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

Adnan, a professional craftsman, is at work in his studio. With the oven at 1,400 degrees Centigrade, 20 hours a day, a glass-making studio isn't the most comfortable place to be. For Adnan, however, this is more than just a job. 'My family has been blowing glass for around 700 years,' he says. 'My father learnt the craft from his father, and he taught it to me when I was a child.'

Adnan is passionate about this ancient craft, and regularly gives demonstrations and workshops to teach young people the skills of glassblowing. He strongly believes that unless we interest more young people in learning the craft, nobody will know how to make hand-blown glass in the future. 'These days, young people don't always want to follow their parents' professions, and, added to that, glassblowing isn't an easy job. It has to be an obsession, as it is for me!'

Adnan still uses the technique that was first developed by the Phoenicians some 2,000 years ago. , he pushes a thin metal blowpipe into the boiling hot furnace. , he lifts out the liquid sand and lays it on a metal plate. After that, he blows the red-hot glass until it becomes more flexible. Then he pulls and bends the glass into shape. He has to work extremely quickly because the liquid sand is already solidifying into glass.

Adnan is making a delicate swan. Through the semi-opaque glass, you can see fine lines of turquoise, green and blue.

'The sand gives us transparent, or "white", glass,' Adnan explains. 'We get this beautiful dark, cobalt blue by adding the metal cobalt to the melted glass. Then, this blue becomes a lighter, sea-green turquoise after adding copper. Finally, we decorate the glass by hand.'

'These days we recycle broken glass. We also use commercially produced colours instead of using natural ingredients as in the past. Apart from that, nothing else about this craft has changed through the centuries. You can't use a machine to do this work,' he says. 'The old ways are still the best.'

**Question Number One**

**A**

- 1- The writer says that very few changes have occurred to Adnan's craft through centuries. Write down two of the changes.
- 2- Quote the sentence which shows that the craft of glass blowing has been a tradition in Adnan's family for years?
- 3- According to the text, there are many steps for making glass. Write down three of these steps.
- 4- Adnan's work in the studio is extremely difficult. Write down two evidences to prove this?
- 5- What does the underlined pronoun "it" in the first paragraph refers to?

- 6- Find a word in the text which means "**clear or thin enough to see through**".
- 7- It is said that 'Traditional crafts have no place in today's society.' Think of this statement and write your point of view
- 8- Adnan is passionate about this ancient craft, and regularly gives demonstrations and workshops to teach young people the skills of glassblowing. Suggest three ways to motivate young people to learn traditional crafts
- 9- Adnan uses many different ingredients to produce different items from glass. Write down three of these ingredients.

## **B. CRITICAL THINKING**

It is the responsibility of the government to encourage handicrafts. Think of this statement and. In two sentences, write down your point of views

## **C- LITERATURE SPOT**

**Read the following lines from *The Oldman and the Sea* then answer the question that follows.**

The next morning, Santiago leaves early and sails far out to sea to try his luck again. Eventually, he feels a bite on one of his hooks, and he works out that it must be a big fish, perhaps a marlin. The fish is strong, though, and does not come up to the surface. Instead, the fish swims away, dragging the old man and his boat along. This goes on until the sun goes down, and eventually Santiago can't see the land any more at all. As night falls, he wraps the fishing line around himself and goes to sleep, leaving his left hand on the rope to wake him if the marlin surfaces. Soon, the old man is asleep, dreaming of the lions he used to see when he was a boy in Africa.

- 1- How did Santiago know that the fish was big?
- 2- Why does Santiago wrap the rope round his body when he goes to sleep?

## **QUESTION NUMBER TWO**

**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.**

Out of the blue, coma, sustainability, polymath, inspire, planning, risk

- 1- Please hurry up! Let's not .....missing the bus.
- 2- A person of wide knowledge or learning is usually called a .....
- 3- Creative teachers can .....their students to work hard.
- 4- The need for effective urban .....is evident when we consider modern day problem like traffic.
- 5- Some environmentalists say that ..... should be a priority interest for many organizations.
- 6- The specialists say that Sameer has been in .....for at least three weeks after the deadly accident.

**B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows.**

One day, unexpectedly, she announced that she would leave to a European country.  
**Replace the underlined word in the above sentence with a colour idiom.**

**C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable word derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET.**

- 1- The .....of the study is to discover the effect of too much sleep on teenagers,  
(**intend, intention, intended** )
- 2- According to some agricultural experts, Ibn Bassal is considered the .....of farming all over the world. ( **founder, found, foundation** )
- 3- Reviving old traditions has really proved to be.....beneficial to our Jordanian community. ( **extreme, extremism, extremely** )
- 4- The doctors said that the life .....had risen to 73.5 due to the success of health care in Jordan. ( **expect, expectancy, expected** )
- 5- .....should be maintained within the local area.  
( **Sustain, Sustainability, Sustainable** )
- 6- In our final exam, we have to .....a text from Arabic into English.  
( **translate, translation, translator** )
- 7- Have you seen Fatima's .....of stamps. She's got hundreds.  
( **collect, collection, collective** )
- 8- Modern medicine us different treatments such as .....and acupuncture.  
( **surgical, surgery, surgeon** )

**D. Study the following sentences and then answer the questions that follow.**

1. It was in 1914 CE that the First World War broke out.  
**What is the function of the cleft sentence in the above sentence?**
2. I used to get up early to study when I was at school.  
**What is the function of the underlined phrase in the above sentence?**
- 3- There are more than 10 well-equipped health centres in my area.  
**What is the function of the information in the above sentence?**

**Question Number Three**

**A. Correct the verbs between brackets, then write your answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

- 1- What do you think you will .....in two years' time? ( **do** )
- 2- Please be quiet when you come home tonight. The baby ..... ( **be, sleep** ).
- 3- All the classrooms in the second floor are now .....in a good way. ( **be, paint** )
- 4- If it ..... tomorrow , we will go on a short trip to Ajloun. ( **not rain** )
- 5- Salma lost her wallet when she ..... ( **shop** )
- 6- Sameer was very tired. He had .....the reports for seven hours. ( **be, type** )
- 7- Will your brother ..... from university by the end of 2020. ( **graduate** )
- 8- How do you think the world will ..... in ten years' time? ( **change** )
- 9- In 2010 CE, the first tablet computer ..... ( **produce** )

**B. Study the following sentences and answer the question that follows.**

Are most Europeans use to a cold weather in their countries?

**There are two mistakes in the above sentence. Find them and correct them.**

**C. Choose the suitable item from those given to fill in the blanks in each of the following items, then write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

1. Al-Kindi, .....was a physician and a philosopher, made ground-breaking discoveries in many of these fields.  
(who , which, where)
2. Our school intends .....enough money to build a new library.  
(to raising, to raise, raise )
3. The books that you ordered on Monday will.....by the end of the week  
(not have arrived, not be arriving, not arrived)
4. This time tomorrow, we will.....because we will have finished our exams.  
(be celebrating, be celebrate, been celebrating)
5. Did your father ..... to work by car?  
(used to go, use to go, used to going)
6. Will Sara .....for her new company in two years' time?  
(be work, be working, have work)
7. Fatima has .....hard for her final exams recently.  
(been revising , been revise, been revised)
8. Many hospitals plan .....robots to help nurses in the future.  
(to using, to use, using)
9. If you need help to find a job, I .....you.  
(will be help, will helping, will help)
10. Did you .....hunting every summer when you were young?  
(used to go , use to going, use to go)
11. It was last month .....my brother stopped working as a salesman.  
(when, which, where)
12. The first Jordanian to climb .....Mount Everest was Mustafa Salameh.  
(the, an, a)
13. For several weeks, Forgan's parents ..... a special weekend away to the Jerash Festival.  
(had been plan, had planning, had been planning)
14. By the time you return, your sister will .....the dinner for the family.  
(be prepare, have prepared, prepared)
15. Sara .....for her final exams for several weeks when her grandfather died.  
(had been prepare, had been prepared, had been preparing)
16. When you use your computer, you should turn .....your privacy settings.  
(on, our, in)
17. ....the recent advances in technology, it is still unreliable and very inconvenient.  
(In this way, Despite, As a consequence)
18. In the near future, it ..... that over 40% of the population in Jordan will have a smartphone.  
(is estimate, is estimated, is estimating)

**Question Number Four**

**A. 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.**

- 1- Jabir ibn Hayyan did his research in a laboratory in Iraq.  
The country .....
- 2- Fatima: "Many computers have filters which stop people seeing certain websites."  
Fatima said .....
- 3- Hala intends to finish her scientific project tonight.  
Hala is .....
- 4- Sami played tennis with his brother and then he did his homework.  
Before Sami .....
- 5- Perhaps this exercise is a bit more difficult than the previous one.  
This exercise might .....
- 6- Kamal asked someone to irrigate the trees last week.  
Kamal had .....
- 7- I think you should prepare carefully for the final exams.  
If I .....
- 8- The two parties are going to negotiate an important issue next month.  
An important issue .....
- 9- Fatima Al-Fihri was born in the 7th century.  
The century .....
- 10- Press that button to make the picture move.  
If you ....., the picture .....
- 11- The Olympic Games were held in London in 2012 CE.  
The event .....

**B. Study the following dialogue which contains incorrect information. Complete the second part of the dialogue. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

Fatima: A good way to cope with stress is to work hard.  
Laila: No, it isn't. You should .....

**C. The following sentences are in British English. Rewrite them in American English and write them down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

- 1- I usually have a shower as soon as I get into my flat.  
.....
- 2- Salem intends to fill his car with petrol before he starts his holiday.  
.....
- 3- Ahmed's next holiday to France will be in autumn.  
.....
- 4- I think it's time to have a break and spend some time on the harbour.  
.....
- 5- 'Goodness, you've got very tall!' said my aunt.  
.....
- 6- He has finally got a job in a petrol station.  
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## Question number five

### **A. EDITING:**

Imagine you are an editor in Jordan times. You are asked to edit the following text that have three mistakes. Correct the mistakes and write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

The King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC) is Jordan's only comprehensive cancer treatment centre. It treats both adult and paediatric patients, As the population of the country increases, more and more families will rely on the hospital for cancer treatment. Patients come not only from Jordan but also from other countries in the region, as they were attracted by its excellent rebutation, lower costs, and cultural and language similarities.

### **B. GUIDED WRITING:**

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about the city. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and, too, also, etc.

Giralda Tower
- Location : Seville , Spain - The person who designed it: Jabir Ibn Aflah - Date of construction: 1198 CE. - Height: 104 meters - the architect of the tower : Ahmad Ben Baso

### **C. FREE WRITING:**

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

- 1- The role of technology in communication. How important do you think technology is when we communicate? Use proper linking words.
- 2- Write a three-paragraph essay discussing the advantages and disadvantages of using the Internet.

**THE END**