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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.**

Two summers ago, I spent five months studying Arabic at the German-Jordanian University near Madaba. As my father is originally from Jordan, I spent my childhood speaking Arabic as well as German. However, I had never studied Arabic formally, and when the opportunity came up for me to spend a year in Jordan studying Arabic, I didn't hesitate for one moment.

I have relatives in Jordan and they arranged for me to stay with a wonderful family who live just outside Madaba. I was amazed by the number of international students there, who were not only from Germany, but from all over the world. Most of them had studied Arabic to a high level. I'm very familiar with colloquial Arabic, which is what my family speaks and understands. The Arabic class, in Modern Standard Arabic, was challenging, especially the grammar.

Every week, we had to learn a vocabulary list of around 50 words. We covered many topics. Living with a family helped to improve my Arabic-speaking skills because, while all the students heard Arabic in the classroom and streets, I could also practise it at home. I really **put my back into it**, and I earned an A on the course.

What impressed me most about students in Jordan was their behaviour and their attitude to studying. All the students who I met appreciated the importance of their university education and the opportunities it would give them to contribute to their country's prosperity. They also showed extremely positive values. Everybody was honest and people discussed problems rather than getting angry if they disagreed with each other.

As someone who enjoys delicious food, beautiful places and friendly, hospitable people, studying in Jordan was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. I made many new friends. I also improved my Arabic speaking, writing and reading skills. My dream is to be fluent in Arabic one day - and as I intend to return to Jordan as often as I can, I know I'm going to make this dream a reality.

### Question Number One (20 points)

1. The writer is bilingual. Write down the two languages that she can speak.
2. Quote the sentence that shows the writer has no problem with speaking the informal form of Arabic.
3. The writer states that she was happy that she came and studied in Jordan. Write down three things she liked about Jordan.
4. What does the underlined body idiom "**put my back into it**" mean?
5. What does the underlined word "it", refer to?

6. The writer's dream is to be fluent in Arabic one day. Suggest three things for Anita to help her make this dream a reality.
7. Many students choose to go on an exchange program to study in another country. Think of this statement and in two sentence write down your point of view.

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

**Read the following extract, and then answer the questions that follow:**

The cornfield stretched a tender green  
To right and left beside my walks;  
I knew he had a nest unseen  
Somewhere among the million stalks.

- 1. What did the poet describe as she walks through a cornfield?**
- 2. Which part of a plant is the stalk?**

### **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)**

<b>speed up</b>	<b>linguistics</b>	<b>regional</b>	<b>seminars</b>	<b>circulation</b>	<b>translation</b>
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1. Studying ..... lets me focus on my love of language in an analytical way. It has introduced me to ideas about language that I never thought of before.
2. Don't sit still for too long – move around frequently to increase your.....
3. Farmers use fertilizers in order to.....the growth of crops and plants.
4. Most university teaching is done in groups, called....., in which all students discuss the subject freely.
5. In the UK, there is a central government, but there are also .....  
Councils around the country.

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

Our head teacher told her students to pay fees by the end of June.

**Replace the underlined word with the correct gender specific words.**

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

1- Repetition is the best policy to memorise what you want to keep in your \_\_\_\_\_.  
(memorable)

2- In hot weather our bodies are in danger of \_\_\_\_\_. (dehydrate)

**Question Number Three: (13 points)**

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

1. I can't come tomorrow. I will be..... for a job. (be, interview)

2. The teacher never comes late,.....she?

**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. My watch is less attractive than yours.

My watch \_\_\_\_\_.

2. How did you draw up this timetable?

Could \_\_\_\_\_.

3. People think that we only use a small percentage of our brain power.

We \_\_\_\_\_.

**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. If you don't drive slowly, you will make an accident. (Unless)

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Yara has lost her purse. (be more careful)

If only \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. (3 Points)**

The climber was sick due to lack of oxygen.

What is the function of using due to 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 dialogue that has 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.

If I were you, I'll find out about training courses. These courses give young people the practicel skills that they need to take into a full-time job. As you have a Geology degree, you could do a course in land surveying and become a surveyor. If you had done the course. you would have had enough experiense to apply for that job.

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

Read the information below, and write two sentences about the advantages and disadvantages of doing voluntary work while you are still a student. Use appropriate linking words.

- practical experience.
- future career choices.
- interviews and your curriculum vitae

**C. FREE WRITING: (7points)**

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

1. Some of our most memorable moments are when we achieve an important goal. Write an article about a time when you accomplished a goal you had been working toward.
2. You are choosing a university to attend next year. The following are aspects of a university to consider. Teaching quality, subject choice, beautiful university grounds, extra-curricular activities and distance to home. Write a letter to MOE telling about which of these you find important when making a choice about university.

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