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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.

**Question Number One (20 points)**

**TEXT ONE**

In 2002, Steve Fossett became the first person to travel solo round the world in a hot air balloon. His balloon, The Spirit of Freedom, used a mixture of helium and hot air and was 42 metres high and 18 metres wide. To keep it at a constant **altitude**, the balloon used a sophisticated autopilot system controlled by a computer.

Fossett's journey started in Western Australia. From there, he crossed the Pacific Ocean, travelling in an easterly direction. On reaching South America, he travelled across Chile and down round Argentina. He flew over the Southern Atlantic Ocean towards South Africa, then over the Indian Ocean to reach Australia.

This record-breaking solo journey took only 14 days, 19 hours and 50 minutes altogether, but conditions for Steve Fossett were not comfortable. **He** only slept for four hours in every 24-hour period, and never slept for more than 45 minutes at one time. Fossett frequently had to leave his tiny cabin to go outside, where air temperatures were below freezing, in order to check that the balloon's burners were working properly. By the time he arrives in Australia, he had travelled 33, 195 km.

Steve Fossett was especially pleased with this successful round-the-world journey as it was his sixth attempt. On the journey, Fossett also broke the world speed record for a manned balloon flight: on one occasion the balloon travelled at 322.25 kmh. His first attempt had been six years earlier in 1996.

In addition to this record, Steve Fossett holds four other world records for non-stop journeys round the world: as a sailor, and as a solo air pilot. All in all, Fossett has set 110 records in five different sports.

**A.**

1. Quote the sentence which indicates the starting point of Steve's journey. (3 points)
2. What does the underlined word "**altitude**" mean? (2 points)
3. The writer mentions three oceans in the text. Write down two of these oceans. (4ps)
4. What does the underlined word "**He**" refer to? (2 points)
5. Fossett's balloon used a mixture of two gases. What are these two gases? (4 points)

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

1. Success is wonderful, especially after hard working. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.
2. According to the text, the writer states that Steve Fossett has not given up. Explain this statement, suggesting three ways for keeping determined.

## **TEXT TWO**

When large numbers of people move from their homes in country areas to find better - paid jobs in towns and cities, the villages and farms they once lived in are often left empty. No one wants to buy homes there because they cannot make money out of **them**. This phenomenon which is called depopulation, can lead to overcrowding in cities as well as for fewer people in country areas.

One example of this phenomenon is the Garrigues of Spain, about one hour's drive from Barcelona. The area has a Mediterranean climate, but because it is high and not close to the sea, winter temperatures are quite low. The area has an annual rainfall level of 482mm which falls in only 47 days of the year, during the autumn and spring. Historically, this was a successful agricultural area; on the higher ground, the farmers grew almonds and vines, while in the river valleys, wheat, corn, beans and sunflowers were the traditional crops. The area was particularly well-known for its high quality olive oil which was grown mainly for export.

The population of the area was at its highest about 150 years ago, when a typical village might have 500 inhabitants, whereas now some villages have as few as 100 permanent inhabitants. But as farming became less and less profitable, and unemployment grew, the population began to move to the cities to find work. This trend started in 1860 and has continued to this day. Now some villages consist mainly of elderly people. The area is suffering from the effects of depopulation, such as poor public services and deserted farms.

In some parts of Europe in recent years, however, the move from the country to the city has been reversed as wealthy people move to the countryside to escape from the overcrowding, pollution and stress of city life. Some are moving permanently, but many are buying holiday or weekend homes which are empty for much of the year.

### **Question Number One (20 points)**

**A.**

1. Quote the sentence which indicates the bad effects of rural depopulation on Garrigues. (3 points)
2. Find a word in the first paragraph which means “**something that happens or exists**”. (2 points)
3. Farmers used to grow two kinds of crops on the higher ground of Garrigues. Write down these two crops. (4 points)
4. What does the underlined word “**them**” refer to? (2 points)
5. Recently, wealthy people move to the country to get rid of some things. Write down two of these things. (4 points)

### **B. Critical Thinking (5 points)**

1. Many Jordanian people go to other countries to get a good job. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.
2. According to the text, the writer states that the country suffers from bad services. Explain this statement, suggesting three ways for improving the services there.

**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)**

alert , elite , irritable , inception , expedition

1. Sami joined an ----- centre last summer. Its membership had hard conditions.
2. His Majesty donated to support the ----- of climbing Mount Everest.
3. Many people find starting a new family very difficult at its -----.
4. Drivers should be ----- enough especially while driving in tunnels.

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

**Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(3 points)**

The system is operational to some extent. In other words, we can say it is **rough and ready**.

What does the idiom **rough and ready** mean?

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

destroy , archaeology , threat

1. Archaeologists and historians are both interested in ----- sites.
2. The disastrous tremors were the cause of the ----- of the village.

**Question Number Three ( 13 points)**

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

1. Ahmad had ----- to the Holy Qur'an all morning. (be, listen)
2. Mazen didn't tear the cloth himself. He had it ----- . (tear)

**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. Ahmad must do up the room as soon as possible.  
The room -----.
2. "When did you leave this work?"  
Maher asked Marah -----.
3. Do you read literature books?  
Ahmad asked Ali -----.
4. **Dr. Ahmad:** "People have tried to avoid natural threats; for example, we do not live too close to a river that floods, or on the side of a volcano that may erupt."  
**Dr. Ahmad told Khalid that** -----.

**Question Number Four (7 points)**

**A. Read the following mini-dialogue carefully, then answer the question that follows, and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)**

**Muna:** I think that we can eliminate the problem of pollution.

**Maha:** I don't think so ! .

**What is the function of Maha's statement? .....**

**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. Brasilia is the capital of Brazil. It is not the major cultural or economic centre of Brazil.  
(although, instead of)
2. Village life is quiet. City life is quite noisy. (and although , whereas)

**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.**

Local people are taught how to make these mozaics for commersial sale.  
This helps to edukate about the importance of what is old.

**B. GUIDED WRITING: (4 points)**

**Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about hard working people. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and, too, also ... etc.**

Characteristics of hardworking people
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- listen to others.</li><li>- ask questions.</li><li>- offer help.</li><li>- learn from others.</li></ul>

**C. FREE WRITING: (7 points)**

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

1. Safety is one of the main concerns nowadays. Write an essay about the importance of this issue suggesting some ways for keeping safe at home, at work, on roads ...etc.
2. We all seek to achieve success in our lives. Write an article about success and its significance mentioning the best ways to be a successful person.

**إعداد تائر النمورة**

## الإجابات النموذجية

### MODEL ANSWERS

#### Q1: TEXT ONE

A.

1. Fossett's journey started in Western Australia.
2. height
3. - The Pacific Ocean - The Indian Ocean - The Southern Atlantic Ocean (ANY 2)
4. Steve Fossett
5. - helium - hot air

B. Open Answer

#### Q1: TEXT TWO

A.

1. The area is suffering from the effects of depopulation, such as poor public services and deserted farms.
2. phenomenon
3. - almonds - vines
4. homes
5. - the overcrowding - pollution - stress of city life (Any two of them)

B. Open (Free) - إجابة مقترحة

1. Many Jordanian people emigrate to the Gulf and other countries so as to improve their income. I think that these people should stay there temporarily and return to their homeland to serve it as much as possible.
2. The country suffers from bad services, but there are many ways to improve the services such as:
  - The government should build high – tech schools, malls and different centres there.
  - The government should give facilitations for investing in the countryside.
  - Minimising the rural depopulation in order to avoid the end of village life and its services.

(OR ANY RELEVANT ANSWER)

Q2:

A. 1. elite      2. expedition      3. inception      4. alert

B. very useful

C. 1. archaeological      2. destruction

**Q3:**

**A.** 1. been listening 2. torn

**B.** 1. The room must be done up as soon as possible by Ahmad.

2. Maher asked Marah when she had left that work.

3. Ahmad asked Ali if / whether he read literature books.

**4. Dr. Ahmad told Khalid that people had tried to avoid natural threats ; for example, they did not live too close to a river that flooded, or on the side of a volcano that might erupt.**

**Q4:**

**A.** Disagreeing

**B.** يحل بأكثر من طريقة، من بينها الآتي

1. Brasilia is the capital of Brazil (,) although it is not the major cultural or economic centre of Brazil.

2. Village life is quiet, whereas city life is quite noisy.

**Q5:**

**A.** 1. taught 2. mosaics 3. commercial 4. educate

**B.** Open.

إجابة مقترحة

There are many characteristics of hardworking people such as listening to others, asking questions and offering help. Also, learning from others is another characteristic of hardworking people.

**C.** Open Answer



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