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TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

(2) للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية.

ملحوظات: (1) أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها.

(3) وعدد الأسئلة: (5) ، وعدد الصفحات: (4)

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.

Desertification, which is the process in which productive land changes into desert, is an increasingly serious problem in over a hundred countries of the world. One billion people, out of a total world population of six billion, suffer from its effects.

Desertification usually occurs in dry areas where there is no rain and where the climate is harsh. In these places, the top layer of soil is destroyed so that the land can no longer be used for growing crops or grazing animals. This means that people who depend on the land for food have to move to 'greener' areas in order to survive. A proportion of the population may survive by moving, but others may die because of shortages of food and water.

Although natural changes in the climate often start the process, the activities of human beings are often the real cause of desertification. Because there are growing numbers of people to feed, farmers tend to over cultivate their land, with the result that the soil becomes poor and unproductive.

Other farmers overgraze their land and this permanently kills off grass and other plants. In addition to the effects of farming, deforestation – the cutting down of trees-also erodes the soil. Trees are usually cut down to make more agricultural land, but once there are no longer trees and plants on an area of land, there is nothing to stop the wind and rain from blowing or washing away the top layer of soil. The dust which this produces can travel long distances and affect the health of people living in cities thousands of kilometers away. But this is not the end of the story: desertification can create conditions which produce strong winds and dangerous wildfires and this leads to even greater pressure on the Earth's most precious resource, water.

Question Number one (20 points)

A.

- 1- Desertification happens in particular climate properties. Write down two of them?
- 2- According to the last paragraph, there are two causes for the pressure on water. Write them.
- 3- Quote the sentence which indicates the number of people who suffer from the disastrous effects of desertification?
- 4 - Find out a word in paragraph four, which means “dry powder made of very small pieces of earth”?
- 5- What does the underlined pronoun “**their**” in paragraph three refer to?

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B. Critical Thinking (2 points)

1. Farmers play an important role in creating and causing desertification. Suggest three
2. Desertification has enormous and harmful effects on human beings and environment which can be stopped to spread. Think of a statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.

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. He left court a free man because he had proved that he was ----- . The jury said he was not ----- (innocence , guilt)
2. The ----- of the world's migrants move to find a better life. (major)
3. My weekly ----- s are twice as much as they were last year. (earn)

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)

mean	pouch	plains	humidity	property
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1. ----- bag or pocket of skin.
2. Kangaroos live in every kind of habitat, from open ----- to forests and rocky deserts.
3. He doesn't like spending money. He's very -----.
4. In greenhouses the temperature and ----- are carefully controlled.

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

What does **the three-part verb** mean in the following sentence?

Some people are against building zoos. Others may **go along with** that to encourage tourism in the country.

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Question Number Three (13 points)

A. Correct the verb between brackets then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

- 1. George Smith (train) for this match for months.
- 2. Christopher Columbus (be/ born) in Italy in 1451.
- 3. She waited until Philip..... (call) before she went out.

B. Combine each pair of sentences below into one meaningful sentence, using the given words and phrases in the box. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

1. I'm not old enough to go to university. wish

2. The volcano was / the destruction of the town. The cause of, leads to

Question Number four (8 points)

A. Complete the following mini-dialogue using an expression that indicates preferences. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)

Zain : From my point of view, watching TV is better than playing football.

Faris :

B. Write sentences which explain the possibilities of the following statements including the modal verb phrases: can't, must, may/could or might. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

1. I'm sure it wasn't Jim who did it.
It Jim who did it.

2. It's certain that Mona was writing an email.
Mona an email.

Question Number Five (15 points)**A. FREE WRITING: (7points)**

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

1. Some people believe that the Earth is being harmed by human activity. Others feel that human activity makes the Earth a better place to live. Write an **essay** of about 80 words about this in your opinion. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
2. Write a **report** to your school magazine about advantages and disadvantages of “WAPP”.
To : My school magazine
From : Nihad
Date : 15th of January 2012
Subject : Advantages and disadvantages of W APP

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.

Paragraph A. Criminals use computers to help them commit new crimes like identity theft, and to make it easier to commit old crimes like fraud.

Paragraph B. the law affects every area of people's daily lives. According to the international law, a person is inocent until someone proves that they are guilty.

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Use the information in the table below to write two sentences about positives and negatives of Migration, use appropriate linking words such as: but, although ,so ...etc.

Migration	
Positives +	Negatives –
- find a better job	- feel being isolated
- escape from natural disasters	- suffer from the cultural shock

THE END.