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GENERAL ENGLISH

المستوى الرابع (المنهاج الجديد)

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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 :

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 recognizing 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 judgement is called for, and decisions have to be made.

Question Number One : (20 points)

A)

1. Learning a new language introduces many challenges to the brain . Write down two of these challenges . . (4 points)
2. The study carried out by Pennsylvania State University proved two facts concerning multilingual people . Write down these two facts . (2 points)
3. Quote the sentence which indicates that learning a new language reflects positively on the person’s ability to make decisions . (3 points)
4. What does the underlined pronoun “**which**” refer to ? (2 points)
5. What does the underlined word “**something that is said, such as a statement**” mean ? (2 points)

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6. It is claimed that learning a new language improves the functionality of your brain in several different ways. Think of this statement, suggesting three ways that could help someone learn a language fast and easily. (3 points)
7. It's said that practice makes perfect, in other words "repetition is good". Think of this statement, then, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

Literature Spot (2 points)

Read the following lines from Jules Verne's "Around the World in Eighty Days" then answer the question that follows .

"A young Parsee, with an intelligent face, offered his services, which Mr. Fogg accepted, promising so generous a reward as to materially stimulate his zeal. The elephant was led out and equipped. Provisions were purchased at Kholby, and, while Sir Francis and Mr. Fogg took the howdahs* on either side, Passepartout got astride the saddlecloth between them."

- What did Mr. Fogg do to convince the Parsee travel with them ?

Question Number Two (15 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)

leave it out , make a start , play it by ear , concentration , look into

1. The deadline is tomorrow, and you haven't done anything yet! You really must.....
2. Zainab listens to music while she's working. It helps her.....
3. I usually add chocolate to the recipe when I make this cake ,but as I haven't got any today, I'm going to
4. I'm not sure if it'll be warm enough to have a barbecue. We'll have to.....

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

- The results of the experiment which we did yesterday were very interesting.

Replace the underlined word with the correct phrasal verb .

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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. Before you apply for a job, check that you have the correct (qualify)
2. The company is pleased with your work and is happy to give you a
(recommend)

Question Number Three : (13 points)

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

1. If youto learn a new language, you need to be motivated. (want)
2. My father only speaks Spanish. He wishes he English or French. (speak)

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. Had she been living here long when she met you?
Could you tell me.....
2. Scientists say that women live longer than men .
Women
3. Our car is small . It would be good if we had a bigger one.
I wisha bigger car .

Question Number Four : (7 points)

A. Read the following situation and complete the sentences with the third conditional using the word in the brackets . Write down your answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET . (4 points)

1. I didn't have enough time , so I wasn't able to help you in your project . (could)
.....
2. Sara lost her purse , so she didn't pay the rent of the apartment for this month . (would)
.....

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

1. They've been to Japan,?
2. We told you not to drive in the outback on your own, ?
3. You're in a desert in the middle of Australia,?

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Question Number Five (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 has four mistakes (one grammatical , one punctuation and two spelling) . Correct the mistakes and write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

The earlier you start in the morning, the more peneficial your revision will be, because that's when you feel most awake and your mamory is at its best. I'd also recommend studying for 30-minute periods, and then taking a break . it's been prove that concentration starts to decrease after half an hour, so frequent breaks will help the brain to recover and concentration to return.

B. GUIDED WRITING: (4 points)

C. Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET ,write two sentences about disadvantages of technology on communication using the words in the box. Use the appropriate linking words such as : and , too , alsoetc.

Disadvantages of technology on communication

- distract from real life.
- reduce social interaction.
- deteriorate language.
- increase loneliness.

D. In your ANSWER BOOKLET , write a composition of about 120 words on one of the following. (7 points)

1. Write a paragraph answering this question. Give some tips and good reasons to persuade your classmates to take your advice.
'I often find it difficult to fall asleep the night before an exam .Do you mind giving me some advice, please?'
2. Write a persuasive letter to convince students at your school to study a subject of your choice at university.

Good Luck

Ramzi Abu Shehab

Question Number One

A)

- recognizing different language systems
-ways to communicate within these systems.
- 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.
- It is believed that language learning can also improve your decision-making skills.
- situations.
- utterance
- Connect with a native speaker تواصل مع متحدث محلي
- Study the language every day ادرس اللغة كل يوم
- Carry a dictionary at all times احمل قاموس معك طوال الوقت
- repetition helps us perform a task perfectly . التكرار يساعدنا على اداء مهمة ما بشكل كامل .
-repetition helps remember things faster التكرار يساعد على تذكر الاشياء بشكل اسرع

Question Number Two

- A) 1. make a start 2. concentration 3. leave it out 4. play it by ear
B) carried out
C) 1. qualification 2. recommendation

Question Number Three

- A) 1. want 2. spoke
B)
1. Could you tell me is she had been living here long when she met you .
2. Women are said to live longer than men.
3. I wish we had a bigger car .

Question Number Four

- A) 1. If I had had enough time , I could have helped you in your project
2. if Sara hadn't lost her purse , she would have paid the rent of the apartment for this month
B) 1. haven't they 2. didn't we 3. aren't you

Question Number Five .

- A. **Editing** : beneficial / memory / proved / It's
B. There are many **disadvantages of technology on communication** such as distracting from real life , reducing social interaction and deteriorating language. Another disadvantage is increasing loneliness.