

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

A few years ago, as many as 1,000 schools across the USA started making school years longer 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 can to ensure excellent exam grades. They go to school for about 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 succeed at school or not.

**Question Number One (22) points.**

1. There are two changes that have lately taken place in some American schools, regarding with the school years and days. Write down these two changes.
2. Quote the sentence which shows that school year in Jordan is longer than school days in England and America.
3. There are two points of view concerning/regarding with the time we spend at school. Write these two points of view down.
4. According to the text, which countries in the world their students spend the longest time in school?
5. What does the underlined word “ **tuition** ” mean?
6. What do the underlined words “ **this** ” refer to?
7. The school day in Finland has two qualities. Write down these two qualities.
8. The students in Finland are creative in two subjects. Write them down.
9. Quote the sentence which shows that the students in Finland are multi-lingual.

**See Page Two.....**

**B- Literature spot: (2 points)**

**Read the following lines from A Green Cornfield, and then answer the questions that follow:**

To right and left beside my walks;

I knew he had a nest unseen

Somewhere among the million stalks.

And as I paused to hear his song

1. Which word tells us that the skylark's nest is hidden in?
2. Why did the poet stop?

**Question Number Two :( 15 points)**

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

**There are more words than you need. Write your answers in your ANSWERBOOKLET.**

**( 8 points )**

competent , hand , debt , back , slogan
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1. You could win the race if you really put your ..... into it.
2. In order to be a successful person you have to be a ..... and adaptable with changeable situations.
3. The ..... on the world memory championships says "Human potential is infinite".
4. By purchasing only what you can afford to pay for, you can avoid credit card.....

**B. Study the following sentence and answer the questions that follow. (2 points)**

1. **Why don't you** buy a hybrid car so that you can save petrol?

What is the function of using **why don't you**?

2. **If** water boils, it turns to steam.

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

**C-Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in box and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6points)**

1. One of the most important things that we give children is a good .....

(educate , education , educational )

2. By working hard, I'm sure you will.....in your request.

(success , successfully , succeed )

3. Congratulations! Not many people..... such high marks.

(achievement , achieve , achievable )

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**Question Number Three :( 12 points)**

**A. Correct the verb between brackets and then write your answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

1. In England, tuition fees have .....since 1990 by the government. (be , introduce)
2. Rana ..... her homework last Monday, did she? ( not ,do)
3. I would take medicine on time if I .....you . ( be )
4. Ali did not pass his exams. If only he..... harder last year. (study)

**B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it, and writes it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

1. Can I use your pen?

**I would like to know.....?**

2. Critics know that Shakespeare and Hood are talented writers.

**It .....**

3. Doctors have claimed that eating bananas provides the body with energy.

**Eating bananas.....**

4. Swimming is better than playing tennis.

**Playing tennis isn't .....**

5. Birds build their nests on high places.

**Bird's nests .....**

**Question Number Four: ( 10 pints )**

**A. Choose the suitable items from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOCKLET.**

1. Rashed a warded two prizes, his classmates considered ..... a hero.

( her , him , them , he )

2. The bee flew from one flower to another, .....?

( did they , don't it , didn't it , does it )

3. Ghada is ..... student in her class.

(tall than , the tallest than , the tallest , taller than )

4. Mr Haddad didn't understand the French businessman. If only he .....French.

(speak , spoke , had spoken , spoken )

5. I wish scientists would think .....a way to prevent flu!

( of , into , up , to )

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**B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows.**

Nowadays many companies are offering amazing value on package holidays because of tourism depression.

**What does the underlined expression package holidays mean?**

**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 four mistakes. Two spelling mistakes, one grammar mistake and one punctuation mistake. Correct the mistakes and write them in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

It is believe that language learning can also improve your decision-making skills. When you speak a foreign languaje, you are constantly weighing up subtle differences in meaning of a word or the way that an uterance is made. This process is then transferred subconsciously to other situations in which judgement is called for and decisions have to be made?

**B-GUIDED WRITING**

**(4points)**

Read the information below, and then write **two compound** sentences about how to acquire a new language?

- practice it all day.
- join courses at the same level.
- speak with a native speaker.
- listen to the news.

**• FREE WRITING:**

**(7 points)**

**In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 80 words on ONE of the following:**

To pass the exam successfully, you should make a revision. Write an article about the benefits of drawing time table for your revision.

## الاجابة النموذجية

### Question Number One:

1. **a-** adding up to ten extra days to the school year **b-** making each school day longer by half an hour.
2. The typical Jordanian school year is longer than **this**.
3. **a** - the longer you study, the better you do in final exams **b-** the number and length of school days is not the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not.
4. Japan, Indonesia and South Korea
5. teaching, especially in small groups.
6. attend school for fewer and shorter days
7. fewer and shorter days
8. Maths and Science
9. In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, languages fluently.

### **B- Literature spot:**

1. unseen
2. to hear his song

### Question Number Two

A.

1. back
2. competent
3. slogan
4. debt

B.

1. giving advice
2. Facts / things that are always true

C-

1. education
2. succeed
3. achieve

### Question Number Three:

A.

1. been introduced
2. didn't do
3. were
4. had studied

B.

1. **I would like to know** whether / if I can use your pen?
2. **It** is known that Shakespeare and Hood are talented writers.
3. **Eating bananas** has been claimed to provide the body with energy.
4. **Playing tennis isn't** as good as swimming.
5. **Bird's nests** are built on high places.

**Question Number Four:**

**A.**

1. him    2. didn't it    3. the tallest    4. had spoken    5. of

**B.**

an organised trip with everything included in the price (travel, accommodation, food)

**Question Number Five**

**A-EDITING**

languaje - language    uterance - utterance    It is believe - It is believed

made? - made.

**B-GUIDED WRITING**

**/// FREE WRITING:**

**open answer**

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