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Units **6+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- Quote the sentence that shows that skills improve chances of success in problem solving.
- 2- What is the benefit of learning new vocabulary according to the text?
- 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 these challenges.

B. Critical Thinking (5 points)

1. The writer states that learning a foreign language can be beneficial. Explain this statement; suggest three advantages of learning a foreign language.
2. Multi lingual people are more skillful than other people. Think of this statement and then in two sentences, write down your point of view.

Question Number Two: (15 points)

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

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. 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 _____?

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. Is one side of the brain more..... than the other? (dominance)
2. These are studying for a first degree, or postgraduates studying for a Master's degree, a PhD or a higher diploma. (undergraduate)

Question Number Three: (13 points)

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

Jack _____ (graduate) in 1987. He _____ (spend) two years applying for jobs before he _____ (be, offer) the one he _____ . (want)

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.

(8 points)

1. It was considered that his speech was one of the best.

His speech _____

2. Does Tom like Italian food?

Do you Know _____

3. My watch is less attractive than yours. (not as . . . as)

My watch _____

4. We aren't late, _____?

C. Study the following sentences and answer the question that follows.

(1 point)

The company suffers from unreasonable decisions; **consequently**, it has lost much money lately.

What is the function of using “consequently” in the above sentence?

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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 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.

The contradictory views of the study suggest that the number and length of school days are not the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not?

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Read the information below, and write two sentences about the benefits of studying abroad.

- Name: Alexander Graham Bell
- Occupation: Inventor
- Born: March 3, 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland
- Died: August 2, 1922 in Nova Scotia, Canada
- Best known for: Inventing the telephone

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