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DATE: Sunday 26th of June, 2016

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: 1- اجب عن اسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها. 2- للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية.
3- عدد الاسئلة: (5)، وعدد الصفحات: (4)

Read the following study carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the text.

A few years ago, as many as 1,000 schools across the USA started making school years longer by adding up to ten extra days to the school year or by making each school day longer by half an hour. This was because it was found that secondary school students in the USA and the UK were spending the least time at school, with an average school year of 187 days. The typical Jordanian school year is **longer than** this. However, none of these are nearly as long as the school year in countries like Japan and South Korea. South Koreans attend school for 220 days per year, and in Japan, the school year numbers 243 days.

According to a study by the Organisation 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 every day, 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.

Question Number one: (20 points)

- A.
1. The study states many things behind high academic achievements to students in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea. Write down two of these things. **(4 points)**
 2. The writer mentions two subjects in the text, write down these two subjects. **(2 points)**
 3. What is the function of using **[longer than]** in the text? **(2 points)**
 4. Quote the sentence which shows that Jordanian students attend school for more than 187 days per year. **(3 points)**
 5. What does the underlined pronoun **'they'** refer to? **(2 points)**
 6. Think of the underlined statement in the second paragraph and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. **(2 points)**
 7. According to the Finland's views of study, the number and the length of school days is not the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not. Suggest three factors would result in better grades for most students. **(3 points)**

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B. Literature Spot: (2 points)

Read the following extract from A Green Cornfield carefully, then answer the question that follows:

"The earth was **green**, the sky was **blue**:
I saw and heard one sunny morn
A skylark hang between the two,
A singing speck above the corn;"

What do the two colours 'green & blue' symbolise?

Question Number Two: (15 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)

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1. Hesign language while he was working with deaf people in Paris in the eighteenth century.
2. Don't come away from.....wishing you had been better prepared.
3. Jordan also exported a lot of metals (16.8%)manufactured goods (11.2%).
4. For centuries,.....preserved culture through storytelling.

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

Farida has an injury, so they decided to leave out her of the team.
The underlined separable phrasal verb in the above sentence is used incorrectly.
Rewrite it correctly.

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

1. There are a few schools in Jordan which train students some for practical jobs. (**vocation**)
2. In hot weather our bodies are in danger of (**dehydrate**)

Question Number Three: (13 points)

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

1. Even if it, we will have a tour next month. (rain)
2. At 11:30 PM, the examinations will beby the students. (finish)

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. Leila regrets she didn't go to school when she was young.
She wishes.....
2. They claim that a difficult experience makes you stronger.
It's claimed.....
3. Do I have to add some herbs to the soup?
Do you mind advising me.....

Question Number Four: (7 points)

A. Read the following situations and complete the sentences with the first and third conditional, using the word in brackets. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. I won't enjoy the film if you aren't with me. (**Unless you**)
.....
2. We got lost last night because we forgot the map. (**Could not**)
.....

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- Everybody is ready to help the government,?
- 2- She has made no mistake so far,?
- 3- She's called many times,?

Question Number Five: (15 points)

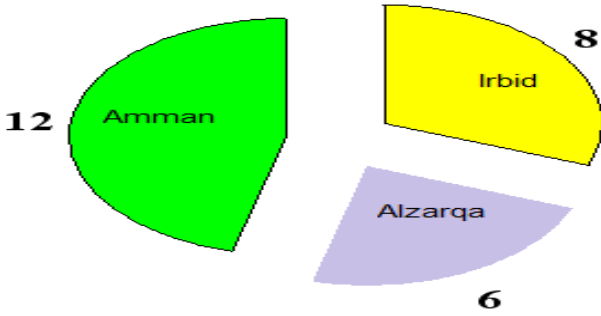
A. EDITING (4 points)

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

When I went back in the summer, I was in the selas department. My job was to follow up web enquiries, and send out further information to possible clients. I enjoyed it, and I won't have had that opportunity if I hadnt done the work expereince first.

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Use the information in the chart about the different numbers of students who got top marks in English in the year 2013 in each of the major cities in Jordan to write two sentences using the appropriate quantifier such as less, more, as ..., etc.



C. FREE WRITING: (7 points)

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

1. Write a blog post for your friend's website about compulsory education in Jordan.
2. You receive the news that your town council is cancelling a bus route that you, your family and friends use regularly. Write a letter to the town council to persuade them not to cancel it. Explain why this will have negative effects on the whole town. Think about business opportunities and local economies.

THE END



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