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GENERAL ENGLISH

المستوى الرابع – الدورة الصيفية

DATE: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of July , 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.**

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 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? ( 2 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. (9points )**

- 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? .....

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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.

Studio schools ispiuneering schools which receive funding as well as support from brivate businesses, and which seek to encourage young people to undertake a less conventional form of secondary education: These schools often specialise in one specific area, whilst understanding that the same broad range of skills and qwalifications should be made available to all young people.

**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, too .....etc.

The advantages of doing voluntary work
- 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. ( 4 points , 2 pointeach)

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2. ( 4 points , 2 pointeach)

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 ( 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 pointseach)

1. recommendation 2. succeed

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**Question Number Three ( 18 points )**

**A. ( 4, 2 pointseach)**

1. didn't 2. been marked

**B. (9 points , 3 pointseach)**

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 pointeach)**

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

**Question Number Four (11 points )**

**A. (6 points , 3 pointseach)**

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 )**

**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 spellingmistakes.
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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