

المملكة الأردنية الهاشمية - 1

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According to a study by the organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), students in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea spend the most time studying in the world. They want to learn as much as they can to ensure excellent exam grades. They go to school for about nine hours, although this includes optional after-school tuition and activities. They also spend about three hours on homework everyday, which is three times as much as many other countries. Their high academic achievements do suggest that the longer you study, the better you do in final exams. In Finland, however, students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night, and they attend school for fewer and shorter days than 85 % of other developed nations. Despite this , **they** achieve top marks in subjects like Maths and Science. In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, languages fluently. The contradictory views of the study suggest that the number and length of school days is not the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not .

**A. 1. Question Number One ( 22 points )**

1. There are two ways implemented by the American schools to make school year longer. Mention them. ( 4 points)
2. The article states two amazing results about Finland's fewer and shorter school days. Write them down. ( 2 points)
3. Quote the sentence which indicates that the after school activities are not compulsory . ( 3 points)
4. Find a word in the text that means the same as " speaking the language very well " . ( 2 point)
5. What does the word " **contradictory** " mean ? ( 1 point)
6. What does the underlined pronoun "**they** " refer to ? ( 2 point)
7. Education can make the world better and help people in their lives. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. ( 2 points)
8. The contradictory views of the study suggest that the number and length of school days is not the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not . Suggest other three factors that determines the success at school. ( 3 points)

**B. Literature spot : ( 2 points)**

**Read the following lines from " Around the World in eighty Days " carefully, then answer the question that follow:**

" They soon reached a small hut. Enclosed within some high palings, was the animal in question. An Indian came out of the hut, and, at their request, conducted them within the enclosure. The elephant, which was reared, not to be an animal that merely carried things around, but for warlike purposes, was half-domesticated."

- 1. Which words tell us that animal was kept safely away from direct contact with humans ?**
- 2. Why did the Indian man decide to rear an elephant ?**

The earth was green, the sky was blue  
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- 1. What did the poet see and heard?**
- 2. How did the poet describe the earth and the sky?**
- 3. Find an example of alliteration.**
- 4. What does the word "speck" mean ?**

**Question Number Two ( 15 points )**

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

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1. Last night, I watched an interesting documentary about how the ice age -----.
2. He's too nervous to do a parachute jump. I think that he'll-----at the last minute.
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4. If you want to lose weight, you should----- every day.

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

**Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**( 3 points )**

1. Anyone who wants to apply for this job should be good at Maths.  
**Replace the underlined word with the correct body idiom.**

**2. Play it by ear !** I'm sure everything will be fine in the end.

*Replace* the underlined body idiom with the correct one . -----

3. You look tired. Why don't you make a break ? ----- .

**Replace the underlined misused word to make the correct collocation.**

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

1. I'm confused. Could you give me some -----, please? ( **advise – advice - advisable** )
2. How quickly does blood .....round the body? ( **circulation – circulate - circulated** )
3. Is one side of the brain more ----- than the other ? ( **dominate - dominant - dominance** )
4. Doing lots of exercise won't keep you healthy if you don't eat ----- food.  
( **nutrition - nutritious - nutrients** )

### **Question Number Three ( 13 points )**

#### **A. Correct the verbs between brackets : ( 4 points )**

1. The teacher would have been pleased if Sami ----- a good essay. ( write)
2. We bought two cars yesterday, ----- ? ( do )
3. 100 years ago, mobile phones ----- . (not, invent)
4. Ali is late . If only he ----- very well . ( be )
5. Salem has to study hard for the exams, ----- ? ( do)
6. If you get top marks, your chances ----- better. ( be)

#### **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. Experts think that students have to take regular breaks while studying .  
Students -----
2. What was the most important invention in the 20<sup>th</sup> century ?  
Can you tell me ----- ?
3. Ahmad should have done his homework better . (wishes)  
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4. I wasn't free , so I wasn't able to go to the stadium .  
If I-----
5. Jordanian children don't stay at school as long as Japanese children .  
Japanese children -----
6. The new theory has proved that doing exercises refreshes the brain .  
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### **Question Number Four ( 7 points )**

#### **A. Read the following situations and complete the sentences with the third conditional, using the words in brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. ( 4 points )**

1. Saeed left his camera at home, so he wasn't able to take pictures of the parade. (If /could)  
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#### **B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. ( 3 points )**

1. I'm right , -----?
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( 5 points )

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( looked into - came up with - came about - got away with )

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( shall we - won't I - will I - shall I )

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Suggested answer : I think this statement is true because education can improve the individuals' skills , abilities , and awareness which helps in developing the countries and using advanced technology in different ways. Also, educated people can spread peace in the world because they are more aware of the dangers that face the world.

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