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EXAM / UNIT 7

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.

Speaking a foreign language, it is claimed, improves the functionality of your brain in several different ways. Learning new vocabulary and grammar rules provides the brain with beneficial „exercise“, which improves memory. As well as exercising the brain, it is thought that learning a new language also presents the brain with unique challenges. These include recognising different language systems and ways to communicate within these systems. These skills improve your chances of success in other problem-solving tasks as well. It is said that students who study foreign languages do better, on the whole, in general tests in maths, reading and vocabulary than students who have only mastered their mother tongue.

According to a study carried out by Pennsylvania State University, USA, multilingual people are able to switch between two systems of speech, writing, and structure quite easily. It has been proved that they are also able to switch easily between completely different tasks. One experiment required participants to operate a driving simulator while carrying out separate tasks at the same time. The experiment showed that multilingual participants were less distracted by the other tasks and therefore made fewer driving errors.

It is believed that language learning can also improve your decision-making skills. When you speak a foreign language, you are constantly weighing up subtle differences in meaning of a word or the way that an utterance is made. This process is then transferred subconsciously to other situations in which judgment is called for, and decisions have to be made.

Finally, learning a foreign language can also improve your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively. As you become more aware of the way that a language works, you begin to apply it to the language that you use every day. The skills you obtain from learning a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

Question Number one (15 points)

A.

1- Write down the sentence which indicates that learning a foreign language improves your native language.

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2- Quote the sentence which shows that multilingual people have the ability to multitask.

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3- Mention one benefit of learning new vocabulary and grammar rules.

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4- What does the underlined word “**they**” refer to?

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5- Find a word from the text which means "something that is said " .

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B. Critical Thinking (5 points)

1. Language learning can improve your decision making. Explain this statement; suggest three advantages of learning a new language.

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2. Learning a new language improves your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively. Think of this statement and then in two sentences, write down your point of view.

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Question Number Two: (13 points)

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

I need to organize my time better. I think I'll make a difference.

Replace the misused collocation with the correct one.

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B. 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 down the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

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1. After Nasser completes his first degree, he's hoping to do a..... degree.
2. Zainab listens to music while she's working. It helps her.....
3. I used to eat too much junk food, but now I have much healthier.....
4. If you want to lose weight, you should.....exercise every day.

C. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentence with the correct one. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)

1. If you send money to charity, you will a difference to a lot of lives.
(give make take)
2. Do you know I've have passed in the exam or not?
(if when why)

Question Number Three: (12 points)

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

1. Do you mindme some advice about diet, please? (tell)
2. Fish is.....to be good for concentration. (say)
3. It has.....that pollution causes most of diseases. (prove)
4. Learning a new language is thought the brain with many challenges. (present)

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. (4 points)

1. Does the exam start at ten or half past ten?
Do you know.....
2. Do you mind telling me where you met your old friend.
Where.....
3. Experts have proved that multilingual people are able to switch easily between two tasks.
It.....
Multilingual people.....
4. It is claimed that the Internet is the fastest means of communication.
The internet.....
It.....

C. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. One of the most important things that we give children is a good.....
(educated education educate)
2. Congratulations! Not many people.....such high marks.
(achieve achievement achieved)

Question Number Five (9 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. (One grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

It's been proved that concentration starts to decrease after half an hour; so frequent breaks will help the brain to recover and concentration to return.

B. FREE WRITING (5 points)

Computers become a tool in education for even youngest children. Do you believe that computers have a value in education or not? Write a letter to your friend convincing him/her of your opinion.

THE END

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