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GENERAL ENGLISH

الدورة الصيفيّة / المستوى الثالث

(وثيقة معيّبة / معدود)

DATE : Sunday 15th of June, 2014

TIME : 1 HOUR AND A HALF

٢- للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية .

ملحوظات : ١- أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها .

٣- عدد الأسئلة : (٥) ، وعدد الصفحات : (٤) .

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 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.

Although natural changes in the climate often start the process, the activities of human beings are often the real cause of desertification. As there are growing numbers of people to feed, farmers tend to overcultivate their land, with the result that the soil becomes poor and unproductive. Deforestation -the cutting down of trees- 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. There are two characteristics of the dry areas where desertification appears. Write these two characteristics down. (4 points)
 2. Quote the sentence which indicates that a sixth of the world's population is affected by the problem of desertification. (3 points)
 3. What does the underlined word "survive" mean? (2 points)
 4. Overcultivating the land has two terrible effects on the soil. Write them down. (4 points)
 5. What does the underlined word "which" refer to? (2 points)
 6. According to the text, the writer states that the dust produced by desertification affects human health. Explain this statement, suggesting three dust risks on human health. (3 points)

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B. Critical Thinking (2 points)

As a result of desertification, countries which suffer from water shortage have to lead technology to sustain their water supply. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.

Question Number Two (15 points)

A. 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)

cut down on , red tape , misuse , principle , illegal

1. My father was unable to get his visa application approved due to -----.
2. Students mustn't ----- the school property.
3. You should try to ----- the amount of driving you do to help the environment.
4. Public institutions support the ----- of equal opportunity for everyone.

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

Please don't start a row- be friends!

What does the underlined word mean?

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

1. Lack of security will create -----situations in a society. (chaos)
2. The government encourages schemes for women to-----money. (earnings)



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Question Number Three (12 points)

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

1. I wish I ----- any challenging experience in my life. (have)
2. Hassan's parents bought him a bicycle after he ----- good marks in his exams.(get)
3. The government ----- recently ----- new laws to try to reduce the crime rate in the country.(announce)

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

1. People can improve their life style. Many changes have taken place lately.

in order not to, with the result that

2. The manuscript was full of errors. The publisher rejected the author's latest work.

because , in order not to

Question Number Four (8 points)

A. Write sentences which explain the possibilities of the following situations using the suitable modal verbs from the box. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

must have , can't have , might have

1. Ahmad's class starts at 8:30. It is 8:45 and he is not here yet. I am unsure whether he has missed the bus or not.

Ahmad ----- .

2. Salma's plants are dead. I am almost sure she hasn't watered them.

Salma ----- .

B. Complete the following mini-dialogue below using an expression that expresses an opinion, and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(2 points)

Marwan : What do you think are the advantages of studying abroad?

Rashed: ----- .What about you?

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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. Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Hundrads of visitors come every year to see plants from all over the world growing in the Eden project. Some plants grow outside, but many are in especially – built domes, called 'piomes', where the tamperature and humadity are carefully controlled.

B. GUIDED WRITING: (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about the best ways to study. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and, moreover, in addition to ... etc.

The best ways to study,...

- make a study schedule.
- study in an appropriate setting.
- keep a well - kept notebook.
- learn the most important facts first.

C. FREE WRITING: (7 points)

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

1. Some jobs are clearly difficult. No one wants to do them and they are just taken because people have no choice. Other jobs are really fun. Write an essay mentioning examples of both types of jobs and describe the difficulty and excitement of both of them.
2. Establishing strong relationships between parents and children is important at any stage in life. Write an essay explaining the importance of establishing good relationships between parents and their children and suggest ways to enhance these relationships.

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مدة الامتحان : ٣٠
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Question Number One: (20 points)

A. 1. (4 points, 2 points each)

- no rain.
- the climate is harsh.

2. (3 points)

One billion people, out of a total world population of six billion, suffer from its effects.

3. (2 points) to stay alive.

4. (4 points, 2 points each)

- the soil becomes poor
- unproductive.

5. (2 points) the dust

6. (3 points, 1 point each)

Suggested answers :

- nasal irritations such as sneezing and runny noses.
- postnasal drip and congestion
- sinus problems and inflammation
- skin irritation
- different kinds of allergy
- development of asthma

OR any relevant answer

B. Critical Thinking: (2 points)

Marking scheme:

2	show higher order thinking level, relevant answer. message clearly communicated to reader.
1	message communicated, average level of thinking.
0	totally irrelevant or totally incomprehensible.

Suggested answers :

- recycling
- desalination

OR any relevant answer

Question Number Two: (15 points)

A. (8 points, 2 points each)

1. red tape 2. misuse 3. cut down on 4. principle

B. (3 points) a fight

C. (4 points, 2 points each)

1. chaotic 2. earn



Question Number Three: (12 points)

A. (6 points, 2 points each)

1. had 2. had got 3. has / announced

B. (6 points, 3 points each)

1. Many changes have taken place lately, with the result that people can improve their life style.
2. Because the manuscript was full of errors, the publisher rejected the author's latest work.

OR

The publisher rejected the author's latest work because the manuscript was full of errors.

Question Number Four: (8 points)

A. (6 points, 3 points each)

1. might have missed the bus.
2. can't have watered them / her plants.

B. (2 points) يعطى الطالب علامة كاملة إذا كتب فائدة واحدة على الأقل للدراسة خارج البلاد

(Any one of the followings)

- In my opinion / view, ...
- (In fact) it's my view that ...
- I believe / think that ...

Question Number Five: (15 points)

A. EDITING (4 points, 1 point each)

(لا يشترط الترتيب في إجابات هذا الفرع)

- (1) Hundreds (2) temperature (3) biomes (4) humidity

B. GUIDED WRITING: (4 points)

Marking scheme:

4	comprehensive information with appropriate linking words, without spelling mistakes
3 - 2	acceptable level of communicating the ideas with some grammatical and spelling mistakes
1 - 0	miscommunication of the ideas, a lot of grammatical and spelling mistakes

C. FREE WRITING: (7 points)

Open.

THE END

السؤال الثالث

(A)

3- had gotten / got / had got — صحيح (عربيان)

- 3

4- has announced / have announced --- صحيح (عربيان)

السؤال الرابع

1- إذا أضف الطالب في نهاية الجمل or not — صحيح (عربيان)



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