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Read the following texts carefully, and then answer the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the text.

In this report, we will look at the countries that Jordan **trades** with and what goods it **exports** and **imports**. First, let's look at exports. Jordan is rich in potash and phosphate, and the extraction industry for these minerals is one of the largest in the world. Not surprisingly, two of Jordan's largest exports are chemicals and fertilisers.

Pharmaceuticals and other industries represent 30% of Jordan's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and 75% of Jordan's pharmaceuticals are exported. However, the majority (65%) of the economy is **dominated** by services, mostly travel and tourism. Most of Jordan's exports go to Iraq, the USA, India and Saudi Arabia.

Now let's look at **its** imports. Unlike some other countries in the Middle East, Jordan does not have large oil or gas reserves. For that reason, Jordan has to import oil and gas for its energy needs. Its other main imports are cars, medicines and wheat. In 2013 CE, 23.6% of Jordan's imports were from Saudi Arabia. This was followed by the EU, with 17.6% of its imports. Other imports have come from China and the United States. Jordan has more free trade **agreements** than any other Arab country, and it trades freely with many countries, including the USA, Canada and Malaysia.

A: Question Number One: (20 points)

1. Quote the sentence that shows the receiving countries of most Jordan's exports. **(3 points)**
2. Jordan imports many kinds of goods. Write down two of these goods. **(4 points)**
3. What does the underlined word "**its**" refer to? **(2 points)**
4. What does the underlined word "**dominated**" mean? **(2 points)**
5. Jordan is considered one of the largest countries that produce minerals. Write down two minerals. **(2 points)**
6. Trade is vital to the success of civilization and to improving and supporting the countries. Think of this statement and in two sentences write down your point of view. **(2 points)**
7. The writer states that Jordan's trade is growing with many countries. Suggest three tips to develop a successful trade. **(3 points)**

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Speaking a foreign language, it is claimed, improves the functionality of your brain in several different ways. Learning new vocabulary and grammar rules provides the brain with beneficial 'exercise', which improves memory. As well as exercising the brain, it is thought that learning a new language also presents the brain with unique challenges. These include recognising different language systems and ways to communicate within these systems. These skills improve your chances of success in other problem-solving tasks as well. It is said that students who study foreign languages do better, on the whole, in general tests in maths, reading and vocabulary than students who have only mastered their mother tongue.

According to a study carried out by Pennsylvania State University, USA, multilingual people are able to switch between two systems of speech, writing, and structure quite easily. It has been proved that they are also able to switch easily between completely different tasks. One experiment required participants to operate a driving simulator while carrying out separate tasks at the same time. The experiment showed that multilingual participants were less distracted by the other tasks and therefore made fewer driving errors.

It is believed that language learning can also improve your decision-making skills. When you speak a foreign language, you are constantly weighing up subtle differences in meaning of a word or the way that an utterance is made. This process is then transferred subconsciously to other situations in which judgement is called for, and decisions have to be made.

Finally, learning a foreign language can also improve your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively. As you become more aware of the way that a language works, you begin to apply it to the language that you use every day. The skills you obtain from learning a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

A: Question Number One: (20 points)

1. Quote the sentence which indicates to the effect of the challenges that learning a new language includes. (3 points)
2. Learning a new language presents the brain with rare skills. Write down two skills. (4 points)
3. What does the underlined word which refer to? (2 points)
4. People who speak more than one language have many qualities (characteristics). Write down two qualities. (2 points)
5. What does the underlined phrasal verb mean? (2 points)
6. The skills you get from learning a foreign language can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language. Think of this statement and in two sentences write down your point of view. (2 points)
7. The writer states that learning a foreign language has many effects on learners. Explain this statement suggesting three possible effects. (3 points)

B. Literature spot: (2 points)

Read the following extract from *Around the World in Eighty Days* carefully then answer the question that follows.

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 a wry grimace and why did Passepartout's face show this expression?

Read the following lines from "*A green cornfield*" carefully, then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer the question that follows.

And as I paused to hear his song
While swift the sunny moments slid,
Perhaps his mate sat listening long,
And listened longer than I did.

How do we know that the poet leaves the cornfield before the skylark has stopped singing? Write down the line which indicates to this.

Question Number Two (15 points)

A. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in the box below and Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. Any kind of work nowadays needs _____ at languages. (**proficient**)
2. Finally, they accepted to _____ about the details. (**negotiation**)

B. Study the following sentence then answer the question that follows. And then write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

If you send money to charity, you will make a difference to a lot of lives.

What does the underlined collocation mean?

C. 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)

take off, tuition , negotiate , get on , compromise , enthusiastic

1. After a long meeting they finally were able to _____ about the price.
2. Your mother will feel angry if you don't _____ your shoes when you get in.
3. _____ people are claimed to be the most productive at work.
4. According to the new laws, students must pay for their _____ at university.

Question Number Three (12 points)

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

1. I would have got the job if I _____ some experience. (**have**)
2. Oh no! I've forgotten my library book. I wish I _____ at home. (**not, leave**)

B. Rewrite the following sentences keeping the same meaning. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

1. I haven't got as much homework as my brother. (**less**)
I _____.
2. Does the exam start at ten or half past ten?
I wonder _____.
3. Rami will not catch the bus to Irbid if he doesn't get up early.
Unless _____
4. Experts have proved that exercise is good for concentration.
Exercise _____.

Question Number Four (8 points)

A. Read the following situations and complete the sentences using the words between brackets .Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. Samia regrets being angry at her graduation party last month. (**If only**)

2. I didn't know your phone number, so I wasn't able to contact you. (**could**)

1. I will look up the train times online. (**them**)
I will _____.
2. That information is important. Don't omit it. (**leave out**)
_____.

B. Study the following sentence then answer the question that follows. (2 points)

You ought to get some work experience. (**If**)

Rewrite the following advice sentence using the word in brackets.

C. Study the following sentence then answer the question that follows. (2 points)

She worked hard; consequently, she did very well in her exams.

What is the function of using the underlined word in the sentence above?

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 one grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes. Correct the mistakes and write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

I have just upplied for a job with a bank. I have the right qualifications, but I know there will be a lot of other applicants. I will just have to wait and see if I get an interview. If I do, I would have to prebare really carefully?

B. Guided writing (4 points)

Read the information below, and write two sentences about the advantages of learning another language.

- improve memory
- present the brain with unique challenges
- improve decision-making skills
- make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

C. Free writing (7 points)

Write a composition on one of the following topics of about 100 words.

1. Education is very important that it influences the lives of people. What they will study, it will shape their future career. Write an essay about the influence of education on people's lives.
2. Write an informal letter to a friend about some of your wishes and regrets.

The end

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Answers

A: Question Number One: (20 points)

1. Most of Jordan's exports go to Iraq, the USA, India and Saudi Arabia.
2. cars, medicines and wheat
3. Jordan
4. Being controlled
5. potash and phosphate
6. Students' answer
7. Students' answer

A: Question Number One: (20 points)

1. These skills improve your chances of success in other problem-solving tasks as well.
2. These include recognising different language systems and ways to communicate within these systems.
3. beneficial 'exercise'
4. They are able to switch between two systems of speech, writing, and structure quite easily. It has been proved that they are also able to switch easily between completely different tasks.
5. Done
6. Students' answer
7. Students' answer

B. Literature spot: (2 points)

Read the following extract from *Around the World in Eighty Days* carefully then answer the question that follows.

It's an expression that shows pain or unhappiness. Passepartout wasn't happy because he didn't want to walk far; as he didn't think his shoes would be sturdy enough.

Read the following lines from "*A green cornfield*" carefully, then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer the question that follows.

And listened longer than I did.

Question Number Two (15 points)

D. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in the box below and Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. (proficiency)
2. (negotiate)

E. Study the following sentence then answer the question that follows. And then write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

Change something.

F. 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)

1. compromise
2. take off
3. enthusiastic
4. tuition

Question Number Three (12 points)

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

3. Had had
4. Hadn't left

D. Rewrite the following sentences keeping the same meaning. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

1. I have got less homework than my brother.
2. I wonder if the exam starts at ten or half past ten.
3. Unless Rami gets up early, he will not catch the bus to Irbid
4. Exercise has been proved to be good for concentration

Question Number Four (8 points)

A. Read the following situations and complete the sentences using the words between brackets .Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. If only Samia hadn't been angry at her graduation party last month.
2. If I had known your phone number, I could have been able to contact you.
3. I will look them up.
4. Don't leave it out.

B. Study the following sentence then answer the question that follows. (2 points)
If I were you, I would get some work experience.

C. Study the following sentence then answer the question that follows. (2 points)
result

Question Number Five (15 points)

A. Editing (4 points)

applied / will / prepare / carefully?

B. Guided writing (4 points) / C: Free writing (7 points) : student's answer

words	Gender neutral
mankind has	humans have
postman	postal worker
stewards	flight attendants
stewardesses	flight attendants
policeman	Police officer

Phrasal verb	Meaning in English	Meaning in Arabic
look into	investigate	يتحقق
come up with	think of	يخترع / يكتشف
look at	watch	يشاهد
grow up	spend my childhood	ينشأ
point out	show	يشير الى
come about	happen / take place	يحدث
carry out	do	يجري
get away with	not be blamed for	ينجو من العقاب
leave out	not have to include / omit	يهمل
eat out	eat away from home	يأكل خارج البيت
speed up	hurry	يسرع
find out	discover	يجد

Phrasal verb	Meaning
look up <i>a word in a dictionary</i>	يجد كلمة في القاموس
look for something you've lost	يبحث عن
look forward to something exciting	يتوق الى شيء مثير
get over an illness, and feel better	يشفى من المرض
get up in the morning	يستيقظ صباحا
get on with your work and complete it	يكمل عمله
take up a new hobby	يختار هواية جديدة
take away some fast food	يأخذ بعض الوجبات السريعة
take off your shoes when you get home	يخلع الحذاء
go away from home for a holiday	يسافر / يغادر
go back to where you started	يعود
go ahead with a plan, and do it	يمضي قدما / يستمر

Collocation	Meaning	Arabic
draw up a timetable	write a schedule	يضع جدولا
do exercise	keep fit	يتمرن
make a start	begin	يبدأ
take a break	relax	يستريح
do a subject	study	يدرس
make a difference	change something	يحدث فرقا
<i>make a mistake</i>		يخطئ
<i>cause offence</i>		يسيء
<i>make small talk</i>		يلقي خطابا قصيرا
<i>Join company</i>		يلتحق بشركة للعمل
<i>shake hands</i>		يصافح
<i>ask questions</i>		يسأل
<i>earn respect</i>		يكسب الاحترام
<i>Work as a teacher</i>		
<i>Decide on a place</i>		
<i>Translate Arabic into English</i>		
<i>Talk about a film</i>		
<i>Ask about a book</i>		
<i>Good at drawing , painting, reading, swimming, maths</i>		

Body Idioms		
The Idiom	The meaning	Arabic
get cold feet	to lose your confidence in something at the last minute	يتردد في اللحظة الاخيرة
get it off your chest	to tell someone about something that has been worrying you	يروح بما يزعجه
have a head for figures	to have a natural ability for maths or numbers	لا يملك القدرة العقلية لـ
Keep your chin up	to remain cheerful in difficult times	يبتهج بالرغم من الصعوبات
play it by ear	to decide how to deal with a situation as it develops	يقرر بالحدس
put (my) back into it	to put a lot of effort into something	يبدل جهدا كبيرا
drop a course	to stop studying subject at university	يسقط مادة
stand out from the crowd	to be much better than other similar people or things	يتميز عن البقية
tailor-made	made to fit exactly	معد خصيصا