

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN-MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
GENERAL SECONDARY CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION-2018
GENERAL ENGLISH

SECTION ONE : READING (35 POINTS)

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Finally, learning a foreign language can also improve your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively. As you become more aware of the way that a language works, you begin to apply it to the language that you use everyday. The skills you obtain from learning a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

A. 1. Question Number One (22 points)

1. There are many benefits of learning a foreign language. Write down two them. (4 points)
1. improves memory 2. improve your chances of success in other problem-solving tasks 3. improve your decision-making skills
2. The article claims that speaking a foreign language improves the functionality of your brain in several different ways. Mention two. (2 points)
3. Quote the sentence which indicates that learning another language help people use their first language in a better way. (3 points)
4. Find a word in the text that means the same as " **Something that is said such as a statement** ". (2 point)
5. Replace the underlined word "**doing**" in the text with the correct phrasal verb ? (2 point)
6. What does the underlined pronoun "**they**" refer to ? (2 point)
7. Learning a foreign language has many advantages. Suggest three . (2 points)
8. Learning a foreign languages is helpful in using modern technology . (3 points)
Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.

B. Literature spot : (2 points)

Read the following lines from " *Around the World in eighty Days* " carefully, then answer the question that follow:

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.' 'What?' 'An elephant! An elephant that belongs to an Indian who lives but a hundred steps from here.'

- 1- What kind of facial expression is a **wry grimace**?
- 2- Describe the elephant as a mode of transport .

Question Number Two (15 points)

A. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

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intentional

immerse

stand out

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leave out

1. Don't sit still for too long – move around frequently to increase your-----.
2. That's amazing. How did you ----- this idea ?
3. It was proved that the event was -----.
4. It is said that the best way to acquire a language is to ----- yourself in it.

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

Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(3 points)

1. If you've got a problem, talk to someone about it. It helps to **put my back into it**.
Replace the underlined body idiom with the correct one.
2. The deadline is tomorrow, and you haven't done everything yet. You really must **do exercise**.
Replace the underlined misused collocation with the correct one.

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

1. Tawjihi exams have been ----- finished .
(success – successful - successfully)
2. The graduation ceremony was a very ----- occasion for everyone.
(memory - memorise - memorable)
3. Nuts contain useful ----- such as oils and fats.
(nutritious - nutrition - nutrients)
4. New graduate students should ----- their skills to find jobs easily.
(develop - development - developed)
5. Don't talk to the driver. He must-----.
(concentrate - concentration - concentrating)

Question Number Three (13 points)

A. Correct the verbs between brackets :

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1. The teacher won't be pleased if Sami ----- a good essay. (not write)
2. My daughter speaks English fluently, ----- ? (do)
3. Many experiments ----- since 1999 CE by experts. (complete)
4. Ali did not pass his exams. If only he----- harder last year. (study)
5. Provided that everyone ----- hard, we'll all pass our exams. (work)
6. I feel ill. I wish I ----- so many sweets! (not eat)

B. Complete each of 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. (9 points)

1. Exercise has been proved to make concentration good .
Experts have proved that -----
2. Does she speak English fluently ?
Can you tell me ----- ?
3. I regret not studying for along time for my first exam.
If only -----
4. I didn't know your phone number, so I wasn't able to contact you.
If I-----
5. Multilingual students do better in subjects like Maths and Science than students who master their mother tongue.
Students who master their mother tongue don't -----
6. Samia regrets that she was angry at breakfast time.
I wish -----
7. Where is the post office ?
Do you mind -----
8. Scientists have proved that learning a foreign language improves memory.
Learning a foreign language -----
9. It would be a good idea for you to make a list of questions .
Why -----?

Question Number Four (7 points)

A. Read the following situations and complete the sentences with the third conditional, using the words in brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. You had a brightly-coloured T-shirt on. That's how I noticed you in the crowd. (If , might not)

2. I didn't know your phone number, so I wasn't able to contact you. (If , could)

3. I didn't stay at home that day, so I didn't miss the celebration. (If , would)

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. (3 points)

1. Salma's father has to visit her school , -----?
3. Her car doesn't work well , -----?
4. Your brother comes early everyday , ----- ?

C. Choose the correct word and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (5 points)

1. I didn't enjoy the book. In fact it was the ----- interesting story I've ever read .

- a- less b- more c- least d- most

2. Do you know----- I've passed my exams or not ?

- a- if b- wheather c- where d- when

3. The police will ----- the incident.

- a- look at b- look into c- look up d- look for

4. Mr Haddad does not understand the Chinese businessman. If only he ----- Chinese.

- a- speak b- spoke c- had spoken d- speaks

5. My sister is really good ----- drawing and painting.

- a- on b- into c- at d- as

6. Even if Omar ----- his driving test this afternoon, he won't have his own car.

- a- passes b- pass c- passed d- pass

7. We were caught in traffic, ----- we missed the start of the play.

- a- since b- as c- therefore d- due to

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 BOOKLET .

Students can attend one of ten public universities. A large number of jordanian students choose to study at these instetutions. as well as foreign students from all over the world. These are undergraduates studying for a first degree, or postgraduate studying for a Master's degree, a PhD or a higher diploma.

B. GUIDED WRITING :

(4 points)

Study the information in the table about The most popular university subjects offered by British universities and make two comparative sentences.

The most popular university subjects		
Subject	No. applications in 2014 CE	Change since 2013 CE
Business Studies	280,240	+ 3.2 %
Visual Arts	244,620	+ 2.4 %
Biology	231,720	+ 8 %
Engineering	141,100	+ 11 %
Physics	104,410	+ 5 %

C. FREE WRITING : (7 points)

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

1. It's very important to revise well for your exams. Write an article about the ways and tips that can be helpful for your revision.

2. Wishes give us hope and make us feel that our future will be better . Write a letter to your friend, telling him about your wishes and how they can make your life different .

Your name is Jihad ,and your address is P.O BOX 242 , Amman, Jordan

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