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GENERAL ENGLISH

المستوى الرابع – الدورة الشتوية

DATE: Sunday 21st of January , 2018

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.

In England, almost 50% of school leavers go on to higher education. The figure has not always been as high as this. Twenty years ago, it was closer to 30%, and thirty years before that, it was only about 5%. Another huge change has been financial. Before 1998 CE, higher education in the UK was completely free for UK citizens. Since then, tuition fees have been introduced. Most students borrow this money from the government. They don't have to repay it immediately. Instead, they pay it back slowly out of future earnings.

Despite the high cost, most students choose to study away from home. A recent survey of 17,000 students revealed that only 7% wanted to stay at home while they studied for their degree. Of course for most young people, living away from home means borrowing even more money from the government. So why don't students choose to avoid debt by staying at home, where they don't have to pay rent? Most of them say that they want to move to the university of their choice, rather than the nearest one. Another strong motive is the desire to live in a new culture. Where do these students live? Many have rooms in halls of residence, especially in their first year; others rent flats or houses. A lucky minority live in property that their parents have bought for them. Most of them need to learn to cook, do their own washing and manage their time and money.

Question Number One: (20 points)

A.

1. There are two motivations for the students to study a way from their homes. Write them down. (2 points)
2. There were two huge changes which occurred in higher education in England. Write them down. (4 points)
3. Quote the sentence which indicates the challenges which face the students who choose to study abroad. (3 points)
4. Find a word in the text which means 'not many, the opposite of 'majority'. (2 points)
5. What does the underlined word it refer to ? (2 points)
6. It is expected that students who choose to study away from home will face many difficulties. Suggesting three tips to make studying abroad less challenging. (3 points)
7. Studying abroad has many advantages and disadvantages. Think to this statement and in two sentences write down your point of view. (2 points)

B.Literature Spot (3 points)

Read the following extraction from “**Around the world in eighty days**” carefully , then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer the questions that follow . (2 points)

'The train stopped at eight o'clock, in the midst of a glade some fifteen miles beyond Rothal, where there were several bungalows and workmen's cabins. The conductor, passing along the carriages, shouted, 'Passengers will get out here!' 'Where are we?' asked Sir Francis. 'At the hamlet of Kholby.' 'Do we stop here?' 'Certainly. The railway isn't finished.' 'What! Not finished?' 'No. There's still a matter of fifty miles to be laid from here to Allahabad, where the line begins again.'

1. Why can't the train continue its journey from Kholby to Allahabad? (1 point)
2. Find a word in the above extraction which means '**houses of one floor**'. (1 point)

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)

beneficial, have a head for figures, make a start , negotiate , get cold feet

1. I don't think I'd be a very good accountant. I don't really
2. It's to take regular breaks when revising.
3. When you talk about business and try to do a deal, you
4. The deadline is tomorrow, and you haven't done anything yet! You really must.....

B: Study the following sentences and answer the questions that follow .Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

The police will **look into** the incident.

What does the underlined phrasal verb mean?

C. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences, and write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. . The company is pleased with your work and is happy to give you a
(**recommend , recommendation , recommended**)
2. If you work hard, I'm sure you will
(**successfully , succeed , successful**)

Question Number Three (18 points)

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

1. You met him yesterday , you ? (**do**)
2. Our exams have already by our teacher . (**be ,mark**)

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. The least expensive thing on the menu is orange juice .

Orange juice

2. They say that fish is good for the brain.

Fish

3. Where's the post office, please?

Do you mind telling me ?

C. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences . Write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

1. Neither Maths nor Science are English.
a. more popular **b.** less popular **c.** as popular as
2. We'll drive past my old house. I'll to you.
a. point out it **b.** point it out **c.** out it point
3. It is that the earth was flat.
a. think **b.** thought **c.** thinks
4. My brother is really good painting and drawing
a. at **b.** on **c.** about
5. . There are ten years of free compulsory education in Jordan .
The underlined word has :
a. 4 syllables **b.** 3 syllables **c.** 5 syllables

Question Number Four (7 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 prepare better for the competition ,therefore I didn't win the first prize. (**might**)
.....
2. Sultan forgot to do his science homework . (**if only**)
.....

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

We were caught in traffic, **therefore** we missed the start of the play

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

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**.

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B . GUIDED WRITING : (4 points)

Read the information in the table below , and then in your **ANSWER BOOKLET** write two sentences about the **advantages of doing voluntary work**. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and , also, tooetc.

The advantages of doing voluntary work
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- enhance chances for future recruitment.- give value work experience.- make CV more impressive.

C . FREE WRITING: (7 points)

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

1. Learning a foreign language is necessity now a days . Write an article about learning another language, discussing its benefits and challenges.
2. 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.

THE END

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MODEL ANSWERS

Question Number One (20 points)

A.

1. (2 points , 1 point each)

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2. (4 points , 2 point each)

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3. Most of them need to learn to cook, do their own washing and manage their time and money. (3 points)

4. minority (2points)

5.. the percentage of school leavers going on to higher education. (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 (2 points)

1. The railway isn't finished.

(1 point)

2. bungalows

(1 point)

Question Number Two (15 points)

A. (8 points , 2 points each)

1. have a head for figures 2. Beneficial 3. negotiate 4. make a start .

B . (3 points)

investigate

C. (4 points, 2 points each)

1. recommendation 2. succeed

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Question Number Three (18 points)

A. (4, 2 points each)

1. didn't 2. been marked

B. (9 points , 3 points each)

1. is the cheapest thing on the menu.
2. Is said to be good for the brain.
3. where the post office is?

C. (5 points , 1 point each)

1. c 2. b 3. b 4. a 5. a

Question Number Four (11 points)

A. (6 points , 3 points each)

1. If I had prepared better for the competition ,I might have won the first prize.
2. If only he hadn't forgotten to do his science homework .

B. (3 points)

showing result

Question Number Five (15 points)

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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.

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