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TIME: ONE HOUR AND A HALF

٢- للتقدمين في الفروع الاكاديمية

ملحوظات : ١- اجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها .

٣- عدد الاسئلة : (5) ، وعدد الصفحات (٤)

Read the following text carefully, and then answer all the questions that follow. Your answer should be based on the text :

Sociologists have been looking into this question for hundreds of years .They have now begun to look at not just how people talk, but also how they think, asking whether the way we understand and remember experiences is influenced by language. As a result of these studies, they have come up with some interesting results.

A lot of research has been carried out on the relationships between mind ,world and language. In one study, a psychologist points out that when describing an event, English speakers tend to mention the person who was responsible. Whereas English speakers might say, ‘John broke the vase’, Spanish or Japanese speakers would use a passive form. It is believed that such differences between languages have an effect on how their speakers understand events, and whether someone is blamed for an action or gets away with it.

In another study, speakers of English, Spanish and Japanese were asked to watch videos of two people popping balloons, breaking eggs and spilling drinks, either on purpose or accidentally. Later, when asked to recall the videos, the English speakers mentioned the person who did the action. The Spanish and Japanese mentioned the person responsible for intentional events, but left this out when they considered that event to be an accident. Scientists at Newcastle University, UK, have carried out tests to prove that different cultures also have different ways of seeing colours .They found that there are different words in Japanese, for example, for light blue and dark blue which are not found in English.

Question Number One : (20 points)

A)

1. According to sociologists , three elements affect our way of looking at the experiences and events that we go through . Write down two of these elements. (2 points)
2. To prove their theory, sociologists asked speakers from three nationalities to watch certain videos of certain events . Write down the names of these three nationalities . (3 points)
3. Write down the sentence which indicates that Japanese language has more diversity in vocabulary than that in English language . (3 points)
4. What does the underlined pronoun “**which**” refer to ? (2 points)
5. Find in the text a phrasal verb that means “**to not include**”? (2 points)

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6. The writer of the article believes that the way in which bilingual people see the world depends on which language they are using? Think of this statement, then in two sentences, write down your point of view. **(2 points)**
7. Learning a foreign language is no easy thing, but it does get easier over time because you learn from your mistakes and you get to know yourself better as a learner .Think of this statement , suggesting three ways for learning a language fast and easily **(3 points)**

B) Literature Spot (3 points)

Read the following lines from Jules Verne’s “Around the World in Eighty Days’ then answer the question that follows .

‘Where are we?’ asked Sir Francis.

‘At the hamlet of Kholby.’

‘Do we stop here?’

‘Certainly. The railway isn’t finished.’

‘What! Not finished?’

‘No. There’s still a matter of fifty miles to be laid from here to Allahabad, where the line begins again.’ Replied the conductor

- **Why can’t the train continue its journey from Kholby to Allahabad? (1 point)**
- **Two characters are involved in the above conversation. Write them down . (2 points)**

Question Number Two (15 points)

A) Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete the following sentences and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET . (8 points)

leave it out , make a start , proficiency , postgraduate , look into

1. The deadline is tomorrow, and you haven’t done anything yet! You really must.....
2. Keen university students who are doing their first degree can go on to study degrees.
3. I usually add chocolate to the recipe when I make this cake ,but as I haven’t got any today, I’m going to
4. If you keep working hard to improve your English, you will reach a level of.....

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

- The results of the experiment which we have **done** recently are very interesting.

Replace the underlined word with the correct phrasal verb .

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

1. In the exam, you can keep calm by breathing.....and thinking positively . (deep)
2. In many schools, studying a foreign language is , but it is often a good idea to continue learning a second language. (option)

Question Number Three : (13 points)

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

1. Jameel might not have become a musician if his parents him. (not encourage)
2. My father only speaks Spanish. He wishes he English or French. (speak)

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. How has he managed to get in shape so quickly?
Could you tell me.....
2. The police believe that the thieves are hiding somewhere in the town.
The thieves
3. The two kids have invented several devices to help disabled people .
Several devices.....

Question Number Four : (7 points)

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

1. I didn't have enough time , so I wasn't able to help you in your project . (could)
.....
2. Sara lost her purse , so she didn't pay the rent of the apartment for this month . (would)
.....

B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them . Write down your answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

1. That exam wasn't very difficult,?
2. We told you not to drive in the outback on your own, ?
3. You're in a desert in the middle of Australia,?

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Question Number Five (15 points)

A.EDITING . (4 points)

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

Unless you have a language degree . you will not be able to become an interpreter. Provided that you have a bostgraduate kualification, you will probably get a job as an interpreter quite quickly. If you get an interview for a job, you would need to show that you have good listening skills and a clear speaking voice.

B.GUIDED WRITING: (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLT ,write two sentences about Why we should learn a second language using the words in the box. Use the appropriate linking words such as : and , too , alsoetc.

Why should we learn a second language ?

- impress people around us
- develop confidence
- improve our decision making skills
- increase our brain power

C. FREE WRITING : (7 points)

In your ANSWER BOOKLT , write a composition of about 120 words on one of the following.

1. Write a paragraph answering this question. Give some tips and good reasons to persuade your classmates to take your advice.
'I often find it difficult to fall asleep the night before an exam .Do you mind giving me some advice, please?'
2. Write a persuasive letter to convince students at your school to study a subject of your choice at university.

Good Luck

Ramzi Abu Shehab

Question Number One

A)

1. mind ,world and language
2. English, Spanish and Japanese
3. They found that there are different words in Japanese, for example, for light blue and dark blue which are not found in English
4. words.
5. left this out.
6. -People who speak English tend to mention the name of the person who caused the event whereas Japanese or Spanish use the passive form when they don't think that the person was to blame .
- People who speak both languages need to adapt to the rules of each language and so have different ways of looking at a situation..
7. watch English programs / talk to native speakers via mass media / reading a lot of stories .

B) 1. The railway isn't finished.

2. Sir Francis and the conductor

Question Number Two

A) 1. make a start 2. postgraduate 3. leave it out 4. proficiency

B) carried out

C) 1. deeply 2. optional

Question Number Three

A) 1. hadn't encouraged 2. spoke

B)

1. how he has managed to
2. are believed to be hiding
3. have been invented to help

Question Number Four

A) 1. if I had had enough time , I could have helped you in your project .

2. if Sara hadn't lost her purse , she would have paid the rent of the apartment for this month .

B) 1. was it 2. didn't we 3. aren't you

Question Number Five .

A. Editing : degree , you / postgraduate / qualification / will need

B. There are many **reasons why we should learn a second language** such as impressing people around us , developing confidence and improving our decision making skills .
Another reason is increasing our brain power .