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TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: 1. أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها. 2. عدد الأسئلة (5) , وعدد الصفحات (4).

Read the following article 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 6000 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 to "**bounce back**" after a setback, these qualities will improve their overall health in the future.

Question Number One (20 points)

- A. 1. According to the text, what are the negative effects of anger on someone's health? (3 points)
2. The text mentions two bad lifestyle choices. Write them down. (2 points)
3. Write down three factors that influence health. (3 points)
4. What does the underlined pronoun (they) refer to? (2 points)
5. What is the meaning of the phrasal verb "**bounce back**"? (2 points)
6. Anger is an intense emotional response that can lead to depression and destruction. Suggest three ways to suppress anger. (3 points)

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7. Hope, optimism and positivity are valuable concepts that enrich our lives.
Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.
(2 points)

B. Literature spot: (3points)

Read the following quotation from “*The Old Man and The Sea*” carefully, then answer the questions that follow with reference to the story.

“Santiago is an old fisherman in Cuba, but for the last eighty four days, he hasn’t caught any fish. His friend, a young fisherman named Manolin, helps him to bring in his empty boat every day. Santiago had taught him all about fishing, and has done so since he was a boy of five years old. Now, the young man’s parents want him to fish with a more productive partner.”

1. Santiago hasn’t caught a fish for eighty four days. What does this tell us about Santiago’s character? (1 point)
2. Manolin’s parents want him to stop fishing with Santiago. Do you think they were justified? Why / Why not? (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 than you need. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)**

furnace, wards, season, gallery, contemporary

1. Indian restaurants use hot spices to their food.
2. A glassblower has to work very fast because the is very hot.
3. When music is written by a new composer, it’s considered
4. The hospital will open new adult and paediatric to increase its capacity.

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

The company has agreed to fund my trip to India.

Replace the underlined word with its synonym.

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

1. In an reaction, the immune system starts fighting substances that are usually harmless. (allergy / allergically / allergic)
2. New cities should be built according to principles of living. (sustainability / sustainable / sustain)

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QUESTION NUMBER THREE. (13 points)

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

- 1. How do you intend the problem? (solve / to solve / solving)
- 2. In the future, robots will more and more jobs in hospitals. (be, do)
- 3. Our uncle isn't used to night shifts. (work/ worked/ working)
- 4. In the past, most letters by hand. (write)

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. Rashed arrived home and then it started to rain.
Before it started
- 2. "Many computers have filters which stop people seeing certain websites."
Amani said.....
- 3. Mark was in the habit of smoking. He no longer smokes. (used to)
Mark
- 4. "We wonder what will happen if criminals manage to access our passwords."
My father said.....
- 5. Fast food wasn't as popular as it is now.
Fast food didn't use.....
- 6. The teacher always asks his pupils to do their homework.
The teacher has the pupils'
- 7. Mr. Ramzi has bought a nice T-shirt. It is checked and colourful. (which)
Mr. Ramzi.....
- 8. Jabir Bin Aflah is believed to be responsible for the design of the Giralda tower.
The person
- 9. Petra was built by the Nabataeans in the first century BC.
What

QUESTION NUMBER FOUR. (7 points)

A. Rewrite the following paragraph in American English, and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

You only need to have a glance to know how beautiful the Dead Sea is. It is marvellous to go there on holiday. People who haven't been there before should visit this amazing site.

B. Study the following paragraph which has six mistakes in the usage of articles. Write the new correct one down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

The Aqaba is in south of the Jordan. The people enjoy their holidays in this beautiful city. Hassan rented house there and sent me a invitation to visit him.

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 four mistakes (three grammar mistake, three punctuation mistake and three spelling mistakes). Find out these nine mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Most doctors used to be sceptikal about the validity of homoeopathy. acupuncture and other forms of complementary medicine. If patients wanted receiving this kind of non-conventional treatment. They used to having to consult a private bractitioner who is likely not to have a medical digree?

B-GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Study the following sentence carefully and then put the following pieces of information into that sentence. Use appropriate relative pronouns.

Al-Jazari invented the mechanical clock in Iraq in the twelfth century.

- He was a true polymath.
- It was a great invention.
- A lot of brilliant scientists were born in Iraq.

C- FREE WRITING (7 points)

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

1. The advantages and disadvantages of online shopping.
2. Worldwide transport in the future.

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