



FIRST ENGLISH EXAMINATION
TWELFTH GRADE
SCIENTIFIC & LITERARY

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Q1: Read the following text and answer the questions that follow: (10 points)

Our country has a high standard of education. This is mainly due to the fact that the government considers education a necessity. All schools, from kindergarten to secondary, are the responsibility of the Ministry of Education (MOE). Pre-school and kindergarten education is optional, followed by ten years of free, compulsory education. For higher education, students enter university, either for academic or vocational courses.

Students can attend one of ten public universities, or one of nineteen private universities. A large number of Jordanian students choose to study at these institutions, as well as foreign students from all over the world. These are undergraduates studying for a first degree, or postgraduates studying for a Master's degree, a PhD or a higher diploma.

The three universities with the most undergraduates are the University of Jordan in Amman, Yarmouk University in Irbid and Al Balqa Applied University in Salt. These are all public universities. An example of a newer university is the German-Jordanian University in Amman, which was set up in 2005 CE. It is a collaboration between the MOHE and Germany's Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and it follows Germany's model of education in Applied Sciences.

For students who wish to complete their university studies while working at the same time, it is also possible in some Jordanian universities to enrol onto online distance learning programmes. In the future, this option will become available in many other universities.

1. What does the underlined word "compulsory" mean? (1 point)

2. The writer mentions two kinds of courses for which students enter universities. Write these two kinds down. (2 points)

3. What does the underlined word 'This' refer to? (1 point)

4. Many opposites can be found in the text. Write two pairs of opposites down. (2 points)

5. Quote the sentence which shows the official bodies that are responsible for the German-Jordanian University and the policy adopted there. (1 point)

6. Using technology in education is important in this digital age. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (1.5 points)

7. University education is recommended, but there are many students who do not go on to it. Explain this statement, suggesting three ways for encouraging these students to proceed and complete their studies. (1.5 points)

Q2: (6 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. (4 points)

make , contradictory , got cold feet , tailor-made , do

1. The man wanted to jump out of the high building, but he at the last minute.
2. As a postgraduate student, you must many subjects and a lot of research to fulfill the requirements of the degree.
3. If two ideas are, they are completely different thus unable to both be true.
4. In space schools, there are curricula which develop the students' skills and meet their needs.

B. Read the following sentences, and then give the meanings of the underlined items. (2 points)

1. Before you start revising, you are advised to draw up a timetable.

2. I'm not sure if we need to take a coat in case it rains. We'll have to play it by ear.

Q3: (8 points)

A. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it. (6 points)

1. Specialists think that drinking lots of water lowers the risk of dehydration.

Drinking lots of water

2. What should I take with me for a trip to the desert?

Do you know?

3. The cheapest products in this store are the Chinese ones.

The least

4. There is less oil in Jordan than there is in Saudi Arabia.

There is not

5. Changing the focus of your revision is believed to keep your brain fresh.

Experts believe that

6. Neither Ahmad nor Ali are as strong as Maher.

Maher

B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. (2 point)

In this report, we will look at the countries that Jordan trades with and what goods it exports and imports.

What is the function of using the underlined word 'it' in the above sentence?

Q4: (4 points)

A. EDITING (2 points)

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following text which has four mistakes (one grammar mistake, two spelling mistakes and one punctuation mistake). Find out these four mistakes and correct them.

It is say that space schools are poineering schools which receive funding as well as support from private businesses, and which seek to motivate young people to undertake a less conventional form of secondary education?

B. GUIDED WRITING (2 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then write two sentences about why some students choose to study away from home. Use the appropriate linking words.

Reasons for studying away from home ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● want to move to the university of students' choice.● know about a new culture● learn to manage time and money● achieve self-reliance

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