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## Question Number One (20 points) <br> Read the following text carefully, then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answer should be based on the text.

Sociologists have been looking into this question for hundreds of years. They have now begun to look at not just how people talk, but also how they think, asking whether the way we understand and remember experiences is influenced by language. As a result of these studies, they have come up with some interesting results.

A lot of research has been carried out on the relationships between mind, world and language. In one study, a psychologist points out that when describing an event, English speakers tend to mention the person who was responsible. Whereas English speakers might say, 'John broke the vase', Spanish or Japanese speakers would use a passive form. It is believed that such differences between languages have an effect on how their speakers understand events, and whether someone is blamed for an action or gets away with it.

In another study, speakers of English, Spanish and Japanese were asked to watch videos of two people popping balloons, breaking eggs and spilling drinks, either on purpose or accidentally. Later, when asked to recall the videos, the English speakers mentioned the person who did the action. The Spanish and Japanese mentioned the person responsible for intentional events, but left this out when they considered that event to be an accident.

Scientists at Newcastle University, UK, have carried out tests to prove that different cultures also have different ways of seeing colours. They found that in Japanese, for example, there are different words for light blue and dark blue which are not found in English. Native speakers of Japanese, therefore, made a clearer distinction between colours on the spectrum. Is it our language that has affected our way of thinking? Or has a difference in cultural habits affected both our thoughts and our language? Most likely, culture, thought and language have all come about together.

1. Sociologists have been looking at two things. Write them down
2. The writer states two effects of differences between languages. Write them down.
3. Replace the underlined phrasal verb "gets away with" with its correct meaning.
4. What does the phrasal verb carried out in bold in the second paragraph mean?
5. What does the underlined word they refer to?
6. Is it our language that has affected our way of thinking? Think of this statement and write your point of view.
7. In one study, speakers of English, Spanish and Japanese were asked to watch videos of two people doing three activities. Mention two of these activities.
8. Quote the sentence that shows the difference in the system of colours between English and Japanese.
9. The writer states that learning new vocabulary and grammar rules exercises the brain. Suggest three other activities to help exercising the brain.

# B. Literature Spot. (5 points) <br> Read the following extract from Around the World in Eighty Days carefully, and then answer the questions that follow: 

الرأ النص الاثي منقصة" حول العالم في ثمانين يوما "بغاية، ثم أجب عن الأسئلة في الأسفل. 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 kind of facial expression is used to show that Passepartout is unhappy?

## Question Number Two: (15 point)

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. Write down the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

اختر الكلمة المناسبة وضعها في الفراغ المنلسب. هناك كلمات اكثر مما تحتاج إليه.

## carried out, corporate, shake hands, left out, compromise

1- When each side changes their position a little so that they can agree, they have managed to $\qquad$
2-The results of the experiment we were very interesting.
3-In business, when you meet someone for the first time, it's polite to
4- Those who work in business use the word. to refer to a big company or a group of companies.
B. Study the following sentences carefully and answer the question that follow. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 point)
أدرس الجطل الاتية ثم أجب عن السؤال الذي يليها .أكتب الجولب في فتر الإجابة .

1. You look sad and nervous. Tell me about what is worrying you.

Replace the underlined phrase Tell me about what is worrying you with a body idiom
2. Ebaa' has spent her childhood in a remote village near the borders.

Replace استبدل|the underlined phrase spent her childhood with the correct phrasal verb
3. My grandfather was a great fireman.

Replace the underlined word with the correct gender-neutral word.
C. choose the answer from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.( 4 point)
$\qquad$ occasion for everyone. (memory)
2. In the Middle East today, entrepreneurship is particularly important among young people, because of the $\qquad$ job market. (compete)
Question Number Three (12 point)A. Correct the verbs between brackets and Write the answer in yourANSWER B OOKLET.(6 points)(الانق الفعل بين

1. Unless Mayar a partner, he won't be able to go on with that project. (find)2. Nawal was taken back to hospital. If only she
$\qquad$her medicine after theoperation. (take)3. It is
$\qquad$ that old men don't need to sleep for long hours. (think)
B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similarmeaning to the one before it, and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.(9 points) (9 الكل الجطل الاتية بحيث تكون الجملة نفس المغنى التي قبلها، واكتبها في دفتر الإجابة
2. People think that the government has prepared a plan to solve unemployment.
The government
3. Does the company offer health insurance?
Do you know ..... ?
4. I regret that I don't have my camera with me now.If only
5. Learning Chinese is more difficult than learning English.Learning English isn't.
Question Number Four (8 point)
A. Study the following situations and give the appropriate advice bycompleting the sentences bellow each situation using the words in brackets.أدرس المولفف الاتية وقدم نصيحة مناسبة بأن تكمل الجمل التي أسفل كل موقف مستخدما الكلمة بين الاقو اس1. Your friend can't sleep well at night. (were)If I.?
6. It is raining outside and your brother wants to go out.(don't) Why ..... ?
B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct questiontag to the end of each of them. Write the answers down in your ANSWERأكل الجطل الاتية بإضافة السؤال الايلي الصحيح في نهاية كل جمة BOOKLET (3 points)
7. Many people took the problem seriously, ..... ?
8. The city center is very busy, ..... ?
9. Don't come in without ringing the doorbell, ..... ?
10. I'm very tired ..... ?
11. I'll make you a good painter, ..... ?C.Study the following sentences carefully and answer the question that follows,Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 point)
أدرس الجملة الاتية ثم أجب عن السؤال الأي يليها .أكتب الجولب في فتر الإجابة.
She worked hard; as a result, I because of that, I consequently, she didWhat are the function of using the underlined phrases as a result, I because of that, Iconsequently?
A. EDITING (4 points) التحرير

Imagine that you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have one grammar mistake, two spelling mistakes and one punctuation mistake. Find and correct them. Correct the mistakes and write the answers to your ANSWER BOOKLET.
تخيل بأتك محرر في جريدة الجوردان تايمز .طلب منك أن تحرر الأسطر التالية والتي تحتوي على أربعة أخطاء) طأ واحد قواعد، وخطاً في علامات الترقيم وخطائن في الإملاء .(جد الأظاء الأربعة وصححها .اكتب الإجابات الصحيحة

I knew that the director had researched my business thoroughly before the meeting, so I am prepared for his detailed questions. When I began nigotiating, I started with the important issues. The chinese believe in avoiding conflect. It is always important to be patient.

## B- GUIDE D WRITING: الكتابة المقيدة (aints 4 poin

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about studying subjects in J ordan's universities

اقرأ المعلومات في الأسفل، واكتب جملتين حولدرلسة المواد في جامعلت الاردi.


## C. FREE WRITING ( 7 points) الإششاء الحر

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 120 words on ONE of the following:

في فتراجابك أكتب موضوع إنشاء حوللي 120 كلمة في أحد المواضيع الاتية

1. Write an article about the advantages of learning a foreign language telling the readers about how learning a foreign language can improve the functionality of your brain and other benefits you might get.
2. Education is a way to help us find a job, it has also many positive effects on society in different areas such as : health, general behaviour and fighting violence. Write an essay discussing the importance of education..

## Question Number One

A.

1. How people talk, but also how they think
2. On how their speakers understand events, and whether someone is blamed for an action or gets away with it
3. Not blamed for something
4. Did
5. Scientists at Newcastle University, UK,
6. I think that both affect each other because some of our vocabulary are taken from our culture and vise versa.
7. Popping balloons, breaking eggs and spilling drinks
8. They found that in Japanese, for example, there are different words for light blue and dark blue which are not found in English
9. yes that is right I think that there are many things that train brains such as reading books, playing chess and doing puzzles.

## B. Literature Spot.

wry grimace

## Question Number Two

A. compromise, carried out, shake hands, corporate
B. get it off your chest, grew up, firefighter
C. memorable/ competitive

## Question Number Three

A. finds/ had taken/ thought
B. 1. The government is thought to have prepared a plan to solve unemployment.
2. Do you know if the company offers health insurance?
3. If only I had my camera with me now .
4. Learning English isn't as difficult as Learning Chinese

## Question Number Four

A 1. If I were you, I would stop drinking coffee
2. Why don't you wear your coat.

B 1. didn't they? 2. isn't it? 3 . will you.? 4, aren't I ? 5. shall I ?
C. result.

## Question Number Five EDITING

was prepared/ negotiating/, Chinese/ conflict

## B- GUIDED WRITING

This diagram shows the percentage of studying subjects in Jordan's universities. The percentage of studying Arabic is the biggest and the percentage of maths is the least. It shows that the percentage of English is as much as the percentage of law.

