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GENERAL ENGLISH

المستوى الرابع (المنهاج الجديد)

DATE: .../.../....

TIME: ONE HOUR AND A HALF

٢- للتقدمين في الفروع الاكاديمية

ملحوظات : ١- اجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها .
٣ - عدد الاسئلة : (٥) ، وعدد الصفحات (٤)

Read the following text carefully, and then answer all the questions that follow. Your answer should be based on the text :

In England, almost 50% of school leavers go on to higher education. The figure has not always been as high as this. Twenty years ago, it was closer to 30%, and thirty years before that, it was only about 5%. Another huge change has been financial. Before 1998 CE, higher education in the UK was completely free for UK citizens. Since then, tuition fees have been introduced. Most students borrow this money from the government. They don't have to repay it immediately, instead, they pay it back slowly out of future earnings.

Despite the high cost, most students choose to study away from home. A recent survey of 17,000 students revealed that only 7% wanted to stay at home while they studied for their degree. Of course for most young people, living away from home means borrowing even more money from the government.

So why don't students choose to avoid debt by staying at home, where they don't have to pay rent? Most of them say that they want to move to the University of their Choice, rather than the nearest one. Another strong motive is the desire to live in a new culture. Where do these students live? Many have rooms in halls of residence, especially in their first year; others rent flats or houses. A lucky minority live in property that their parents have bought for them. Most of them need to learn to cook, do their own washing and manage their time and money.

Question Number One : (20 points)

A)

- 1- Higher education in England witnessed two main changes over the past few years. Write down these two changes. (4 points)
- 2- Students who choose to study abroad need to learn how to run certain aspects of their new live away from home . Write down two of these aspects. (4 points)
- 3- Write down the sentence which indicates that students don't have to pay back the money they borrow from the government instantly. (2 points)
- 4- Find a word in the text which means "reason of doing something". (2 points)
- 5- What does the underlined pronoun "**them**" refer to? (2 points)
- 6- Studying away from home has many disadvantages but it also has benefits. Think of this statement , suggesting three benefits of studying abroad . (3 points)

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B) Literature Spot: (3 points)

Read the following extract from “Around the World in Eighty Days” carefully, then answer the question that follows:

The Parsee perched himself on the elephant’s neck, and at nine o’clock they set out from the village, the animal marching off through the dense forest of palms by the shortest cut

- 1. Find in the above extract one example of a literary device. (2 points)**
- 2. How many people are travelling on the elephant? (1 point)**

Question Number Two (14 points)

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

play it by ear , tuition , apprenticeship , seminars, make

- 1- If you would like to learn to play the oud, you can get private.....
- 2- At the beginning of a business meeting, it is normal to a small talk so that everyone feels comfortable..
- 3- Most university teaching is done in groups, called, in which all students discuss the subject freely.
- 4- Many large companies offer graduate training schemes which are a kind of.....

B) Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows then write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET . (3 points)

- In fact this is one of many medical trials that organisations are carrying out, in order to look into developments in space exploration,.

What does the underlined phrasal verb mean ?

C) Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET . (4 points)

1. In the exam, you can keep calm by breathingand thinking positively (deep)
2. On the day of the exam you need to arrive on time but not too early , or you may find yourself getting more and morewhile you wait to start . (nerve)

Question Number Three : (10 points)

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

1. If youto learn a new language, you need to be motivated. (want)
2. Algebraby Arab mathematicians hundreds of years ago. (invent)
3. It was too hot to go to the beach yesterday. If only itcooler. (be)

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 . (4 points)

1. Are we allowed to eat sweets during the exam?
.....you know ?
2. They have claimed that students who study foreign languages do better, on the whole, in general tests.
Students who

Question Number Four : (11 points)

A. Read the following situations and rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets , write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET . (6 points)

1. You should do an awareness course before visiting any new country . (were)
If
2. Huda was too busy to visit us yesterday. (be able to come)
If only
3. Saeed left his camera at home, so he wasn't able to take pictures of the parade. (could).
If

B. Complete the following mini-dialogue by giving advice , write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET . (3 points)

A: I want to learn Chinese, but they don't teach it in my school.

B:

C. 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.

(2 points)

1. Your father's planes takes off at 9 p.m.,?
2. I'll help you with your homework,?

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Question Number Four (15 points)

A. EDITING . (4 points)

Imagine that you are an editor in the Jordan Times . You are asked to edit the following lines which have four mistakes (two grammatical mistakes , one punctuation mistake and one spelling mistake) .Correct the mistakes and write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

It is believe that when you learn a foraign language, it helps to use the language as much you can. You should take every oppportunity to engage in a conversation with a native speaker. Reading English books , or magazines also helps.

B. GUIDED WRITING : (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLT ,write two sentences about the ways in which you might learn a foreign language using the words in the box. Use the appropriate words from the box .

Ways in which you might learn a foreign language.
- read grammar books
- do an online course
- make face to face conversations
- watch films

C. FREE WRITING

In your ANSWER BOOKLT , write a composition of about 80 words on one of the following. (7 points)

1. You receive the news that your town council is cancelling a bus route that you, your family and friends use regularly .Write a letter to the town council to persuade them not to cancel it. Explain why this will have negative effects on the whole town. Think about business opportunities and local economies.

(Your name is Jihad , your address is P.O. Box 524 , Amman , Jordan)

2. You have read the following advertisement in the Jordan Times in which a company is seeking to recruit salesmen to work within their staff . Read the advertisement , then write a letter to apply for the job .

(Your name is Jihad , your address is P.O. Box 524 , Amman , Jordan)

An international company , engaged in marketing industrial chemicals is seeking to recruit salesmen with 2-4 year experience of selling industrial chemicals , having excellent computer , negotiating , communication and presentation skills .

Answers الاجابات

Question Number One

A)

1. almost 50% of school leavers go on to higher education / another huge change has been financial.
2. most of them need to learn to cook, do their own washing and manage their time and money.
3. They don't have to repay it immediately, instead, they pay it back slowly out of future earnings
4. a lucky minority.
5. motive
- 6.

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- change the way you think يغير الطريقة التي يفكر فيها

- B) 1. Alliteration (Parsee perched)
2. 4 people .

Question Number Two

- A) 1. tuition 2. make 3. seminars 4. apprenticeship
B) doing
C) 1. deeply 2. nervous

Question Number Three

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B)

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Question Number Four

A

1. If I were you , I would do an awareness course before visiting any new country
2. If only she had been able to come
3. If Saeed hadn't left his camera at home , he could have been able to take pictures of the parade

B. If I were you , I would take private lessons

C. 1. doesn't it 2. shall I

Question Number Five .

A. **Editing** : believed / foreign / as much as / books or magazines

B. There are many ways in which you might learn a foreign language such as reading grammar books , doing an online course and making face to face conversations .
Another way is watching films .