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TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات :- (1) اجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة. (2) للمتقدمين لجميع الفروع المهنية.

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

Petra, Jordan, there lie the remains of a majestic city carved out of the desert rock. This city was the main area inhabited by the Nabateans, who migrated gradually from Arabia during the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE. Originally, they were a nomadic people who chose to settle in various places, such as southern Jordan, the Naqab Desert and northern Arabia.

There is little known about the lifestyle of the Nabateans, except that they were important traders in the ancient world. They might have traded goods such as spices, gold and animals with civilisations such as China, India and Rome because of their convenient position at a commercial crossroads in the world.

Many Roman writers wrote about what the Nabatean culture must have been like, but no one knows for sure. However, they agree that the language of the Nabateans could have been a mixture of Arabic and Aramaic. These Roman writers also say that the Nabateans were ruled by a royal family, and that, unlike many cultures in the ancient world, the Nabatean society might not have used any slaves, in addition to that, the Nabateans must have been expert engineers because they managed to build complicated water conservation systems in the desert terrain.

Despite archaeologists' best efforts; there is a limit to what they can tell us about these fascinating people who lived in Jordan such a long time ago. Although it is still difficult to know much, they can't have been illiterate because there are some inscriptions that remain. However, sadly for us, most of the things the Nabateans made and owned have been too easily destroyed by time or lost in the desert.

**Question Number One:-**

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- 1- The Nabateans must have been expert engineers, why?
- 2- Quote the sentence which indicates that the Nabateans could read and write.
- 3- The Nabateans traded with many different civilisations, write down two of them.
- 4- Find a word that means " **not having learnt to read or write**"?
- 5- What does the underlined word "they" refer to?
- 6- The Nabateans settled in different places, write down two of them.
- 7- The Nabateans' culture is part of our history. Suggest two ways to preserve this culture.

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## B. Literature Spot

Read the following extract from *Hard Times* carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer the question that follows.

"Louisa should only know facts, but Sissy will have imaginative ideas from the circus," he complains.

Some years pass before Mr. Bounderby asks Louisa to marry him. Mr. Gradgrind tells his daughter that it is logical that she should marry Mr. Bounderby because he is rich. Louisa reluctantly agrees.

- 1- What does the underlined word "he" refer to?
- 2- Why does Louisa's father think that she should marry Mr. Bounderby?

## Question Number Two

A- Complete the sentences using the correct form of the word derived from the words in brackets. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

1- Huda is extremely .....and hard working.

(rely, reliable, reliably)

2- I couldn't.....what was happening because I was too young.

(comprehension, comprehend, comprehensive)

3- ....., Earth has a supply of fossil fuels. (finite, finitely, flintiness)

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B- Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

honour , author, tornado, poet, roast

1- The wind is getting stronger, I think it will cause a destructive.....

2- My family made a big celebration in the .....of my brother's graduation.

3- .....means cooking in the oven.

4- Nizar Qabani is a famous.....he wrote many interesting poems.

C- Study the following sentences and answer the question below. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

1. The book about the life of Ibn Battuta is called a play.

2. A volcano is a huge wave in the ocean that causes terrible damage to the land.

Replace the underlined words with the correct one.

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### Question Number Three

#### A- Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET

- 1- The boys are able..... the essays on time. (write)
- 2- After the company ..... the machine, we started work. (bring)
- 3- We have to go and get our car.....by next Friday.(repair)
- 4- The Nabatean society.....any slaves, (might not use)

#### B- Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentence and write it down in ANSWER BOOKLET:

- 1- The manager asked me if I ..... the project the previous Friday.  
( visit, visited, visiting)
- 2- He suggested ..... in the house rather than going sightseeing.  
(stay, staying, to stay)
- 3- I wanted my room ..... .by the hotel maid when I leave it.  
(clean, cleaning, cleaned)
- 4- We ..... a taxi because the bus hadn't come.  
(take, took , taking)
- 5- After many years, Braille ..... and completed the system of raised dots.  
(improve, had improved, improves)
- 6- I ..... an email when the phone rang. (write, writing, was writing)

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### Question Number Four

#### A. Complete 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:

- 1- " Where did your family spend the holiday last summer?  
Ali asked the boys.....
- 2- I will ask the teacher to correct the mistakes in my essay.  
I will have .....
- 3- My father bought a new car. It's possible he didn't sell the old one.  
He can't have.....

- B-
- A- Try reading a work of fiction instead. You might find that more interesting.
- B- I tried to finish the book during my holiday, but it was too long.

Which form of the verb ( try) means attempt?

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## Question Number Five

### A. GUIDED WRITING:

Read the information in the table below then, in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about the Purposes of turning to renewable energy sources. Use appropriate linking words such as : and, moreover, in addition to..... etc.

- save natural resources
- reduce pollution.
- minimise the amount of waste materials
- lower the costs of generating electricity .

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### B. Free writing:

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

1. Water is the most precious resource in our life, unfortunately, some people use it incorrectly. Write an essay suggesting ways of reducing the use of water in our daily usage.
2. Every country has a traditional meal. Our country meal is mansaf. Write an essay about the tradition dish in Jordan: how we make it and when often we serve it.

THE END

Best Wishes

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طلبة الاستاذ علي موفق الدقاسمة

-اخي الطالب اختي الطالبة، هذا النموذج التدريبي يستند بشكل اكبر على صيغ الوزارة للسنوات ما قبل 2013، والذي حسب ما صرح به زملائنا في المواد الاخرى كمهارات اللغة العربية والفيزياء حيث استنتجوا من خلال الامتحانات الحالية توجه الوزارة بكتابة الاسئلة الموضوعية استنادا للسنوات ما قبل 2013.

### Question Number One:-

A.

1. because they managed to build complicated water conservation systems in the desert terrain.
2. Although it is still difficult to know much, they can't have been illiterate because there are some inscriptions that remain.
3. China, India and Rome ذكر أي إجابتين
4. illiterate
5. the Nabateans
6. southern Jordan, the Naqab Desert and northern Arabia ذكر أي إجابتين
7. suggested answer: we should preserve this culture by not destroying the ruins of Petra city. As well as we should search the rest of the Nabateans ruins. In addition, we should ban criminals who destroy this great culture. ذكر أي اقتراحين

### B. Literature Spot

1. he refers to: Mr. Bounderby
2. because he is rich.

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### السؤال الثاني

- A- 1- reliable 2. comprehend 3. finitely  
B- 1. tornado 2. honour 3. roast 4. poet  
C- 1. biography 2. tsunami

### السؤال الثالث

- A- 1. to write 2. had brought 3. repaired 4. might not have used  
B- 1- visited 2-to stay 3- cleaned 4- took 5- had improved 6- was writing

### السؤال الرابع

- A-  
1- Ali asked the boys **where their family had spent the holiday the summer before.**  
2- **I will have the mistakes in my essays corrected.**  
3. **He can't have sold the old one.**

B- b- I **tried** to finish the book during my holiday, but it was too long.

هذا السؤال كان من الاسئلة الموضوعية في سنوات 2013 فما قبل لذلك، فقط طلب منك السؤال معرفة أي شكل من الفعل (try) بمعنى يحاول لانه تبعتها (to + v)، بعكس (try) والتي اتت بمعنى يجري (experience) لانه تبع بـ(ving). واحتياطا اليك جميع الافعال التي تقع في ضمن هذا السؤال

I **prefer** reading/to read fictional novels, (a permanent fact)

- افضل قراءة / ان اقرأ الروايات الخيالية. ( حقيقة دائمة).

I **would prefer** to read an autobiography today, (a preference for the immediate future, conditional)

اود لو اقرا سيرة ذاتية اليوم. ( تفضيل في المستقبل القريب، جملة شرطية)

### Question Number Five

#### A. GUIDED WRITING:

There are many Purposes of turning to renewable energy sources such as: saving natural resources and reducing pollution.

In addition, there are other Purposes of turning to renewable energy sources such as: minimizing the amount of waste materials and lowering the costs of generating electricity.