

**General Secondary Certificate Examination-2016/2017**  
**General English**

الدورة الشتوية/المستوى الرابع

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**Question number One:**

My name is Fatima Musa and I have worked as an interpreter for five years. Many students have emailed me about my work because they want to know what it would be like to do my job. So here is my reply. I have always been fond of languages. My father worked in many different countries when I was young and we usually travelled with him. When we visited a country, I always wanted to learn the language.

At school I was very good at English. Therefore, I decided on a career as an interpreter. My job now involves going to important conferences and seminars around the world. When a person speaks in English at a conference, I listen to what they say through headphones. I then translate into Arabic while the speaker is talking. I give the translation through headphones to other people at the meeting. This means that anyone in the room who speaks Arabic can understand what people are saying. Is it an easy job? Not at all.

English is not the same in all English-speaking countries. For exam English words that are used in India are sometimes different to the words that people use in the UK, the USA or Australia. As well as knowing regional English, you also need to know a lot of specialist language. Some of the words that are used to talk about business, science or law, for example, make it almost a different language!

Unless you have a language degree, you will not be able to become an interpreter. Provided that you have a postgraduate qualification, you will probably get a job as an interpreter quite quickly. If you get an interview for a job, you will need to show that you have good listening skills and a clear speaking voice. You will also need to show that you can think quickly and that you are able to concentrate for long periods of time. If you are successful, it is a secure and rewarding job. You will probably need to travel a lot, but that is not a problem as long as you enjoy visiting other countries. It is a very responsible job. I am aware that if I translate things badly, it could affect an important law or trade agreement between countries. However, you get a huge feeling of satisfaction when you know that people understand everything that you translate

1- Why have many students emailed Fatima?

2- What helped Fatima to learn languages when she was young.

3- There are many fields (subjects) that specialist language is used in. write down two of these fields (subjects).

4- There are many things you should show in an interview for the job of an interpreter. Write down two of these things

5- Quote the sentence which shows that the job of an interpreter is a rewarding job.

6- What do the bolded pronouns/words refer to?

**Critical thinking :**

7- You need to love your job in order to succeed. Think of this statement, and in two sentences, write down your point of view.

**B. Literature spot: (2 points)**

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

“Happily, however, for Mr Fogg, the animal’s instruction in this direction had not gone far, and the elephant still preserved its natural gentleness. Kiouni — this was the name of the elephant — could doubtless travel rapidly for a long time, and, in default of any other means of conveyance, Mr Fogg resolved to hire him.

- Write down two qualities of the elephant “kiouni” that encouraged Mr Fogg?

**Question Number Two:**

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 down the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

optional, got cold feet, nutrition, make , speed up

1. To keep fit and healthy, you need to get good.....and moderate exercise.
2. The fact that I now follow a clear plan will.....a big difference.
3. The new actor.....when he stepped on the stage; he forgot his lines.
4. Farmers use fertilizers in order to.....the growth of crops and plants.

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

1. My grandfather was a great fireman.

Replace the underlined word with the correct gender-neutral word

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

1. Because Mary has spent a long time in Jordan, she can speak Arabic..... (fluent)

2. The company is seeking a highly-.....director for its new branch in Zarqa. (qualification)

**Question Number Three:**

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

- 1. Unless Majed..... a partner, he won't be able to go on with that project. (find)
- 2. My Facebook account.....last week and fake messages were sent to my friends. (steal)

**B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it. (9 points)**

- 1. People think that the government has prepared a plan to solve unemployment.  
The government.....
- 2. Does the company offer health insurance?  
Do you know.....?
- 3. I regret being tough with you last night.  
I wish.....

**Question Number Four:**

**A. Read the following situations and complete the sentences with the third conditional, using the word in brackets. Write the answer down in your booklet**

- 1. I didn't know the email of Mr Hani, so I didn't send him an invitation. (might)  
.....
- 2. Our team lost the final match because they didn't play well. (couldn't)  
.....

**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. Many people of that village left their lands,.....?
- 2. The center of the earth is very hot,.....?
- 3. Don't ever come in without knocking on the door,.....?