

Read the following text carefully, and then in **YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET** answer the questions that follow. You answers should be based on the text.

A few years ago, as many as 1,000 schools across the USA started making school years longer spend by adding up to ten extra days to the school year, or by making each school day longer by half an hour.

This was because it was found that secondary school students in the USA and the UK were spending the least time at school, with an average school year of 187 days. The typical Jordanian school year is longer than **this**. However, none of these are nearly as long as the school year in countries like Japan and South Korea. South Koreans attend school for 220 days per year, and in Japan, the school year numbers 243 days.

According to a study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), students in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea spend the most time studying in the world. They want to learn as much as they to ensure excellent exam grades. They go to school for nine hours, although this includes optional after-school tuition and activities. They also spend about three hours on homework every day, which is three times as much as many other countries. Their high academic achievements do suggest that the longer you study, the better you do in final exams.

In Finland, however, students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night, and they attend school for fewer and shorter days than 85% of other developed nations. Despite this, they achieve top marks in subjects like Maths and Science. In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, languages fluently.

The contradictory views of the study suggest that the number and length of school days is not the only factor in determining whether students will want to learn as much as they can to ensure succeed at school or not.

Question Number One:

A:

- 1- The study shows two facts about Finland's fewer and shorter school days. Write them down.
- 2- Find a word in the text which means the same as "**connected with education, especially at college or university level**".
- 3- What does the underline word "**this**" refer to?
- 4- Quote the sentence which states the number of languages the students in Finland speak.
- 5- Concerning the school year in some American schools, two changes have recently taken place. Write them down.
- 6- Students can improve their performance in many school subjects. Suggest three ways how students can do this.

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7- "A longer school day would result in better grades for most students." Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.

B: Literature Spot:

Read the following stanza from *The Green Cornfield*, and then answer the questions that follow:

A stage below, in gay **accord**,
White butterflies danced on the wing,
And still the singing skylark soared,
And silent sank and soared to sing.

- 1- How does the poet describe the scene on the ground?
- 2- What does the word "**accord**" mean?
- 3- Write down one example of alliteration.

Question Number Two:

A. Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences. There are more words than you need.

adaptable, regional, career advisor, shake hands, fertilizers,

- 1- Nader felt sorry that he did not consult his
- 2- Not surprisingly, two of Jordan's largest exports are and chemicals.
- 3- In order to prosper, countries need competent andworkers.
- 4- In business, it's polite towhen you meet someone for the first time.

B. Replace the underlined misused word in the following sentence with the correct one.

The accident wasn't your fault. I don't **recall** you at all!

C. Replace the underlined misused phrasal verb in the following sentences with the correct one.

An established company is **coming up with** a well-qualified researcher.

D. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences.

- 1- Our school has many keen andteachers.
(enthusiasm, enthusiastic, enthusiastically)
- 2- I have recently read aof a book by a Japanese author
(translation, translate, translated)
- 3- Our next week's trip ison the weather.
(dependence, dependently, dependent)

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Question Number Three

A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET

- 1- Even if Muneerhis driving test, he won't have his own car. (pass)
- 2- Sing language is nowas an optional foreign language. (be, use)
- 3- Water won't turn to ice if the temperaturebelow zero. (not fall)
- 4- If I'd known your phone number, I'dyou. (contact)

B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it.

- 1- Does your brother participate in writing competitions?
Could you tell me.....?
- 2- My father says that daily exercise keeps us fit.
Daily exercise
- 3- It would be a good idea for you to draw up a revision timetable.
Why
- 4- I haven't got as much homework as my brother.
My brother
- 5- My sister regrets leaving her wallet in the car.
My sister wishes

C. Rewrite each of the following sentences using the words given in brackets.

- 1- Lara didn't do more revision last week. (only)
.....
- 2- Yasser has read fewer poems by Shakespeare than Rashid. (not as many)
.....
- 3- How did you think of this great idea? (come up with)
.....
- 4- Fatima was busy yesterday. Therefore, I wasn't able to visit her (If / could)
.....

Question Number Four

Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences.

- 1- The deadline is tomorrow, and you haven't done anything yet! You really musta start.
(do, make, give, take)
- 2- If my father had gone to university, hea teacher.
(could have been, could be, can be, would be)
- 3- Could you please tell mewill be our English teacher next year?
(when, how, where, who)
- 3- Dana is invited to the party, therefore there is no way to leave
(her out name, name out her, her name out, out her name)
- 4- Our teacher told us to translate a short storyEnglish?
(into, for, about, onto)
- 5- I will not come to the partythey invite me.
(as long as, when, even if, if)
- 6- My sister is really goodcommunicating with deaf people.
(in, at, into, on)

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Question Number Five

A. EDITING

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have four mistakes, (one grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake, and two spelling mistakes). Find out these four mistakes and correct them.

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B. GUIDED WRITING:

1- Read the information in the table below, and then in YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about Space Schools. Use appropriate linking words such as but, whereas.....etc.

Space Schools	
definition	pioneering schools
Main interest	space industry
students	- fourteen- to eighteen-year-olds - have a special interest in working in space industry
Subjects	Astronomy Astrophysics, Maths and Science

2- Read the information below, and then in YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about Farida Jaber. Use appropriate linking words such as also, and.....etc.

Name: Farida Jabri

Address: 215 Rainbow Street, Amman

Education: Degree in English (2009 CE) PEP (Practical Education Programme) Teaching qualification (2011 CE)

Work experience: Teacher of English, [SCHOOL NAME], Amman

Skills and achievements: Voluntary work for children's charities; excellent piano Accompanist.

C. FREE WRITING:

1- Write a blog post for your school's website. Describe life in a Jordanian secondary school so that they will know what to expect.

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