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DATE: Saturday $15^{\text {th }}$ of July, 2017
TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF
ملحوظــت: 1- أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها. r- للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية r ـ عدد الاسئلة: (0) ، وعدد الصفحات (؟).
Read the following text carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answer 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 judgment 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. There are some ways that provide the brain with beneficial exercise which improves memory. Write down two of them.
(4 points)
2. Quote the sentence which states that learning a foreign language allows you to speak and write using your first language efficiently.
(3 points)
3. Find a word in the text which means "speaking, reading or writing in more than two
languages".
( 2 points)
4. What does the underlined word "they" refer to?

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5. The study that carried out by Pennsylvania State University, USA has proved two things about multilingual people. Write them down.
(4 points)
6. 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. Think of this statement, and in two sentences, write your own point of view

## B. Literature spot: (3 points)

Read the following lines from $\boldsymbol{A}$ Green Cornfield, then answer the questions that follow:

A stage below, in gay accord,
White butterflies danced on the wing,
And still the singing skylark soared,
And silent sank and soared to sing.

1. Find one example of alliteration from the lines above.
2. What did the white butterflies do?
(2points)

## Question Number Two: ( 15 points)

A. Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences. There are more words than you need. Write the answers down ANSWER BOOKLET.
(8 points)
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1. People must remain calm while they..................... lower price successfully.
2. You can .................. your surname when you sign a friendly letter.
3. Students must take care of their $\qquad$ while revising for their exams.
4. The $\qquad$ of potash and phosphate in Jordan is one of the largest in the world.
B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Rashed doesn't think he'd be a very good accountant because he doesn't really have a natural mental ability for maths and numbers.

Replace the underlined phrase with the correct body idiom.

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C. Complete the following sentences with the 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. If you get an interview for a job in ............................. company, you will need to show real enthusiasm for the industry. (pharmacy)

## Question Number Three: (13 points)

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

1. I might have won the first prize if I better for the competition. (prepare)
2. An introductory grammar of Jordanian Sign Language $\qquad$ in 2004 CE. (publish)
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)
3. Does anyone send any web enquiries?

Do you know
2. I like swimming more than I like running.

I don't like running
3. Scientists claim that we remember things we hear in our sleep.

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Question Number Four: (7 points)
A.Read the following situations and write the sentences using the words in brackets.
Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLE.

1. You shouldn't look too casual.
2. If you water the plants regularly, they won't die.
(unless)
B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows.

Our country has a high standard of education. This is mainly due to the fact that the government considers education a necessity.
What is the function of using due to in the above sentence?

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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 lines that have 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.

Sociologists have been looking into this question for handreds of years. They have begun to look at not just how people talk, but also how they think, asking whether the way we understand and rememper experiences influences by language. As a result of these studies. they have come up with some interesting results.

## B. Guided writing (4 points)

Read the information below, and then in you ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about how to revise for exams. Use the appropriate linking words.

| how to revise for exams... |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| - draw up a revision time table. |  |
| - look at all the subjects you have to do. |  |
| - wake up early. |  |
| - do some physical activities before you start. |  |

C. Free Writing (7 points)

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

1. Enrolling a cultural awareness course about the country that a person visits for business might be one of the reasons to make this business trip successful. Write an article discussing the importance of enrolling such courses before visiting any country for business.
2. A blog post for your school's website about the social and cultural advantages of studying abroad.

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