



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 (22 points)

- 1- What is the benefit of learning new vocabulary according to the text?
- 2- Quote the sentence that shows that skills improve chances of success in problem solving.
- 3- Find the synonym of “**the first language**”?
- 4- What does the underlined word “**they**” refer to?
- 5- It is thought that learning a new language also presents the brain with unique challenges. Write down two of them.
- 6- The writer states that learning a foreign language can be beneficial. Mention three advantages of learning a foreign language.
- 7- Multilingual people are more skillful than other people. Think of this statement and then in two sentences, write down your point of view.

**B. Literature Spot: (3 points)**

**Read the following extract, and then answer the questions that follow:**

The cornfield stretched a tender green  
To right and left beside my walks;  
I knew he had a nest unseen  
Somewhere among the million stalks.

1. What did the poet describe as she walks through a cornfield?
2. Which part of a plant is the stalk?

**QUESTION NUMBER TWO (16 POINTS)**

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

**dehydration, take a break, law, conscientious, relax, lifelong**

1. You should study \_\_\_\_\_ if you're interested in learning about the legal system.
2. Studying is a \_\_\_\_\_ activity – you're never too old to start!
3. It's important to drink a lot of water in order to avoid \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You look tired. Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_?

**B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)**

I don't think I'd be a very good accountant. I don't really have a head for figures.  
Replace the underlined body idiom with the correct meaning.

**C. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

1. Whether or not you remember something that you have learnt in the past -----  
on the experience you had while you were learning it.

**dependent                      dependence                      depends**

2. How quickly does blood ----- round the body?

**circulate                      circulation                      circulated**

3. Mariam is an excellent student. She gets top marks in ----- subjects like  
History, Arabic and Maths.

**academy                      academic                      academically**

**QUESTION NUMBER THREE (12 POINTS)**

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

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ to read by my mother. (**teach**)
2. Ghanem did not know about Chinese culture when he went on a business trip to China. He wishes he \_\_\_\_\_ a cultural awareness course. (**do**)
3. Even if Omar \_\_\_\_\_ his driving test this afternoon, he won't have his own car. (**pass**)

**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. Students don't like doing Music and Art as much as they like doing Maths.  
Students like doing Maths.....
2. It is believed that learners will absorb the grammar as they learn the vocabulary.  
The experts.....
3. Why does the sky sometimes look red?  
Do you mind explaining.....?

**QUESTION NUMBER FOUR (10 POINTS)**

**Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

1. Babies are usually happy ----- they're hungry or cold.  
(**as long as** , **unless** , **when** , **even if**)
2. By working hard, you will ----- the respect of your boss.  
(**get** , **earn** , **make** , **cause**)
3. I hope I can ----- a way of solving this puzzle.  
(**come up with** , **come about** , **get away with** , **leave out**)
4. You've never been here, ----- you?  
(**have** , **haven't** , **were** , **weren't**)
5. The teacher asked us ----- our favourite books.  
(**on** , **into** , **about** , **at**)

## Question Number Five (15 points)

### A. EDITING (4 points)

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following dialogue that has four mistakes (one grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Unlike some other countries in the Middle East, Jordan does not have large oil or gas reservis. For that reason, Jordan has to import oil and gas for its energy needs. Its other main imports are cars, medicanes and wheat. In 2013 CE, 23.6 % of Jordan's imports were from Saudi Arabia. This is followed by the EU, with 17.6 % of its imports, Other imports have come from China and Turkey.

### 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 about how communication has definitely changed in the last 20 years. Use the appropriate linking words.

How communication has definitely changed in the last 20 years.

- It is much easier if you have a laptop.
- It is much different and faster.
- Every school and office has a computer.
- Send e-mails to people every day.
- It's great; we don't even need stamps to send cards.

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

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

1. Most of us remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we received shocking or important news. Write an article telling the story of what you were doing when you heard about an important event and how that news affected you.
2. As we grow older, we take on more and more responsibility. Write a letter to your friend describing him/her a time when you were given a responsibility that you were not ready for.

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