

**THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN –MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
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GENERAL ENGLISH**

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TIME: 1:30 MINUTES

Midterm Exam

3- للمتقدمين للفروع العلمية والأدبية. (4)

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1- أجب عن جميع أسئلة الورقة. 2-

**Read the text carefully then answer all the questions.**

In the summer of 2012, incredible sporting achievements were celebrated with a unique theatrical spectacle that marked the opening of the Olympics in London. The Olympic stadium was transformed into a stage for a four-hour event that told the history of Britain, up until the modern day.

The spectacle involved thousands of volunteers. These amateur performers and crew put together an incredible show, demonstrating impressive teamwork and a professional attitude throughout. The volunteer cast took the audience on a time-travelling journey from rural England, through the Industrial Revolution, to the 1960s, using dances and sketches that represented each decade.

The special effects were also impressive, with light-shows, optical illusions, incredible scene changes and smooth mechanics. It was a spectacle that appealed to the emotions too. Moments of pride followed moments of humour. Rowan Atkinson (better known as Mr. Bean) interrupted an orchestral piece in his own comic style.

After an event such as this, only one thing remained: to pay tribute to the athletes taking part in the Summer Olympics. The Olympians marched around the stadium, capturing the magic of this moment! As the audience watched breathlessly, the Olympics were declared officially open.

To this day, audience members and people who watched the spectacle on their televisions are still talking about the incredible achievement of this celebratory opening ceremony.

**Question Number One (20 points)**

**A. Answer the following questions based on your comprehension of the text above.**

1. In the second paragraph, the writer mentions the volunteers. What two aspects of their participation is the writer impressed by?
2. Find a noun which means an exciting and impressive public event.
3. Quote the phrase which refers to greet the Athletes involved in the Summer Olympics.
4. Give two ways in which the writer thinks the Olympic Opening Ceremony is special.
5. What does the underlined word "**his**" refer to?
6. Why do you think the spectacle made such a big impression on its audience?
7. Imagine you're at the Olympic Games Write two sentences telling a friend about what you have done and seen so far.

**B. Writing spot: (4 points) Read the text for a second time and answer the following question.**

**Summarise the four main elements of the show in your own words. Write about 50 words.**

**Question Number Two: (15 points)**

**A. Chooses the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences. There are more words than you need. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLIT. (8 points)**

Worried, agility, supposed to, disabilities, grateful

1. You are not \_\_\_\_\_ give gifts to the mother until the baby is born.
2. the best thing about playing football is that it helps to improve \_\_\_\_\_.
3. People with visual \_\_\_\_\_ are now included in the Paralympics.
4. Patients are always \_\_\_\_\_ to hospital staff.

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

We are having a small gathering next Friday. I hope we can meet and share news there.

**Replace the underlined phrase with the suitable phrasal verb.**

**C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in the box and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLIT.**

**(4 points)**

Success, Diversity, Flexible, Confidence,

1. I felt very \_\_\_\_\_ on the day of the exam because I had studied very hard.
2. Tennis can increase strength and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Here is a guide to some of the more \_\_\_\_\_ ways to observe this universally important event.
4. This project took a lot of time and money; I'm telling you, we have to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question Number Three: (12 points)**

**A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLIT. (6 points)**

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not beat) for three years.
2. And she \_\_\_\_\_ (only get) better since then.
3. You look exhausted, what \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?
4. As the first chords \_\_\_\_\_ (play), they start a routine.
5. My classmates and I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) to search some information about Paralympic athletes, yesterday.
6. This Monday, we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party.

**B. Complete each of the following item so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it, and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLIT. (6 points)**

1. Sami and Salwa will watch their favourite movie. .  
Their favourite movie .....
2. You are **not allowed** to come late.  
You.....
3. I've just met Madam Hashem. Her husband is a pilot.  
I've just met .....

**Question Number Four. (8 points)**

**A. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. (4 points)**

Nicola **has to** arrive on time for a meeting in Turkey.

He **doesn't have to** come today if he is afraid now.

**What are the functions of the underlined phrases in the above sentences?**

**B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows.**

He was so **careless** that he drove into another car.

**What does the suffix in the underlined word give the meaning to the adjective in the above sentence?**

**C. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows.**

The children are **settling down** in bed now after a very busy day.

**What is the definition of the phrasal verb in the above sentence?**

**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 lines that have four mistakes (one grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLIT.**

Jordan s national flower is found mainly in the district of Ajloun, north of Jordan, during February and March. Every year, Jordanians honour their national flower by putting on a day of festivities. There are classic car displays, local craft stalls, dance displays, comedians and entertainment desgined for children too. All the money that is raising during the Black Iris Fetival is donated to local charities.

**B. Guided writing (4 points)**

**Read the information below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLIT, write tow sentences using the given notes below about a meeting event. Use the appropriate linking words.**

**Location:** in your house's backyard.

**Title of the events:** get together.

**Purpose of the event:** meeting your new neighbors.

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

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

1. Write an essay to your school magazine, describing a fund raising event you and your classmates have held in one of school's room.
2. Write three paragraphs about eating better for better sleep. Provide some recommendations about good and bad food for sleep with examples.

**-THE END-**

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