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GENERAL ENGLISH
المستوى الرابع – الدورة الصيفية

DATE: Saturday 15th of July , 2017

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

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.

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.

Question Number One: (20 points)

A.

1. Learning a new language presents the brain with two unique challenges. Write them down. (2 points)
2. There are some qualities of multilingual people . Write down two of these qualities. (4 points)
3. Quote the sentence which indicates that learning a foreign language affects positively on the students’ performance in general tests . (4 points)
4. What does the underlined word **multilingual** mean ? (2 points)
5. What does the underlined word **These** refer to ? (2 points)

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6. The writer states that learning new vocabulary and grammar rules provides the brain with beneficial 'exercise'. Suggest three other activities to help exercising the brain. (3 points)

7. The importance of learning foreign languages is universal. It benefits the learner in many different ways. Think of this statement and in, two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

B. Literature Spot (3 points)

Read the following lines from **A Green Cornfield** carefully and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer the questions that follow with reference to the story .

**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.**

- Find a reference to another listener, apart from the poet herself, of the poem. (2 points)
- Find a word in the above lines which means fast . (1 point)

Question Number Two (20 points)

A . Choose the suitable item form of those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

offence , proficiency, get away with , come up with , tailor-made

1. If you are polite, you won't causeor upset anybody
2. If you keep working hard to improve your English, you will reach a level of in a few years.
3. Some universities offer courses that are able to suit individual needs.
4. That's a great idea. How did you it?

B . Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

1. Every fireman should do their job responsibly.
Replace the underlined word with the correct gender- neutral word.
2. If you've got a problem, talk to someone about it. It helps to get it off your chest .
What does the underlined body idiom get it off your chest mean ?
3. The police will look the incident.
What is the missing word in the above sentence?
4. I need to organise my time better. I think I'll draw up a timetable.
What does the underlined collocation mean ?

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

1. In hot weather our bodies are in danger of (**dehydrate**)
2. The graduation ceremony was a very occasion . (**memory**)

Question Number Three (34 points)

A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write down your answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (20 points)

1. I don't have much money . If only I more (**have**)
2. If Huda ill yesterday, she wouldn't have missed the exam. (**not / be**)
3. I couldn't climb Mount Everest even if someone my equipment for me! (**carry**)
4. Do you mind ----- why the sky sometimes looks red? (**explain**)
5. Nour has to study hard ,she ? (**do**)
6. Many houses in the cityby the storm last night . (**destroy**)
7. Our school has recently. (**be / renovate**)
8. By 2025 CE, our public transport system will have (**change**)
9. I wish I had these shoes. They hurt my feet. (**not / buy**)
10. If Huda money , she will fly to Dubai . (**have**)

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. (14 points)

1. Physics isn't as popular as Biology .
Physics
2. Is there a bank near hear please ?
Could you tell me
3. They say that dolphins are highly intelligent
Dolphins
4. Our teacher has already marked our exams.
Our exams
5. Arab mathematicians invented algebra.
Algebra **Arab mathematicians.**
6. I am sorry that I didn't read that book.
I wish **that book.**
7. You shouldn't worry so much.
If I.....

Question Number Four (11 points)

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

1. I didn't know your phone number, so I wasn't able to contact you. (**if / could**)
.....
2. I regret buying this smart phone (**If only**)
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B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them . Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET .

(4points)

1. Let's go home now ,
2. I am a doctor ,
3. Nothing has happened ,
4. He lives in Wadi Musa,

C. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows . write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

How can I get work experience without getting a job first?

What is the function of using the question form above ? (3 points)

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Question Number Five (15 points)

A. EDITING: (4points)

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have two spelling mistakes, one grammatical mistake and one punctuation mistake. Find out these four mistakes and correct them . write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Finding work in a crowded job market can be challenging sometimes, especially for grajuates who do not have any work exberience. Much employers are looking for people with a proven track record in a particular area of work. However : you need to have a job in order to get experience. Doing an internship is a good way to get around this problem.

B . GUIDED WRITING : (4 points)

Read the information in the table below , and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET write two sentences about how to revise for exams. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and , also, tooetc.

- draw up a revision timetable .
- take breaks.
- do physical activities.
- eat fresh fruit and vegetables.

C . FREE WRITING: (7 points)

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

1. Write a four-paragraph report on the education system in Jordan. Include information about school starting and leaving ages, grades, school subjects, hours and further education.
2. Write a covering letter to apply for a job as translator for a large multilingual council .
(Your name is Wesam . Your address is P.O . Box 1646 , Amman , Jordan)

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MODEL ANSWERS

Question Number One (20 points)

A.

1. (4 points , 2 point each)

These include recognising different language systems and ways to communicate within these systems

2. (4 points , 2 point each)

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.

3. 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. (3 points)

4. speaking, reading or writing in more than two languages (2points)

5. unique challenges. (2 points)

6. Any relevant answer. (3 points)

7. (2 points)

Marking scheme

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

B. Literature Spot (3 points)

1. Perhaps his mate sat listening long . And listened longer than I did. (2 points)

2. swift (2 points)

Question Number Two (21 points)

A. (8 points , 2 points each)

1. offence 2. proficiency 3. tailor-made 4. Come up with

B. (8 points , 2points each)

1. firefighter 2. to tell someone about something that has been worrying you
3. into 4. write a schedule

C. (4 points, 2 points each)

1. dehydration 2. memorable

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Question Number Three (36 points)

A. (20 points, 2 points each)

1. had
2. hadn't been
3. carried
4. explaining
5. doesn't
6. were destroyed
7. been renovated
8. been changed
9. hadn't bought
10. has

B. (14 points, 2 points each)

1. is less popular than Biology.
2. where the bus goes
3. are said to be highly intelligent
4. have already been marked by our teacher
5. was invented by
6. I had read
7. were you, I wouldn't worry so much

Question Number Four (11 points)

A. (6 points , 3 points each)

1. If I had known your phone number , I could have been able to contact you.
2. If only I hadn't bought this smart phone .

B. (3 points , 1 point each)

1. shall we
2. aren't I
3. has it
4. doesn't he

C . puzzlement .

Question Number Five (15 points)

A . EDITING: (4 points , 1 point each)

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B . GUIDED WRITING : (4 points)

Marking scheme :

4	comprehensive information with appropriate linking words , without spelling mistakes.
2-3	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 answer.

