

Read the following text carefully, and then answer all the questions that follow. Your answer should be based on the text.

A few years ago, as many as 1,000 schools across the USA started making school years longer by adding up to ten extra days to the school year, or by making each school day longer by half an hour.

This was because it was found that secondary school students in the USA and the UK were spending the least time at school, with an average school year of 187 days. The typical Jordanian school year is longer than this. However, none of these are nearly as long as the school year in countries like Japan and South Korea. South Koreans attend school for 220 days per year, and in Japan, the school year numbers 243 days.

According to a study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), students in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea spend the most time studying in the world. **They** want to learn as much as they can to ensure excellent exam grades. They go to school for nine hours, although this includes optional after-school **tuition** and activities. They also spend about three hours on homework every day, which is three times as much as many other countries. Their high academic achievements do suggest that the longer you study, the better you do in final exams.

In Finland, however, students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night, and they attend school for fewer and shorter days than 85% of other developed nations. Despite this, they achieve top marks in subjects like Maths and Science. In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, languages fluently.

The contradictory views of the study suggest that the number and length of school days is not the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not.

Question Number One

A

- 1- Concerning students' performance, there are two characteristics for education in Finland. Write them down.
- 2- Quote the sentence which includes the countries where the school year is the longest in the world.
- 3- Students can improve their achievement at schools in different ways. Suggest three of these ways.
- 4- What does the underlined word "**They**" refer to?
- 5- What does the underlined word "**tuition**" mean?
- 6- There are several procedures that governments follow to improve education in their countries. Suggest three ways to improve education in Jordan.
- 7- Some schools in America followed two ways to make the school year longer. Write down the two ways.
- 8- The students' high academic achievements do suggest that the longer you study, the better you do in final exams. "Think of this statement, and in two sentences, write down your point of view.

B: Literature spot:

Read the following extract from *Around the world in Eighty Days* then answer the questions that follow.

Mr Fogg and Sir Francis Cromarty, after searching the village from end to end, came back without having found anything.

‘I shall go afoot,’ said Phileas Fogg.

“Passepartout, who had now rejoined his master, made a wry grimace, as he thought of his magnificent, but too frail Indian shoes. After a moment’s hesitation, he said,

‘Monsieur, I think I have found a means of conveyance.’

- 3- What were Mr. Fogg and Sir Francis searching for?
- 1- What does the underlined expression mean?
- 2- What means of conveyance has Passepartout found?

Question Number Two:

A. Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences. There are more words than you need.

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- 1- It isto take regular breaks when revising.
- 2- I need to organise my time better. I think This willa difference.
- 3- Studying is a activity – you’re never too old to start!
- 4- After Hani completes his first degree, He's hoping to do adegree.
- 5- Thank you for writing to us about the non-delivery of your parcel. We promise toit immediately.

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

Last night, I watched a documentary how the ice-age came about.

What does the underlined phrasal verb (came about) mean?

C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets.

- 1- The graduation ceremony was a veryoccasion for everyone.
(memory, memorable, memorise)
- 2- Some countries can have control over theirfutures.
(economical, economy. economically)
- 3- Nuts contain usefulsuch as oils and fats.
(nutrients / nutritious / nutrition)
- 4- Is one side of the brain morethan the other?
(dominate, dominance, dominant)
- 5- It is important to give young people theso they can help themselves.
(knowledge, know, knowledgeable)
- 6- Teachers should encouragethinking among students.
(critic, critical, critically)

- 7- If they cannot find jobs, they can create their own and then,, generate jobs for others. (idealism, ideal, ideally)
- 8- In the Middle East today, entrepreneurship isimportant among young people. (particular, particularly, particularism)

D Complete the following mini-dialogues by giving advice.

- A: I would like to get a job as a teacher of English.
- B: If
- A: I feel a little bit tired.
- B.you take a rest?

E. Replace the underlined misused word in the following sentence with the correct one.

Ali is thinking of having a course in Agriculture.

Question Number Three

A. Complete each of the following sentences by using the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

- 1- If I had got the job, I wouldsome experience. (have)
- 2- An introductory grammar of Jordanian Sign Language in 2004 C. (publish)
- 3- Your new computer will last a long time as long as youcareful with it. (be)
- 4- Even if Omar passes his driving test this evening, hehis own car. (not have)
- 5- I feel ill. I wish Iso many sweets. (not eat)
- 6- Saeed speaks different languages,he? (do)
- 7- Dania always takes her mobile with her when she (go out)
- 8- Nadia regretsangry at breakfast time this morning. (be)

B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it.

- 1- Learning a foreign language is believed to improve the brain.
People believe
- 2- I regret not doing more revision for the final exams.
I wish
- 3- Laila doesn't read as many English stories as Fatima.
Fatima reads.....
- 4- Nader should have been more careful with his essay. He didn't get a good mark.
Nader wishes
- 5- Nasser will come out with us tomorrow if he doesn't have to help his father.
Unless Nasser
- 6- Can you translate this Arabic into English, please?
Do you mind
- 7- Could you tell me how much revision I should do every day?
I wonder
- 8- Unless you heat water to 100 degrees centigrade, it doesn't boil.
If you

- 9- They have just discovered some old books in a cave near the castle.
Some old books
- 10- Huda was busy yesterday, so she wasn't able to clean the house.
If

Question Number Four

A. Read the following situations and complete the sentences with the third conditional, using the words in brackets.

- 1- Sara did not concentrate, so she did not understand the lesson. (could)
.....
- 2- I had a headache yesterday, and I slept earlier than usual. (might not)
.....
- 3- I did not have enough money, so I did not buy the shirt. (would)
.....
- 4- Sami arrived late at night, so he was not able to watch the match. (If / could)
.....

B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them.

- 1- She went home late yesterday,?
- 2- I have to quit fizzy drinks,?
- 3- I am really busy today,?
- 4- Let's go out now,?
- 5- Don't leave your books at school,?
- 6- Laila speaks different languages,?

C. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

- 1- Jameel might not have become a musician if his parentsencourage him.
(doesn't, didn't, haven't, hadn't)
- 2- The exam wasn't very difficult,?
(wasn't it, was it, isn't it, hasn't it)
- 3- I haven't got as much homework my brother.
(so, than, as, like)
- 4- I will go outthe weather is cold.
(as long as, even if, if, provided that)
- 5- I didn't enjoy the book. In fact it wasinteresting story I've ever read.
(less, little, least, the least)
- 6- Babies are usually happy as long as they.....hungry or cold.
(were, are, have been, had been)
- 7- Our teacher asked usour favourite sport.
(in, into, on, about)
- 8- My cousins are invited to the party, That's why we are all happy to meet
(them, they, their, theirs)
- 9- If you've got a problem, talk to someone about it. It helps to
(play it by ear, get it off your chest, keep your chin up, get cold feet)

Question Number Five

A Editing

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 the four mistakes and correct them.

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B Guided writing

- **Read the information below, and write two sentences about the advantages and disadvantages of doing voluntary work while you are still a student. Use appropriate linking words.**

- Practical experience
- Future career
- Interviews and your curriculum vitae

- **Read the information below, and write two sentences about Tareq Hakim.**

Name: Tareq Hakim
Contact details : 5 North Street, Ajloun
Qualifications: Degree in Chemistry (graduated 2008); Certificate in Journalism (2011)
Personal attributes: I am a conscientious worker and I am very enthusiastic about working in pharmaceuticals.

Free Writing:

Write a four-paragraph report on the education system in Jordan. Include information about school starting and leaving ages, grades, school subjects, hours and further education.

THE END

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