



THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN-MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
GENERAL SECONDARY CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION-2011

GENERAL ENGLISH

الدورة الصيفية/المستوى ٤  
(وثيقة محمية/محدود)

DATE: THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OF JULY, 2011

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات : (١) أجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة. (٢) للمتقدمين لجميع الفروع الأكاديمية.  
(٣) عدد صفحات هذا الامتحان (٤) صفحات وعدد الأسئلة (٥).

**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.**

Road tunnels, through mountains or under rivers and seas, make car journeys shorter and faster. Some of the long tunnels, like those through the Alps, were incredible engineering achievements when they were first built. For example, the 11 kilometres-long Mont Blanc Tunnel between France and Italy, which was opened in 1965, massively reduced journey times between the two countries. But in recent years, with the increase in freight traffic using tunnels, there have been some terrible accidents.

So when planners were designing the 24.5 kilometre Laerdal Tunnel in Norway, safety was one of their main concerns. People have known for some time that the main factors which cause accidents in long tunnels are tiredness and claustrophobia – a fear of being in small spaces. Drivers can easily fall asleep in tunnels because the view never changes – there is nothing to keep them awake. This can lead to accidents caused by vehicles driving into the sides of the tunnel. So experts did research to find out how they could make the 20-minute journey through their new tunnel less monotonous. After experiments, they decided to build the tunnel in four sections with "halls" between them. The halls are wider and higher than the main tunnel and have special lighting similar to a sunrise. The idea is that drivers will feel refreshed as they drive through the halls.

The halls have two purposes related to safety: if there is an accident on the road ahead, drivers can turn round in the halls and return the way they came. There are lay-bys in the halls where drivers can stop and rest. The Laerdal Tunnel also has an efficient ventilation system which responds to the amount of traffic in the tunnel. Air pollution is monitored by staff in a control room.

**Question Number One (20 points)**

A.

1. According to the second paragraph, there are different reasons for accidents in long tunnels. Write down two of these reasons. (4 points)
2. According to the third paragraph, the halls have two purposes related to safety. Write them down. (4 points)
3. Write down the sentence which indicates that some workers regularly observe the level of air pollution in road tunnels. (3 points)
4. Find a word in the first paragraph which means "shortened". (2 points)
5. What does the underlined word "they", in the second paragraph, refer to? (2 points)
6. According to the text, the writer thinks that long tunnels are great achievements. Is he justified in this? Explain. (3 points)

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**B. Critical Thinking (2 points)**

Most of long journeys make people feel bored, but there are many activities that can be done to make these journeys less boring. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.

**Question Number Two (15 points)**

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

make , pottery , outstanding , do , talent

1. You should think carefully before you ----- your decision.
2. The girl who won the scholarship was quite -----.
3. My younger sister has always had a ----- for music.
4. Madaba was a major trading centre for ----- in the ancient world.

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

What does the multi part verb **came across** mean in the following sentence?  
Last night, I **came across** my old photographs. I haven't seen them in years.

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came across  
--found by chance  
--happened

**C. Choose the answer from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)**

1. I'll never forget the ----- I felt on my first day at school.  
(excite , excitement , excitedly)
2. The picture was ----- drawn by the artist.  
(skill , skillful , skillfully)

**Question Number Three (14 points)**

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

1. Do you like this photograph of our family? We had it ----- by a photographer. (take)
2. The tailors finished making Laila's dress a week before the wedding. They ----- it for over a month. (be, make)

**B. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (10 points)**

1. My school ----- has over 1000 students is near the city centre.  
(who , which , where)
2. ----- flying, driving is quite slow and dangerous.  
(Whereas , On the other hand , In comparison with)
3. Sameer managed to get plenty of rest ----- for eight hours every night.  
(sleep , sleeps , sleeping)
4. Nour can't do calculations ----- her head.  
(in , at , on)
5. Maha: "I am looking after my little brother."  
Maha said that she ----- after her little brother.  
(look , looked , was looking)

**Question Number Four (6 points)**

**A. 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.**

**(4 points)**

1. "Can you check the prices of the goods?"  
The manager asked Rashed -----.
2. The government must save the historical sites.  
The historical sites -----.

**B. Study the following pair of sentences, and answer the question below. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)**

A: I believe that Bayan deserves this award because she worked hard.

B: I agree.

Which sentence indicates giving recommendations?

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**Question Number Five (15 points)**

**A. EDITING : (3 points)**

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have three mistakes. Correct the mistakes and write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

rural(1) depopulation is a phenomenen(2) which can lead to overkrowding(3) in cities as well as for fewer people in country areas.

**B. GUIDED WRITING : (5 points)**

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about successful people. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and, too, also, etc.

Successful People
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- work hard.</li><li>- communicate openly.</li><li>- welcome change.</li><li>- learn new skills.</li></ul>

**C. FREE WRITING: (7 points)**

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 80 words on ONE of the following:

1. Nowadays it is necessary to study at least one foreign language. Write an essay mentioning the best ways to learn a foreign language and the benefits of knowing more than one language. (e.g. communicate with others, continue higher education, understand other cultures, etc.)
2. Home accidents happen everywhere and every time. Write a report for your school magazine mentioning the causes of such accidents and the necessary precautions that should be taken to avoid them.

**THE END**



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**Question Number One (20 points)**

**A.**

1. Any two of the following: (4 points, 2 points each)
  - tiredness
  - claustrophobia (a fear of being in small spaces)
  - Drivers can easily fall asleep in tunnels
2. (4 points)
  - if there is an accident on the road ahead, drivers can turn round in the halls and return the way they came.
  - There are lay-bys in the halls where drivers can stop and rest
3. Air pollution is monitored by staff in a control room. (3 points)
4. reduced (2 points)
5. experts (2 points)
6. Open answer (3 points)

**B. Critical Thinking (2 points)**

Marking scheme:

2	showing higher order thinking level, relevant answer, message clearly communicated to reader.
1	message communicated, average level of thinking.
0	totally irrelevant or totally incomprehensible.

**Question Number Two (15 points)**

**A. (8 points, 2 points each)**

1. make
2. outstanding
3. talent
4. pottery

**B. found by chance (3 points)**

**C. (4 points, 2 points each)**

1. excitement
2. skillfully

**Question Number Three (14 points)**

**A. (4 points, 2 points each)**

1. taken
2. had been making

**B. (10 points, 2 points each)**

1. which
2. In comparison with
3. sleeping
4. in
5. was looking

**Question Number Four (6 points)**

**A. (4 points, 2 points each)**

1. The manager asked Rashed if/whether he could check the prices of the goods.
2. The historical sites must be saved (by the government).

**B.** A. I believe that Bayan deserves this award because she worked hard. (2 points)

**Question Number Five (15 points)**

**A. EDITING : (3 points, 1 point each)**

- (1) Rural (2) phenomenon (3) overcrowding

could ✓  
could ✓  
X X

**B. GUIDED WRITING : (5 points)**

Marking scheme:

5 - 4	comprehensive information with appropriate linking words, without spelling mistakes
3 - 2	acceptable level of communicating the ideas with some grammatical and spelling mistakes
1 - 0	miscommunication of the ideas, a lot of grammatical and spelling mistakes

**C. FREE WRITING: (7 points)**

Open answer

**THE END**

السؤال الأول :

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سُرْع ٤ إذا كتب الطالب :  
d ----- صفر reduce بدون d

سُرْع ٥ إذا كتب expert بدون s ----- صفر

سُرْع ٦ إذا أجاب الطالب No مع تبرير منطقي من النص يأخذ (٢)

السؤال الثاني :

أي خطأ في نقل الإجابة الصحيحة ----- صفر

السؤال الرابع :

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سُرْع ١ ----- ٣ علامات to check the prices of the goods.