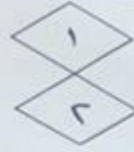


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DATE: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: ١- أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها.  
٢- عدد الأسئلة: (٥)، وعدد الصفحات (٤).

Read Anita's blog post carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the blog post.

Two summers ago, I spent five months studying Arabic at the German-Jordanian University near Madaba. As my father is originally from Jordan, I grew up speaking Arabic as well as German. I have relatives in Jordan and they arranged for me to stay with a wonderful family who live just outside Madaba.

I was amazed by the number of international students there, who were not only from Germany, but from all over the world. Most of them had studied Arabic to a high level. The Arabic class, in Modern Standard Arabic, was challenging, especially the grammar.

Every week, we had to learn a vocabulary list of around 50 words. We covered many topics. Living with a family helped to improve my Arabic-speaking skills because, while all the students heard Arabic in the classroom and streets, I could also practice it at home. I really put my back into it, and I earned an A on the course.

What impressed me most about students in Jordan was their behaviour and their attitude to studying. All the students who I met appreciated the importance of their university education. My dream is to be fluent in Arabic one day – and as I intend to return to Jordan as often as I can, I know I'm going to make this dream a reality.

**Question Number One (22 points)**

- A. 1. Anita grew up speaking two languages. Write these two languages down. (2 points)
2. Anita was impressed by some aspects of her fellow students at the university. Write down two of these aspects. (4 points)
3. Quote the sentence which shows the number of words Anita and other students had to learn weekly. (3 points)
4. Find an idiom from the blog post that means "to put a lot of effort into something". (3 points)
5. What does the underlined word "they" refer to? (2 points)

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6. Studying abroad may be one of the most beneficial experiences for college students. Write down three possible advantages of such a lifetime opportunity. (3 points)

7. Students who choose to go on an international student exchange programme face many challenges. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

B. Literature Spot (3 points)

Read the following lines from *Around the World in Eighty Days* carefully, then answer the questions that follow:

Phileas Fogg, without getting in the least flurried, then proposed to purchase the animal outright, and at first offered a thousand pounds for him. The Indian, perhaps thinking he was going to make a great bargain, still refused.

1. What idea do the above lines represent? (1 point)
2. How much money did Phileas Fogg at first offer for buying the elephant? (2 points)

Question Number Two (16 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)

compromise , online distance learning , headphones , earn , aware

1. Please listen to the music through -----, so that you don't disturb anybody.
2. Are smokers well- ----- of the dangers of smoking to their health?
3. Parents should encourage their children to ----- between what they want and what others want.
4. Students can enroll onto ----- courses in some Jordanian universities.

B. Study the following sentences and replace the underlined gender-neutral words with the correct gender-specific one. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)

During the guests' visit to the exhibition, the business person kept smiling all the time. He is a very kind person.

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

(6 points)

1. Kareem wasn't able to speak Spanish ----- till he was nearly seven years old.  
(fluently , fluent , fluency)
2. Would you like to do an ----- or a vocational course if you have a chance?  
(academise , academic , academically)
3. Rami closed his eyes and tried to -----  
(concentrate , concentration , concentrating)

Question Number Three (12 points)

A. Choose the suitable verb form from those given below to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(6 points)

1. All the reservations ----- by the wedding planner last week.  
(are made , were made , have made , has been made)
2. You won't get a job in France unless you ----- French.  
(speak , speaks , is speaking , spoke)

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. These new shoes are not as comfortable as my old ones.  
My old shoes -----.
2. How can I fix this smartphone?  
Could you tell me -----?
3. Linguists have proved that learning some languages is helpful for the learners.  
Learning some languages -----.

Question Number Four (10 points)

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

1. My brother is good ----- computer skills.  
(into , of , at , about)
2. I didn't wake up early and I missed my bus. I wish I ----- early.  
(wakes up , wake up , had waken up , have waken up)
3. Let's go for a walk, -----?  
(don't we , can we , didn't we , shall we)
4. My computer isn't working. Can you have a look at -----?  
(him , her , it , them)
5. Babies are usually happy ----- they're hungry or cold.  
(as long as , provided that , unless , if)

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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 lines that have four underlined mistakes. Correct these mistakes and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

At international conferences, people from different countries talk to each other through interpraters. They listen to the words which is said through headphones and then trenslate them into the listener's native language while the speaker is talking!

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 to learn and memorise faster. Use the appropriate linking words.

How to learn and memorise faster.....

- exercise to clear your head.
- write down what needs to be memorised.
- study or practice in the afternoon.
- relate new things to what you already know.

C. FREE WRITING (7 points)

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

1. An article describing the change you would like to make inside your school concerning good environment, methods of teaching ... etc., and how that change would affect the new generation.
2. Some people argue that technological inventions such as mobile phones are making people socially less interactive. Write an article discussing the impact of mobile phones on human relationships and suggest some procedures for reducing their effects on people.

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