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Time: 1 Hour And A Half

**Read the following article carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the article.**

Adnan, a professional craftsman, is at work in his studio. With the oven at 1,400 degrees Centigrade, 20 hours a day, a glass-making studio isn't the most comfortable place to be. For Adnan, however, this is more than just a job. My family has been blowing glass for around 700 years, he says. My father learnt the craft from his father, and he taught it to me when I was a child.

Adnan is passionate about this ancient craft, and regularly gives demonstrations and workshops to teach young people the skills of glassblowing. He strongly believes that unless we interest more young people in learning the craft, nobody will know how to make hand-blown glass in the future. These days, young people don't always want to follow their parents' professions, and, added to that, glassblowing isn't an easy job. It has to be an obsession, as it is for me!

Adnan still uses the technique that was first developed by the Phoenicians some 2,000 years ago. First, he pushes a thin metal blowpipe into the boiling hot furnace. Secondly, he lifts out the liquid sand and lays it on a metal plate. After that, he blows the red-hot glass until it becomes more flexible. Then he pulls and bends the glass into shape. He has to work extremely quickly because the liquid sand is already solidifying into glass.

These days we recycle broken glass. We also use commercially produced colours instead of using natural ingredients as in the past. Apart from that, nothing else about this craft has changed through the centuries. You can't use a machine to do this work, 'he says. The old ways are still the best.

### Question Number One (20 points)

1. Quote the sentence which indicates that glassblower has to work very fast.
2. According to Adnan, the young don't like to do the glassblowing craft for two reasons. Write down them.
3. What does the underlined word (his) refer to?
4. Adnan says that there are two things that changed in this old craft, what are they?
5. Find a word in the text which means (**someone who is very skilled at a particular craft**).
6. Glassblowing goes through different steps\ stages before glass becomes a shape. Write down two of these steps.
7. Traditional crafts have no place in today's society.' Think of this statement, and in two sentences write your point of view.
8. It is said that craftspeople are skilled workers and should be paid better salaries. Give three logical reasons.

### B. Literature Spot: (3 points)

**Read the following lines, from *I Remember, I Remember* carefully, then answer the questions that follow:**

I remember, I remember,  
The house where I was born,  
The little window where the sun  
Came peeping in at morn;  
He never came a wink too soon,  
Nor brought too long a day

1. How did the sun come in the morning? (1 point)
2. What rhetorical device does the poet use to describe the sun? (2 points)

### Question Number Two (15 points)

**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. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)**

**geometry, symptoms, conservatory, privacy setting, see red**

1. When you ....., your blood pressure is raised.
2. Doctors look at the ..... before they decide how to treat the patient.

3. A school where people are trained in music or acting is called .....
4. We learn about shapes, lines, and angles when we study.....

**B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

I was shocked when I heard the news. It came completely out of the blue.  
What does the underlined colour idiom mean in the previous sentence?

**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. Ibn Sina wrote many..... textbooks. (medicine)
2. Who was the most..... writer of the twentieth century? (influence)

**Question Number Three (12 points)**

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

1. In the past, most letters ..... by hand. (write)
2. Ahmad made a big progress in English. He had ..... it daily for a year. (be, study)
3. What ..... we be ..... in ten years' time? (do)

**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. (6 points)**

1. My friend bought this villa.  
The person .....
2. It is not normal for the boys now to get up early to study.  
The boys are .....
3. We are going to visit our cousins in the next town next Thursday.  
The boys said that .....

**Question Number Four (8 points)**

**A. The underlined words in the following sentences are not used correctly. Replace these words with the correct ones, and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)**

My brother Ahmed, which lives in USA, is a doctor.

**B. The following sentences are in American English, rewrite them in British English, and write them down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)**

1. Did you see that program yet?
2. I am going to have a look at these marvelous paintings.

**C. Study the following sentence and answer the questions that follows. (2 points)**

We all worked together. Therefore, we won the competition.

**What is the function of using therefore in the above sentence?**

**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 (one grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

In the near future, a new 'bionik eye' will help people with failing eyesight to see again. A devise inside the eye picks up an image from a small camera attached to a pair of sunglasses and sends it to the brain, who interprets it as vision?

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

**Read the information below, and in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences using the giving notes below about the advantages of technology in communication. Use the appropriate linking words.**

- give an opportunity to maximize learning
- allow people to perform jobs or tasks at a faster rate
- help people to save money and time.
- provide factual and related information

## C. FREE WRITING (7 points)

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 120 words on ONE of the following:

1. Write about the advantages and disadvantages of smart phones\ online shopping\ internet of things\ using technology in communication.
2. Write about traditional crafts in Jordan. Benefits of traditional crafts for people and community. Problems they face. How to help traditional crafts? Examples of traditional crafts.

### الإجابات

#### Question Number One

1. He has to work extremely quickly because the liquid sand is already solidifying into glass.
2. young people don't always want to follow their parents' professions, and, added to that, glassblowing isn't an easy job.
3. Adnan's father .
4. These days we recycle broken glass. We also use commercially produced colours instead of using natural ingredients as in the past.
5. Craftsman .
6. First, he pushes a thin metal blowpipe into the boiling hot furnace. Secondly, he lifts out the liquid sand and lays it on a metal plate. After that, he blows the red-hot glass until it becomes more flexible.  
(any two)
7. Any relevant answers .
8. Any relevant answers .

#### B. Literature spot:

Read the following lines, from *I Remember, I Remember* carefully, then answer the questions that follow:

1. Peeping
2. Personification

#### Question Number Two

- D. See red\ Symptoms\ Conservatory\ Geometry  
E. Unexpectedly, or apparently from nowhere, suddenly  
F. Medical, influential

#### Question Number Three

- C. Were written\ been studying\ will - doing (6 points)  
D. (6 points)  
4. The person who bought this villa is my friend.  
5. The boys are used to getting up early to study.  
6. The boys said that they were going to visit their cousins in the next town the following Thursday.

#### Question Number Four

- D. My brother Ahmed, who lives in the USA, is a doctor.  
E.  
3. Have you seen that programme yet?  
4. I am going to take a look at these marvellous paintings.  
F. To express (result\ consequence)

#### Question Number Five

- D. EDITING (bionic\ device\ which\ vision.)  
E. GUIDED WRITING  
F. FREE WRITING