

**(Form A) THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDDAN-MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
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GENERAL ENGLISH**

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**TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF**

**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.**

Adnan, a professional craftsman, is at work in his studio. With the oven at 1,400 degrees Centigrade, 20 hours a day, a glass-making studio isn't the most comfortable place to be. For Adnan, however, this is more than just a job. 'My family has been blowing glass for around 700 years,' he says. 'My father learnt the craft from his father, and he taught it to me when I was a child.' Adnan is passionate about this ancient craft, and regularly gives demonstrations and workshops to teach young people the skills of glassblowing.

He strongly believes that unless we interest more young people in learning the craft, nobody will know how to make hand-blown glass in the future. 'These days, young people don't always want to follow their parents' professions, and, added to that, glassblowing isn't an easy job. It has to be an obsession, as it is for me!'

Adnan still uses the technique that was first developed by the Phoenicians some 2,000 years ago. First, he pushes a thin metal blowpipe into the boiling hot furnace. Secondly, he lifts out the liquid sand and lays it on a metal plate. After that, he blows the red-hot glass until it becomes more flexible. Then he pulls and bends the glass into shape. He has to work extremely quickly because the liquid sand is already solidifying into glass.

'The sand gives us transparent, or "white", glass,' Adnan explains. 'We get this beautiful dark, cobalt blue by adding the metal cobalt to the melted glass. Then, this blue becomes a lighter, sea-green turquoise after adding copper. Finally, we decorate the glass by hand.' These days we recycle broken glass and we use commercially produced colors instead of using natural ingredients. Apart from that, nothing has changed through centuries.

**Question Number One (20 points)**

**A**

- 1- Adnan mentions two natural ingredients that can be used to add colors to the glass. Write them down. (2 points)
- 2- Quote the sentence which shows the first people who produced glass. (2 points)
- 3- Adnan follows two methods to teach the craft of glassblowing, write them down. (4 points)
- 4- What does the underlined word "it" refer to? (2 points)
- 5- Find a word in the text that means " **clear or thin enough to see through** " mean? (2 points)

6. Adnan strongly believes that unless we interest more young people in learning the craft nobody will know how to make hand-blown glass in the future. Think of this statement, suggesting three ways to encourage young people to make traditional crafts. (3 points)
7. "Adnan thinks that glassblowing is not an easy job.". Think of this statement, justify your point of view in two sentences. (2 points)

**B. Literature Spot (3 points)**

Read the following lines from "All the World's a Stage" by William Shakespeare carefully, then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer the questions that follow with reference to the speech.

And all the men and women merely players;  
They have their exits and their entrances,  
And one man in his time plays many parts, ...  
At first, the infant,  
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.  
Then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel  
And shining morning face, creeping like snail  
Unwillingly to school. ...

1. Find an example of simile in the above lines. (1 point)
2. What are the exits and entrances of human's life? (2 points)

**Question Number Two (15 points)**

**A. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 point)**

Doctors believe that waterproof prosthetic legs will be used by most disabled people. What does the underlined suffix 'proof' mean?

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

obese, apparatus, textile, immunisation, monitor

1. The physics laboratory has the best..... I've ever seen.
2. Many companies ..... their employees' internet activity.
3. A study found that almost 10% of men were..... in 2008. That was up from about 5% in 1980.
4. The ..... industries, some of which are of ancient date, are among those that have most rapidly developed.

**C. Complete the following sentences with suitable derivatives from the words between brackets . Write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.. (4points)**

1. Have you seen Nasser's \_\_\_\_\_ of postcards? He's got hundreds!  
(collect, collective, collection, collectively)
2. Petra is an important \_\_\_\_\_ site.  
(archaeology, archaeological, archeologist, archaeologically)

**Question Number Three (17 points)**

**A .Correct the verb between brackets, then write down your answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

1. The food was finally ready after my mum..... for three hours. (cook)
2. We ..... for 9 hours when you arrive home. (sleep)
3. I just got glasses this week, and I'm not .....them yet, so I'm still having difficulty. (use, wear)

**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. (6 points)**

1. Mr. Anderson saw a squirrel in the garden yesterday.  
Mr. Anderson.....
2. Sydney is not the capital of Australia. It is the largest Australian city.  
Sydney, .....
3. It is familiar for Ali to work under pressure.  
Ali.....
4. Sami sent four emails yesterday.  
Four.....
5. You should eat breakfast before leaving to school  
If.....
6. We asked the technician to repair our washing machine.  
We.....

**C. Choose the suitable item from those given between brackets to complete the following sentences and then write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (5)**

1. All the employees ..... follow the procedures, it's their duty.  
(must, don't have to, have to, can)
2. I think this is .....best idea you have ever had. I can't find a better way to do this.  
( an, the, -- , a)
3. Thank you very much for your email..... was very interesting.  
( whose, who, which, when)
4. You should avoid ..... at times when you have an injury or illness that makes it hard for you to think clearly or quickly.  
( drive, driven, to drive, driving)
5. She wouldn't pay cash if she..... a credit card.  
(have, has, had, had had)

**Question Number Four (8 points)**

**A. The underlined words in the following sentence are not used correctly. Replace these words with the correct ones, and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)**

The indigenous people used to living in the North America

**B. The following sentences are in American English, rewrite them in British English, and write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)**

- 1) The weather has gotten colder this week and there is a great demand for gas.
- 2) Although I live in an apartment in the third floor, I never use the elevator.

**C. Write down the words that match each of the following phonetic transcribed words in your ANSWER BOOKLET: (2 points)**

1. / tek' nɒlədʒi/ .....
2. / 'kærɪjɪŋ/.....

## Question Number Five (15 points)

### A. EDITING (4 points)

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

Scientists has already developed brain implants that improve vision or allow disabled people to use their thoughts in order to control prosthetic lemps like arms. legs or hands, or operate a wheelchair. In 2012 CE, a medical triel on monkeys showed that a brain implant improved their decision-making abilities.

### B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Read the information below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences using the given notes below about Giralda tower. Use the appropriate linking words.

**Location:** Spain

**Date of construction:** 1184 CE

**Purpose of building:** It was first built as a minaret of a mosque

**Facts about the tower:** - it is 104 metres high.

- it was damaged my an earthquake in 1356

### C. FREE WRITING ( 7points)

**In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 120 words on ONE of the following:**

1- Millions of people buy their goods and services without leaving their sofa . In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write an essay about 120 words on the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping .

2- Many technological changes have affected people's lifestyles recently. In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write an essay about 120 words on the technological changes that have affected people's lifestyles recently in their homes , work and entertainment activities.

## Model Answers (Form A)

### Question Number One

A 1- - cobalt - copper

2- Adnan still uses the technique that was first developed by the Phoenicians some 2,000 years ago..

3- -regularly gives demonstrations and workshops to teach young people the skills of glassblowing.

4- liquid sand

5- transparent

6- 1. Building special schools to teach the crafts for young people.

2. Marketing and focusing on the importance of crafts through social media.

3. Establishing special galleries and museums that show the crafts

7- I think that this statement is true because the working conditions in the studio are very difficult. Also, the ones who work in this craft should have the talent and the ability to work quickly.

### C) Literature Spot

1. creeping like a snail

2. the exists are the deaths and the entrances are the births.

### Question Number Two

A. provide protection against

B. 1. apparatus 2. monitor 3. obese 4. textile

C. 1. collection 2. archaeological

### Question Number Three

A .1. had been cooking 2. will have slept 3. used to wearing

B. 1. was the person who saw a squirrel in the garden yesterday.

2. which is the largest Australian city, is not the capital of Australia.

3. is used to working under pressure.

4. emails were sent yesterday (by Sami).

5. I were you, I would eat breakfast before leaving to school.

6. had our washing machine repaired .

C. 1. have to 2. the 3. which 4. driving 4. had

### Question Number Four

A. The indigenous people used to live in North America

B. 1. The weather has got colder this week and there is a great demand for petrol.

2. Although I live in a flat in the third floor, I never use the lift

C. 1. technology 2. carrying.

### Question Five

A) 1. have 2. limbs 3. arms, legs 4. trial

B) Giralda tower was constructed in Spain as a minaret of a mosque in 1184 CE. However, it is 104 metres high and it was damaged by an earthquake in 1356