* believe that if we teach children to develop positive thinking, and bounce back after a setback, these qualities will improve their overall health in the future.

**QUESTION NUMBER ONE: (20 points)**

- A.** 1. There are some possible effects of anger on someone's health. Write down two of these effects. (4 points)
2. What does the underlined idiom "see red" refer to? (2 points)
3. Find a word in the text which means "believing that good things will happen in the future". (2 points)
4. The research showed that people who had lived a certain childhood lifestyle lived in a better health for many decades. Write down two of childhood lifestyle. (4 points)
5. Write down the sentence which indicates the controversial point about the researchers' study. (3 points)

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6. The writer thinks that happiness affects health . Explain this statement , suggesting three benefits of happiness on health. ( 3 points )
7. People sometimes make bad lifestyle decisions. Think of this statement, and in two sentences write your point of view. ( 2 points )

**B. Literature Spot ( 2 points )**

Read the following stanza from “**I remember , I remember**” by Thomas Hood carefully , then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer the questions that follow with reference to the poem .

**I remember, I remember,  
Where I was used to swing,  
And thought the air must rush as fresh  
To swallows on the wing;  
My spirit flew in feathers then,  
That is so heavy now,  
And summer pools could hardly cool  
The fever on my brow!**

1. Write down a piece of evidence to show that the poet was happy and energetic when he was young ?
2. Find an example which represents onomatopoeia :

**Question Number Two ( 15 points )**

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

**biological ,calculations , dementia , waterproof ,sculpture ,  
obese , optimistic, conventional, symptoms**

1. Problems with memory and personality changes are good examples for .....
2. One reason that influences health is an ..... outlook on life .
3. The word ..... means extremely fat in a way that is dangerous to our health
4. You can wear your watch when you go swimming if it is.....
5. Doctors often treat infections with antibodies that is the ..... approach.
6. Doctors look at the .....before they decide how to treat their patients.
7. A ..... is a solid piece of art usually made of stones , metal or wood .
8. Hospitals need to dispose a lot of ..... waste because it can be dangerous.

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

- Its normal to feel sad from time to time  
Replace the underlined phrase with a suitable colour idiom.
- The thief was caught red handed at the bank.  
What does the underlined colour idiom mean?
- Adeep invented a fireproof helmet to rescue workers in emergencies.  
What does the underlined suffix mean?

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

1. . The nature reserve uses recycled water, which helps the..... of the environment. ( sustain )
2. Petra is an important .....site. ( archaeology)
3. Fatima Al-Fihri used her father’s ..... to build a learning centre. ( inherit )
4. At first, I didn’t realise the importance of my ..... ( discover )

**Question Number Three ( 12 points )**

**A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write down your answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points )**

1. I really can’t afford ..... a new car ( buy)
2. The houses ..... because of the earthquake last year . (destroy)
3. I have ..... for my exams all the day. ( be, prepare)
4. Its probable that smart phones market ..... in the future . ( expand )
5. We were happy because we had ..... a comedy film . ( be , watch )
6. The medical care ..... in Jordan recently . ( improve )

**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. (6 points )**

- 1.It isn’t necessary for students to write answers in ink.  
**Students don’t** .....
2. My father has influenced me most .  
**The person** .....
3. My teacher has given us an extensive revision recently .  
**We**.....
4. I have some questions for you.  
**Dana told Sara that** .....
5. I asked my brother to write a report for me .  
**I had** .....
6. Heat water to make it evaporates.  
**If you** .....

**Question Number Four ( 8 points )**

**A. The underlined words in the following sentence are not used correctly . Replace these words with the correct ones, and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. ( 2 points )**

I will go to the Petra because I used to visiting it from time to time .

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**B. The following sentences are in British English. Rewrite them in American English, and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. ( 4 points )**

1. I 'd like to have a break after an exhausting work in the educational centre.  
.....

2. I have got a brother who hates autumn season .  
.....

**C. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows . write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. ( 2points )**

*Treatment and medicines will taste as delicious as real food.*

Identify the type of rhetorical device used in the above sentence.  
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**Question Number Five (15 points )**

**A. EDITING: (4points)**

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have two spelling mistakes , one grammatical mistake and one punctuation mistake .Find out these four mistakes and correct them . write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Ziryab is the person who establish the first music school in the world in Cordoba, Al-Andalus : teaching musical harmuny and combosition.

**B . GUIDED WRITING : ( 4 points )**

Read the information in the table below , and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET write two sentences using all the given notes below about the Masdar City . Use the appropriate linking words .

-Location : Abu Dhabi , UAE .

-Date of construction : 2010 CE

Purpose of the building : find solutions to the world's energy problems.

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

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about120 words on ONE of the following:

1. The job done by craftspeople only helps the economy if the people who publicise and sell their work are successful. Write an article about the importance of supporting crafts people , suggesting ways in which we can encourage them to keep going .

2. In Jordan a lot of people suffer from the problem of obesity. Write an essay about the main reasons of obesity , suggesting solutions to overcome this problem.

**THE END**

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**MODEL ANSWERS**

**Question Number One (20 points )**

A.

1. ( 4 points , 2 points each)

When you **see red**, your blood pressure is raised and you can suffer from headaches, sleep problems and digestive

2. anger ( 2 points )

3. optimistic ( 2 points )

4. ( 4 points , 2 points each)

The research showed that children who were more able to stay focused on a task, and who had a more positive attitude to life at age seven, were usually in better health 30 years later.

5. Some health professionals believe that bad lifestyle choices, such as smoking or lack of exercise, are the reason for heart disease and other illnesses, and not an individual's attitude. ( 3 points )

6. Any relevant answer. ( 3 points )

7. ( 2 points )

**Marking scheme**

2	showing higher order thinking level , relevant answer, message clearly communicated to reader.
1	message communicated, average level of thinking.
0	totally irrelevant or totally incomprehensible

**B. Literature Spot ( 2 point)**

1. My spirit flew in feathers then, ( 1points )

2. rush, fresh ( 1points )

**Question Number Two ( 15 points )**

A. ( 8 points , 1 points each )

1. dementia 2. optimistic 3. obese 4. waterproof 5. conventional 6. symptoms

7. sculpture 8. biological

B. ( 3 points , 1 point each)

feel blue / in the act of doing something wrong / to provide protection against

C. ( 4 points, 1 point each)

1. sustainability 2. archaeological 3. inheritance 4. Discovery.

**Question Number Three ( 12 )**

A. ( 6 points, 1 point each)

1. to buy
2. were destroyed
3. been preparing
4. will expand
5. been watching
6. has been improved

B. ( 6 points, 1 point each)

1. have to write answers in ink.
2. who has influenced me most is my father .
3. have been an extensive revision recently .
4. she had some questions for her.
5. a report written.
6. heat water , it evaporates.

**Question Number Four (8 points )**

A. ( 2 points, 1 point each)

I will go to Petra because I am used to visiting it from time to time .

B. ( 4 points, 2 points each)

1. I 'd like to take a break after an exhausting work in the educational center.
2. I have a brother who hates fall season .

C. simile (2points)

**Question Number Five (15 points )**

A . EDITING: (4 points , 1 point each)

Ziryab is the person who established ed the first music school in the world in Cordoba, Al-Andalus ,teaching musical harmony and composition.

B . GUIDED WRITING : ( 4 points )

Marking scheme :

4	comprehensive information with appropriate linking words , without spelling mistakes.
2-3	acceptable level of communicating the ideas with some grammatical and spelling mistakes
1-0	miscommunication of the ideas , a lot of grammatical and spelling mistakes

C . FREE WRITING: ( 7 points )

Open answer.