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TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

(٢) للمتقدمين في الفروع المهنية.

ملحوظات: (١) اجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها.

(٣) عدد الأسئلة: (٥)، وعدد الصفحات: (٣).

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.

Human beings have been writing their languages for over five thousand years. Only certain people knew how to write, and for thousands of years, professional writers called scribes wrote about daily life and trade. Cuneiform gave countries of the ancient world a way of transcribing their history. At about the same time, another system based on pictures, or hieroglyphics, developed in Egypt.

The Roman alphabet, which has twenty-six letters, is an improved form of the Phoenician alphabet. Most European countries have been utilising this alphabet because they were part of the Roman Empire.

The written form of Arabic, which people have been using since the 4th century CE, is the second most widely used alphabet in the world. It is used throughout the Arab world and is also the basis of other forms of cursive writing such as Malay, Urdu and Persian. Unlike systems based on the Roman alphabet, Arabic is written from right to left and it has twenty-eight letters. Like Chinese, Arabic writing is a precious art form as well as a practical method of communication.

**Question Number One: (23 points)**

1. Different kinds of writing are mentioned in the text. Write down two of these kinds. (4 points)
2. What were professional writers called? (3 points)
3. Why do so many modern European countries use the Roman alphabet? (4 points)
4. There are two similarities between Arabic and Chinese writing. Write these two similarities down. (4 points)
5. Find a word in the text which means "business". (2 points)
6. There are some differences between written Arabic and the systems based on the Roman alphabet. Write down two of these differences. (4 points)
7. What does the underlined word "their" refer to? (2 points)

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**Question Number Two: (16 points)**

**A. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(6 points)**

1. You must be able to support your opinion with good arguments in order to ..... a critical audience. (**persuasion**)
2. The manager invited the employees to an ..... meeting in his office. (**accident**)

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

**(6 points)**

altitude , outskirts , clothing , widen

1. New projects were constructed to ..... the roads in our country.
2. The last item of ..... I bought was a white blouse.
3. Climbers need to carry enough oxygen when they are climbing at a high .....

**C. Study the following sentences which have two mistakes (one mistake in each sentence). Correct the mistakes and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(4 points)**

1. Some countries rely currently on annual slice crops to feed their people.
2. Would it be possible to give Ahmad a bar of brown bread as he is in a diet now?

**Question Number Three: (14 points)**

**A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(8 points)**

1. Many people ..... everything they hear. (**believe**)
2. Some children haven't ..... enough water - that's why they feel tired. (**be, drink**)
3. I can't eat anything. I ..... just ..... my lunch. (**eat**)
4. What has Ali ..... all morning? (**be, do**)

**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.**

**(6 points)**

1. There isn't any dictionary on the shelf, ..... ?
2. My country provides many job opportunities for the new graduates, ..... ?
3. Shakespeare wrote many interesting plays, ..... ?

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**Question Number Four: (10 points)**

**A. Study the following sentences which have two mistakes in the usage of the articles. Correct them and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)**

1. My mother is a doctor and her father is a author.
2. The latest conference on Child's Rights was held in a United Arab Emirates.

**B. Complete the following mini – dialogues by giving advice about the past using should have / shouldn't have and the given phrases between brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

1. Ali: The visitors didn't phone before coming; they found no one in the house.  
Amani: They ..... (phone before coming)
2. Safwan: Amjad missed the final match yesterday.  
Arwa: He ..... (forget his ticket)

**Question Number Five: (7 points)**

**A. GUIDED WRITING (2 points)**

Read the information in the box below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about the best ways to buy new items wisely using the appropriate linking words such as : and, but, too.....etc.

**The best ways to buy new items wisely...**

- make a shopping list.
- buy only the necessary things.
- make use of sales.
- keep a budget.

**B. FREE WRITING. (5 points)**

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write about 50 words in ONE of the following:-

1. If you were an employer which kind of worker would you prefer to hire: an experienced worker at a high salary or an inexperienced worker at a lower salary. Write a letter to your school magazine explaining your choice, supporting it with convincing reasons.  
(Your name is Nihad. Your address is P.O. Box 1646, Amman, Jordan)

2. Some people choose to work for themselves or own a business. Others choose to work for an employer. Write an email to your friend telling him/ her about the advantages and disadvantages of each choice.

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**Question Number One: (23 points)**

- Any two of the following: Cuneiform, hieroglyphics, Roman alphabet, Arabic writing, and Chinese writing (4 points: 2 points each)
- They were called scribes (3 points)
- Because they were part of the Roman Empire. (4 points)
- 1- Arabic writing is a precious art form.  
2- A practical method of communication. (4 points: 2 points each)
- Trade (2 points)
- 1- Arabic is written from right to left.  
2- It has twenty-eight letters. (4 points: 2 points each)
- Human beings (2 points)

**Question Number Two: (16 points)**

- 1- persuade. 2- accidental. (6 points: 3 points each)
- 1- widen. 2- clothing. 3- altitude. (6 points: 2 points each)
- 1- grain. 2- slice (4 points: 2 points each)

**Question Number Three: (14 points)**

- 1- believe. 2- been drinking. (8 points: 2 points each)  
3- have / eaten 4- been doing
- 1- is there 2- doesn't it 3- didn't he (6 points: 2 points each)

**Question Number Four: (10 points)**

- 1- an author. 2- the United Arab Emirates. (4 points: 2 points each)
- 1- They should have phoned before coming. (6 points: 3 points each)  
2- He should not have forgotten his ticket.

**Question Number Five: (7 points)**

**A. GUIDED WRITING:**

(2 points)

Marking Scheme:

2	comprehensive information with appropriate linking words, without spelling mistakes
1	acceptable level of communicating the ideas with some grammatical and spelling mistakes
0	miscommunication of the ideas, a lot of grammatical and spelling mistakes

**B. FREE WRITING: Open answer**

(5 points)

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