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Is it our language that has affected our way of thinking ? Or has a difference in cultural habits affected both our thoughts and our language ? Most likely, culture , thought and language have all come about together.

A. 1. Question Number One (22 points)

1. The differences on language have an effect on speakers on two things . (3 points)
Mention them .
2. The three different nationalities watched the videos of two people doing many actions.
Write down two of these actions. (4 points)
3. Quote the sentence which indicates that the Spanish and Japanese mentioned the person who did the action on purpose. (3 points)
4. Find a phrasal verb in the text that has a similar meaning as " to not include " ? (2 point)
5. What does the underlined pronoun " **They** " refer to ? (2 points)
6. "The limits of my language are the limits of my world." by Ludwig Wittgenstein. (2 points)
Think of this quotation, and in two sentences, write down your point of view.
7. When learning a foreign language, there are many other things you should learn .
Suggest three. (3 points)

B. Literature spot : (3 points)

Read the following extract from " *The Green Cornfield* " carefully, 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. Find a word which means **fresh and young** .
2. What does a bird do in a nest ?

Question Number Two (15 points)

A. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

responsible

negotiate

affect

make a difference

memory

1. Adnan never forgets anything! He has got an amazing ----- .
2. If you send money to charity, you will ----- to a lot of lives
3. In order to work in finance, you need to be a very ----- person.
4. If you go to bed late, it will ----- your performance at school the next day.

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

Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(3 points)

1. If you are polite, you won't **earn** offense or upset anyone.
Replace the underlined misused word to make the correct collocation.
2. Sociologists have already **discovered** a new way to deal with stress.
Replace the underlined verb with the correct phrasal verb.

C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

1. You should always listen to good ----- .
(advise - advisable - advice)
2. In hot weather, you should always drink lots of water to avoid ----- .
(dehydrate - dehydration - dehydrated)
3. Is one side of the brain more ----- than the other.
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4. Before an exam, you must ----- everything you have learnt.
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1. I wish my brother ----- late yesterday. (not sleep)
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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. Scientists have proved that science experiments increase students' awareness.
Science experiments -----
2. Engineers designed many large towers .
Many -----
3. Students like doing sports more than they like visiting local places.
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4. I'm sorry that I didn't come early.
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6. Why did some students feel upset after the English exam .
Could you explain -----
7. The police are investigating the cause of the accident. (look)
The police -----
8. Revising early in the morning is believed to make the brain fresh and awake.
Experts believe that -----
9. Who scored the first goal in Brazil yesterday ?
Could you tell me -----?

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3. I didn't do my homework well, so the teacher wasn't pleased . (If , could)

B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

1. You'll phone me later, -----?
3. Lima is the capital of Peru , -----?
4. You'd rather not tell me, , ----- ?

C. Choose the correct word and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (5 points)

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Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET , write two sentences about the reasons that make people leave their home countries. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and, too, also, etc

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

1. Learning a foreign language is very important and necessary nowadays . Write an article mentioning the reasons for learning a new language and the benefits that you can achieve inside and outside your country .
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All you know is what you have words for. So your world, and therefore your language, is limited to where you live and your knowledge. As you expand your world and knowledge, so does your language.

7. When learning a foreign language, there are many other things you should learn . (3 points)

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