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Read the following text carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLETE answer all questions that follow. Your answer should be based on the text.

A few years ago, as many as 1,000 schools across the USA started making school years longer by adding up to ten extra days to the school year or by making each school day longer by half an hour.

This was because it was found that secondary school students in the USA and the UK were spending the least time at school, with an average school year of 187 days. The typical Jordanian school year is longer than this. However, none of these are nearly as long as the school year in countries like Japan and South Korea. South Koreans attend school for 220 days per year, and in Japan, the school year numbers 243 days.

According to a study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), students in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea spend the most time studying in the world. They want to learn as much as they can to ensure excellent exam grades. They go to school for about nine hours, although this includes optional after-school tuition and activities. They also spend about three hours on homework every day, which is three times as much as many other countries. Their high academic achievements do suggest that the longer you study, the better you do in final exams.

In Finland, however, students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night, and they attend school for fewer and shorter days than 85% of other developed nations. Despite this, they achieve top marks in subjects like Maths and Science. In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, languages fluently.

The contradictory views of the study suggest that the number and length of school days is not the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not.

**Question number one (22 points)**

1. The article states that there are two ways in which some American school made school years longer. Write down them. (4 points)
2. There are two interesting things about Finland's fewer and shorter school days. Write them down? (3 points)
3. Quote the sentence which shows that it is not compulsory to do after-school activities in Japan and South Korea? (3 points)
- 4- Find a word from the text which means " speaking a language very well, like a native speaker" (2 points)
5. What does the underlined word " **these** " in the text refers to (2 points)
6. There are many optional tuition and activities that students in Japan, Indonesia, and Korea do after school. Suggest three of these tuition and activities. (3 points)
7. A longer school day would result in better grades. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of views? (2 points)



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

**Question number one (22 points)**

- A. 1- According to the text, there are two things that provide the brain with beneficial exercise which improve memories. Write down these two things. (4 points)
- 2 There are many benefits of learning a foreign language. Write down two of these benefits. (3 points)
- 3- Write down the sentence which indicates to the results of the experiments that required participants to operate a driving simulator while carrying out separate tasks at the same time. (3 points)
- 4- Find a word from the text which means " something that is said, such as a statement ". (2 points)
- 5- what does the underlined word " they " in the text refers to (2 points)
- 6 Learning a foreign language is very important these days especially English language. Do you agree or no. Think of this statement and write down two advantages to learning a foreign language . (2 points)

7- Speaking, reading and writing a new language have many benefits to the person who has and to the communities. Suggesting three ways to acquire these skills successfully. (3 points)

**B. Literature spot: (3 points)**

Read the following extract from a green cornfield , then answer the question that follows.

**A singing speck above the corn;**

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 does a bird do in a **nest** ? (1 points)
- 2- The writer used the **green** color in the poem. What do you think it symbolize? (1 point)
- 3- Describe the rhyme scheme in this poem. (1 point)

**Question number two (16 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 it down in your ANSWER**

**BOOKLETE.**

**(8 points)**

postgraduate      short term      look into      keep your chin      youth

- 1- my father often talks about what he did in his \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-.....up, I'm sure everything will be fine in the end
- 3- Let's ..... the story and discover what really happened.
- 4- It has different contests which test .....memory.

**B . Replaced the underlined misused collocation in the following sentence with the correct one. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(2 points )**

If you want to lose weight, you should **make a difference** every day.

**C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE.**

**(4 points)**

- 1- The physical activity will increase your heart rate and, in turn, that will increase your blood.....  
(circulation      circulate      circulate )
- 2- I am afraid what he told you was an .....lie.  
(intention      intentional      intend )
- 3- Mr Ghanem did not do any .....deals on that first trip.'  
(business      businesses      buisnessed)

**Question number three ( 10 points)**

**A. Corrects the verbs between brackets then write your answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (4 points)**

1. I regret going to bed late last night. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ earlier. (go)
2. They ..... their house last year , didn't they? (sell)

**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 BOOKLETE. (6 points)**

- 1- you had a brightly-coloured T-shirt on. That's how I noticed you in the crowd. (might not)  
If .....
- 2- Is exercise better in the morning or in the evening?  
Do you know.....
- 3- concentration has been proved to start to decrease after half an hour.  
scientists.....

**Question number four (12 points)**

**A . Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (10 POINTS)**

- 1- When you finished your homework, the cake .....  
(had eaten had been eaten has been eaten has eaten )
- 2- Your new computer will last a long time..... you are careful with it.  
(even if what unless as long as )
- 3- There isn't ..... information on the website as in the book.  
(more the most as many as much)
- 4- My sister is really good ..... drawing and painting.  
(at in about from )
- 5- **A wealthy country** is a country that's economically and socially advanced.  
The synonyms of the underlined phrase is  
(developed nation poor country compulsory tuition )

**B. Complete the following mini-dialogues by giving advice. (2 Points)**

- A: I don't understand what we have to do for homework.  
B:....., I would ask the teacher.

Question number five: (15 points)

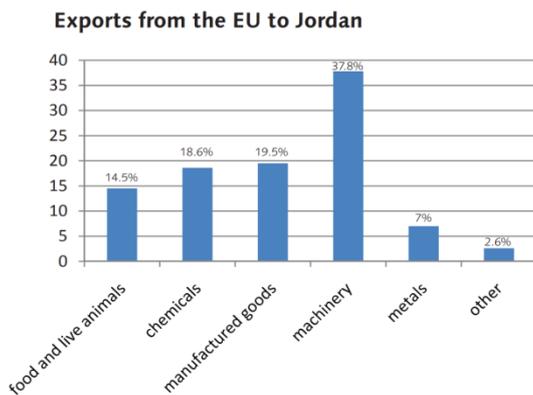
**A. EDITING (4 POINTS)**

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have (one grammatical mistakes, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). find out these four mistakes and correct them. write the correct answer in your ANSWER BOOKELETE. (4 points )

If you does a degree in Medicine or Law, you will find that your job prospects are better than if you do a more general degree, However, language proficiancy is becoming increasingly important for anyone who wants to travel or work abroad for a large global company or organisation.

**B. GUIDE WRITING (4 POINTS)**

Read the information in the table bellow, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLETE, write two sentences about exports from the EU to Jordan . Use the appropriate linking words such as and, too, also ....ets.



**C. FREE WRITING (7 POINTS)**

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

- 1- I am going to live and study in Jordan for a year. I am going to stay with a host family. Write a letter to your friend telling him about life and studying in Jordan.  
(your address is BO. BOX 2468 Amman, Jordan. Your name Nihad Ali)
- 2- How do you think your education will influence your life after school? What will you study? What career would you like to have one day? Write a report of around 120 words.
- 3- Some people prefer studying in one of the best universities but others don't have a time to enroll to one of these universities. Write an essay about the advantages and disadvantages of on face to face learning

**Question one****Text one**

1. by adding up to ten extra days to the school year or by making each school day longer by half an hour.
2. they achieve top marks in subjects like Maths and Science. In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, languages fluently.
3. They go to school for about nine hours, although this includes optional after-school tuition and activities.
4. Fluently
5. Average school year USA, UK and Jordanian schools
6. suggested answer
  1. Doing sport 2. Learning languages 3. Playing music 4. Developing skills and hobbies
7. open

**Text B**

- 1- Learning new vocabulary and grammar rules
- 2- 1 memory 2 problem-solving skills 3 use of your mother tongue 4 ability to multitask
- 5 decision-making skills.
- 3- The experiment showed that multilingual participants were less distracted by the other tasks and therefore made fewer driving errors.
- 4- utterance
- 5- multilingual people
- 6- open
- 7- Learning isn't only for young but it is for all ages .So we must keep our mind young and try to learn every thing in our life and we mustn't let the age to stop us .

**B )** 1- It lays eggs.

2- green symbolises the freshness of nature

3- The rhyme scheme is (a b a b). In other words, the first line and third lines rhyme, as do the second and fourth.

**Question number two**

**A)** 1- youth 2- keep your chin 3- look into 4- short term

**B)** change something

**C)** 1-circulation 2- intentional 3- business

**Question number three**

**A)** 1-had gone 2- sold

