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الدورة الشتوية / المستوى الثاني

وثيقة محمية

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DATE: Thursday 15th of January, 2009

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات : (١) أجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة. (٢) للمتقدمين لجميع الفروع المهنية كافة.

READING COMPREHENSION : (23 POINTS)

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

On the desert castle trail I came next to Qasr Amra, a small structure standing alone in the empty desert. The red limestone was shining in the sunlight.

Originally the city was large because there is a well here. For along time, this oasis bustled with traders stopping on their way through the desert to water their camels, and to buy and to sell food, spices, incense and many other goods. Later, Caliph Al-Walid the First built Qasr Amra in the 8th century.

Although it is small, when I first saw it from the outside I knew that it must be strong, because it is made from large, solid blocks of stone. But when I entered through the gate, I found not bare walls, but great detail and beauty! There are luxurious baths, fine vaulted ceilings and pointed arches which show an Eastern influence to the castle's design. No building in the west had arches like these until many years after Qasr Amra was built.

Question Number One (18 points)

1. Why did the traders stop on their way through the desert? (3 points)
2. Write down two of the things which the writer found when he entered Qasr Amra. (4 points)
3. Who built Qasr Amra? (3 points)
4. What does the underlined word, "which", in the last paragraph, refer to? (2 points)
5. Find a word in the text which means "a kind of stone which is often used for buildings". (3 points)
6. Write down the sentence which indicates that there is a place for keeping water in the city. (3 points)

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Question Number Two (5 points)

Literature Spot

Read the following quotation from "The War of the Worlds", by Herbert George Wells carefully, then answer the questions that follow with reference to the story and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET:

"A colony of Martians wanted to move to Earth because it was warmer than Mars and a better place to live".

1. Why did the Martians want to move to earth? (2 points)
2. What did the Martians drink? (3 points)

VOCABULARY : (10 POINTS)

Question Number Three (10 points)

A. Use the dictionary entry to complete the following sentences and write the correct answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. The boy was too to carry that heavy bag.
2. Which word is a verb?
3. The of the old man made him unable to walk.

weak(adj) : lacking in strength.
weaken(v) : make or become weak.
weakly(adv) : in a weak manner.
weakness(n) : state of being weak.

4. The underlined letter in the word (mosque) is pronounced the same as the underlined letter in the word
a. famos b. recognise c. musical

mosque / mɒsk / n a building in which Muslims worship.

B. Choose the best answer from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

expensive , nurse , carefully , get

1. The is the person who looks after sick people in hospital.
2. Travelling by plane is more than travelling by car.
3. The woman was able to by on the little money she had.

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WRITING : (37 points)

STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS: (22 points)

Question Number Four (22 points)

A. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (9 points)

1. Omar has left school. He is looking a job now.
(for, up, after)
2. Muna is the girl mother is a teacher in our town.
(who, whose, which)
3. The students are on the project at the moment.
(work, worked, working)
4. Shadi to walk to school last year. This year he goes by car.
(would, used, should)
5. Ahmad hasn't arrived yet,?
(does he, hasn't he, has he)
6. The boy was along the road, when he fell off his bike.
(riding, ride, rode)
7. He is the most organised person I know. He is always losing things.
(in, un, dis)
8. Nadia enjoys young children.
(teaching, teach, to teach)
9. They will get married 3 March.
(in, on, at)

B. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions between brackets so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it. Write the new sentences in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

1. Fadi read the book. He had borrowed the book from his friend. (join using **which**)
.....
2. Samia was washing the dishes. Her mother came in. (join using **while**)
.....
3. The secretary had typed the letter. She posted it. (join using **before**)
.....

C. Choose the suitable items to fill in the blanks. Write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (5 points)

is , her , got , has , have , ambitious , was

Laila is a very girl. She a university degree in 2004. She studied English for two years. She taking a computer course now. I believe she will achieve aims soon.

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D. Study the following pair of sentences and answer the question below. Write down the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)

- a. When Osama arrived, Abeer left.
- b. When Osama arrived, Abeer had left.

Write down the sentence which means that Abeer left before Osama arrived.

EDITING : (3 points)

Question Number Five (3 points)

Your friend sent you a letter. While reading it, you found three mistakes. Correct the mistakes and write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Dear Nehad,
My friend ahmad(1) has got a succesful(2) career
bicause(3) he is a hard working person.

Question Number Six (12 points)

A. Guided Writing : (5 points)

Read the text about (Taha Hussein) and fill in the table below. Then write down the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Taha Hussein was an Egyptian writer. He was born in 1889 and lived in Cairo. He left Cairo and went to Sorbone University in France where he got his B.A. Although he was blind, he became a great writer and the most famous book he wrote was called "Al-Ayyam". He died at the age of 84.

1	Nationality :
2	University Degree :
3	Date of birth :
4	Age :
5	Most famous book :

B. Free Writing : (7 points)

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 80 words on one of the following :

1. Safety is very important in the workshop. Write a composition on what you must do and what you mustn't do in the workshop to keep yourself safe and away from danger.
2. Write a letter to your friend in London telling him about your trip to the Dead Sea last week, how you went there, with whom, what you did and how you felt about it. (Your name is Jehad Ali, and your address is P.O.Box 1646, Amman-Jordan)

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READING COMPREHENSION : (23 POINTS)

Question Number One (18 points)

1. to water their camels, and to buy and to sell food, spices, incense and many other goods. (3 points)
2. Any two of the following : luxurious baths, fine vaulted ceilings and pointed arches (4 points) There design (4 points)
3. Caliph Al-Walid, the First (3 points) Caliph (عالم)
4. arches (2 points) → نباذ كعب خفا
5. limestone (3 points) → stone صخر
6. Originally the city was large because there is a well here (3 points)

Question Number Two (5 points)

Literature Spot

1. because it was warmer than Mars and a better place to live (2 points)
2. They drank the blood of people (3 points) / blood لوجها → سوط

VOCABULARY : (10 POINTS)

Question Number Three (10 points)

A. (4 points, 1 point each)

1. weak.
2. weaken
3. weakness
4. a. famous

B. (6 points, 2 points each)

1. nurse
2. expensive
3. get

WRITING : (37 points)

STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS: (22 points)

Question Number Four (22 points)

A. (9 points, 1 point each)

1. for
2. whose
3. working
4. used
5. has he
6. riding
7. dis
8. teaching
9. on

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B. (6 points, 2 points each)

1. Fadi read the book which he had borrowed from his friend.
2. While Samia was washing the dishes, her mother came in.
3. The secretary had typed the letter before she posted it.

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C. (5 points, 1 point each)

1. ambitious
2. got
3. has
4. is
5. her

D. (2 points) b. When Osama arrived, Abeer had left. ✓

EDITING : (3 points)

Question Number Five (3 points, 1 point each)

1. Ahmad
2. successful
3. because

Question Number Six (12 points)

A. (5 points, 1 point each)

1	Nationality : Egyptian
2	University Degree : B.A
3	Date of birth : 1889
4	Age : 84
5	Most famous book : Al-Ayyam

B. Free Writing : (7 points)