



THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN-MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
GENERAL SECONDARY CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION-2014  
GENERAL ENGLISH

الدورة الشتوية / المستوى الثاني

(وثيقة محمية / محدود)

DATE : Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of January, 2014

TIME : 1 HOUR AND A HALF

٢- للمتقدمين في الفروع المهنية .

ملحوظات : ١- أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها .

٣- عدد الأسئلة : ( ٥ ) ، وعدد الصفحات : ( ٣ ) .

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.

In 1943, Laszlo and his brother produced the first pens which were called 'biros'. These pens became an instant success – mainly because the ink dried quickly and they were stronger than normal ink pens. Two years later, an American company produced similar pens, but because of the technology involved, these first ballpoint pens were very expensive.

In 1949, the first cheap ballpoint pens were produced in France. These 'Bic' pens were eventually sold on the American market for only 10 cents each. The Bic company has been successfully making ballpoint pens ever since then.

The most important part of a ballpoint pen is the ball. As it moves across a piece of paper, the ball revolves in its socket and transfers quick-drying ink on to the paper. This mechanism is very important. If the ball is too tight in the socket, the ball will not move. If it is too loose, the ink will dry up. Ballpoint pens can write in many different situations, but they cannot write upside down, because the ink needs gravity to move down on to the ball.

**Question Number One (23 points)**

1. When were the first cheap ballpoint pens produced? (3 points)
2. What does the underlined pronoun "it" refer to? (3 points)
3. Who produced the first 'biros' ? (4 points)
4. The first 'Biros' pens became an instant success for two reasons. Write down these two reasons. (4 points)
5. Why can't ballpoint pens write upside down? (3 points)
6. Find a word in the second paragraph which means "in the end". (3 points)
7. Why were the first ballpoint pens which were produced by an American company very expensive? (3 points)

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**Question Number Two (16 points)**

**A. Complete the following sentences with suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

1. Be ----- of that knife – it is very sharp.(care)
2. Maria is wondering how she can ----- her grades from going down. (prevention)

**B. Choose the suitable word from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

decrease , outskirts , cushion , amazed

1. Renad doesn't like the noise of neighbours so she lives on the ----- of town.
2. Salma can ----- her weight by eating healthy food and exercising.
3. The old man's energy and strength ----- and inspired us.

**C. Correct the mistakes in the following sentences by using the correct plural form of the underlined nouns and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(4 points)**

1. My tooth are so sensitive to cold drinks.
2. Three men and their child were injured in the accident.

**Question Number Three (12 points)**

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

1. Marwan has just ----- in a small village. (live)
2. People have ----- Arabic since the fourth century. (be, write)

**B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(6 points)**

1. Ibrahim speaks English fluently, -----?
2. Drivers shouldn't drive too fast, -----?

**Question Number Four (12 points)**

**A. Study the following sentences and answer the question below .Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

**What do the underlined verbs mean in the following sentences?**

1. Scientists think they should protect wild animals.
2. I am thinking about following a healthy diet .

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**B. Complete the following mini-dialogues by giving advice about the past using should have or shouldn't have and the given phrases between brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

1. Ali : Jamela was really tired this morning.

Amani : She -----, (go to bed late)

2. Safwan : The tourists got lost in the hills yesterday.

Arwa : They -----, (take a map)

**Question Number Five (7 points)**

**A. GUIDED WRITING: (2 points)**

Read the information in the box below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about how to be a good student using the appropriate linking words such as : and, but, too ..... etc

How to be a good student...
- respect teachers. - help friends. - study hard. - participate in school activities.

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

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write about **50** words in **ONE** of the following :-

1. The ability of communicating effectively is important in relationships, education and work. Write an informal letter to your friend about effective ways of communication. ( e.g. have courage to say what you think , make eye contact, develop effective listening skills, use the right words, ...etc.).

**(Your name is Nihad. Your address is P.O. Box 1646, Amman, Jordan)**

2. Some young children spend a great amount of time practicing different sports. Write an email to your friend telling him/ her about the advantages and disadvantages of spending great amount of time practicing different sports.

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