





THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN-MINISTRY OF EDUCATION GENERAL SECONDARY CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION-2010

GENERAL ENGLISH

الدورة الصيفية / المستوى الثاني وثيقة محمية

DATE: Thursday 1st of July, 2010

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات : (١) أجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة. (٢) للمتقدمين لجميع الفروع المهنية كافة.

(٣) عدد صفحات هذا الامتحان (٣) صفحات وعدد الأسئلة (٥)

READING COMPREHENSION: (26 POINTS)

Read the following text carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow the text. Your answers should be based on the text.

Inventions that keep us secure

Airbags protect car drivers and passengers. Most modern cars have a driver's airbag in the steering wheel, and another for the front seat passenger. Some cars also have side airbags fitted in the seats, and a few even have airbags which are released from behind the driver to protect people in the back seats.

Airbags inflate when a car collides with something solid, like another vehicle or a building. They cushion the people in the car and stop them from bumping into dangerous objects such as the steering wheel. Since cars have had airbags, the number of serious car injuries has decreased dramatically.

In the past, before the invention of smoke alarms, many people died in their homes because they inhaled lethal smoke while they were sleeping. However, it is now possible for people to buy inexpensive smoke alarms which they can fit themselves. Like alarm clocks, they are loud enough to wake sleepers and give them enough time to escape. The best place for a smoke alarm is at the top of stairs or in halls and corridors.

Question Number One (21 points)

- 1. According to paragraph one, who do car airbags protect? (4 points)
- 2. According to paragraph one, why are airbags in a few cars released from behind the driver? (3 points)
- 3. Find a word in paragraph two which means "reduced". (2 points)
- 4. According to paragraph two, when do airbags inflate? (3 points)
- 5. According to paragraph three, why did many people die before the invention of smoke alarms? (3 points)
- 6. What does the underlined word "which", in paragraph three, refer to? (3 points)
- 7. According to paragraph three, where is the best place for smoke alarms? (3 points)

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Question	Number	Two	(5 points)
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Literature Spot

Read the following quotation from "The War of the Worlds" by Herbert George Wells carefully, then answer the questions that follow with reference to the story and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET:

"The Martians had invented spaceships to attack Earth. They had used technology to kill people."

1. What had the Martians invented to attack earth?

(3 points)

2. Why had the Martians used technology?

(2 points)

VOCABULARY: (12 POINTS)

Question Number Three (12 points)

- A. Choose the correct form of the words given to complete each of the following sentences and write down the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)
 - 1. It is -----to drive fast.
 - a) danger
- b) dangerous
- c) dangerously
- 2. The ----- of forests is harmful to the environment.
 - a) destruction
- b) destroy
- c) destructive
- B. The underlined letters (<u>oo</u>) in the word <u>loo</u>k are pronounced the same as the underlined letters in the word <u>-----</u>. (2 points)
 - a) food
- b) t<u>oo</u>k
- c) mood
- C. Choose the best answer from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

runs, climate, factory, modern

- 1. Air travel is a ----- form of transport.
- 2. The River Thames ----- through London.
- 3. The weather system of a region is called -----.

WRITING: (32 points)

STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS: (22 points)

Question Number Four (22 points)

- A. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (20 points)
 - 1. ---- Nile is the longest river in the world.

(The, A, An)

2. A: What's your father's job?

B: He is ----- engineer.

(the, a, an).

3. Laila has been ----- this novel for three weeks.

(read, reading, reads)

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4. Our neighbours have lived in this flat ----- 2002.

(for, since, from)

5. Rami is very late, ----?

(isn't he, is he, doesn't he)

6. Sami made an accident. He ----- driven carefully.

(should, should have, shouldn't have)

7. Samira ----- a phone call from her brother.

(expect, expecting, is expecting)

8. "We arrived late at the restaurant".

Nuha said that they ----- late at the restaurant.

(arrive, had arrived, have arrived)

9. ---- should clean their teeth before they go to bed.

(Child, Child's, Children)

10. After the accident the man couldn't use his hands, -----?

(could he, couldn't he, can he)

- B. Study the following pair of sentences, and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)
 - 1. I think we should protect wild animals.
 - 2. I am thinking about tigers in particular.

Which form of the underlined verb means believe?

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GUIDED AND FREE WRITING: (10 points)

Question Number Five (10 points)

A. Guided Writing: (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about the advantages and disadvantages of the e-mail. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and, but ----- etc.

e-mail		
Advantages	Disad vantages	
quick, easy	impersonal, not so serious	

B. Free Writing: (6 points)

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write about 80 words on one of the following:

- 1. Write a letter to your friend in England inviting him/her to spend a week with you during the summer holiday. Say when the invitation is; how long your friend can stay; and suggest activities you can do while your friend is with you.

 (Your name is Nihad. Your address is P.O. Box 1646, Amman, Jordan)
- 2. Water is very important for life. Write a composition describing how people can use water wisely.

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Model Answers

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Question Number One (21 points)

1. car drivers and passengers.

(4 points)

2. to protect people in the back seats.

(3 points)

3. decreased

(2 points)

- 4. when a car collides with something solid, like another vehicle or a building. (3 points)
- 5. because they inhaled lethal smoke while they were sleeping.

(3. points)

6. smoke alarms

(3 points)

7. the best place for smoke alarms is at the top of stairs or in halls and corridors

(3 points)

Question Number Two (5 points)

1. spaceships (3 points)

2. to kill people (2 points)

Question Number Three (12 points)

A. (4 points, 2 points each)

1. dangerous

2. destruction

B. b) took (2 points)

C. (6 points, 2 points each)

1. modern 2. runs 3. climate

Question Number Four (22 points)

A. (20 points, 2 points each)

1. The 2. an 3. reading 4. since 5 isn't he

6. should have 7. is expecting 8. had arrived 9. Children 10. could be

B. 1. think (2 points)

Question Number Five (10 points)

A. Guided Writing: (4 points)

Marking Scheme .

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

B. Free Writing: (6 points)

Open answer

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