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ملحوظات: (1) أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها. (2) للمتقدمين لجميع الفروع الأكاديمية.
(3) عدد صفحات هذا الامتحان (4) صفحات وعدد الأسئلة (5)

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.

Independence Day, may 25, 2008, was very special. On that day, Mustafa Salameh Mahmoud became the first Jordanian man to climb Mount Everest. He has now climbed all seven of the world's highest mountains and so has joined an elite club. Apart from exhaustion and a little frostbite, Mr Mahmoud was in good health and very happy after the five-day climb. For much of the climb Mr. Mahmoud had been fighting extreme cold, strong winds, dizzying heights and dangerously low levels of oxygen, but he was able to reach the top of Mount Everest and plant the Jordanian flag at the summit. It was very difficult, but he knew he had a great team supporting him and this helped him to keep going.

Mr Mahmoud had begun the trip at the Everest Base Camp in Tibet and carried with him heavy climbing equipment, oxygen tanks, food and a Jordanian flag presented by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal. It was his third attempt at the summit, and he had been preparing for it for many months. The first try had nearly killed him and the second ended through illness. He knew it would be the hardest thing he had ever done and was nervous despite the fact that he was an experienced climber.

When asked why he had kept on trying, Mr Mahmoud told reporters that he wanted to inspire the next generation of Arab youth to believe in their "impossible" dreams. His efforts were noticed at home, and King Abdullah donated sponsorship money for the expedition. This sponsorship had allowed to give up his job and train for a year to reach the very high levels of fitness needed to climb the huge mountain.

This is only the latest in a series of achievements for Mr Mahmoud, who apart from climbing the world's seven highest peaks has a Master's degree, is a fluent English and Japanese speaker and a fitness instructor.

Question Number one (20 points)

- A.
1. Why was Independence Day, May 25, 2008 very special?
 2. Write down the sentence which tells that Mount Everest was not the first mountain Mustafa Salameh Mahmoud climbed.
 3. Mention four dangers that climber can face during the climb.
 4. Find a word in the text which means "**injury caused by extreme cold**".
 5. Who donated sponsorship money for Mr Mahmoud's expedition?
 6. What does the underlined pronoun "**their**" refer to?

PAGE TWO**B. Critical Thinking (5 points)**

1. It is true that life's challenges inspire us to believe in impossible dreams. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.
2. Mention three obstacles that people face during adventures.

Question Number Two: (15 points)

A. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. Only certain kinds of people have-----brains. (math)
2. Sport has increased greatly in----- in recent years. (popular)

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

champion

alike

inspire

solution

solo

1. We should think of a-----to the problem of desertification.
2. His remarkable achievement will-----the whole coming generation.
3. The golden medal was presented to the-----by his majesty the King.
4. These two must have been twins, as they looked very-----.

C. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

We have to **do** the room **up** before anyone sleeps here.

What does the multi part verb **do up** mean in the following sentence?

PAGE THREE**Question Number Three (13 points)**

A. 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. Volunteers may have painted the old houses in the town.

The old houses in the town -----.

2. "How did you manage to reach the summit of the mount"?

The reporter asked Mr Salameh -----.

3. The natural resources must be saved by everyone.

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B. Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. Abd Al-Rahman doesn't clean his car himself. He has it ----- (clean)

2. Do you have what it -----? (take)

Question Number four (7 points)

A. Complete the following mini-dialogue using an expression that shows disagreeing, and write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

Aseel: I think that Musa Hafez is a great barber.

Nassem: -----

B. Join each pair of the following sentences using the given linking words between brackets so that the new sentence has a similar meaning to the ones before it. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. Amman is the largest city in Jordan. Brasilia is small, compared with cities like Rio de Janeiro. **(but)**

2. Brasilia is a very modern city. Amman is not a new city. There are many modern and futuristic-looking skyscrapers. **(and although)**

PAGE FOUR**Question Number Five (15 points)****A. GUIDED WRITING: (4 points)**

Use the information in the table below to write two sentences about differences between Amman and Brasilia , use appropriate linking words such as: but, although ,so ...etc.

Amman

- Is the seat of government and the economic and cultural centre of Jordan .
- Is home to about a third of the Jordanian population.

Brasilia

- Is not the major cultural or economic centre of Brazil.
- Is home to only a tiny fraction of the huge Brazilian population.

B. FREE WRITING: (7 points)

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

- 1- Some people are born to be leaders. Write a **short biography** describing a leader whom you admire, mentioning the main features of his/her character, his/her behavior and relationships.
- 2- Write your own letter to the Genius Society members suggesting a potential recipient for the national award. State why they should, in your opinion, receive the award.

B. EDITING: (4 points)

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have four mistakes. Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

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