

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN
GENERAL ENGLISH

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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.

Two summers ago, I spent five months studying Arabic at the German-Jordanian University near Madaba. As my father is originally from Jordan, I spent my childhood speaking Arabic as well as German. However, I had never studied Arabic formally, and when the opportunity came up for me to spend a year in Jordan studying Arabic, I did not hesitate for one moment.

I have relatives in Jordan and they arranged for me to stay with a wonderful family who live just outside Madaba. I was amazed by the number of international students there, who were not only from Germany, but from all over the world. Most of them had studied Arabic to a high level. I am very familiar with colloquial Arabic, which is what my family speaks and understands. The Arabic class, in Modern Standard Arabic, was challenging, especially the grammar. Every week, we had to learn a vocabulary list of around 50 words. We covered many topics. Living with a family helped to improve my Arabic-speaking skills because, while all the students heard Arabic in the classroom and streets, I could also practise it at home. I really put my back into it, and I earned an A on the course.

What impressed me most about students in Jordan was their behaviour and their attitude to studying. All the students who I met appreciated the importance of their university education and the opportunities it would give them to contribute to their country's prosperity. They also showed extremely positive values. Everybody was honest and people discussed problems rather than getting angry if they disagreed with each other.

As someone who enjoys delicious food, beautiful places and friendly, hospitable people, studying in Jordan was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. I made many new friends. I also improved my Arabic speaking, writing and reading skills. My dream is to be fluent in Arabic one day - and as I intend to return to Jordan as often as I can, I know I am going to make this dream a reality.

Question Number One (22 points)

1. The writer states that she was happy that she came and studied in Jordan. Write down two things she liked about Jordan. (2points)
2. The writer was so willing to go to Jordan and study Arabic because of many reasons. Write down two of these reasons. (4points)
3. Quote the sentence which shows the variety of Arabic that the writer and her family are familiar with. (3points)
4. Find an idiom in the text which means "to put a lot of effort into something". (3 points)
5. What does the underlined word "they" refer to? (2 points)

6. The writer states that Living with a family helped to improve her Arabic-speaking skills. Is the writer justified? Why?
7. Jordan has a high standard of education. Think of this statement and, in two sentences ,write down your point of view. (2points)

B. literature spot: (3 points)

Read the following extract from *Around the world in Eighty Days* carefully, then answer the question that follows.

What! Not finished?’ ‘No. There’s still a matter of fifty miles to be laid from here to Allahabad, where the line begins again.’

- Why can't the train continue its journey from Kholby to Allahabad?
- Find a word from the extract which means a small village.

Question Number Two (16 points)

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

vocational, qualification ,diploma , nutrition, undergraduate

1. Many teachers hope to get a higher ----- in education.
2. My brother has just left school. Now he is a university -----.
3. If you want to be a translator ,you should have a language -----.
4. As ----- is very important ,children should eat fresh fruit and vegetables everyday.

B. Replace the underlined words in the sentences below with the correct gender-neutral word. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET

Every fireman should do his responsibility.

C. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.(6 points)

1. Do not talk to the driver .He must -----.
(concentrate , concentration , concentrated)
2. Qualified and ----- workers help with the prosperity of their country.
(competence competently , competent)
3. People in Jordan speak many ----- dialects.
(region , regional , regionally)

Question Number Three (12 points)

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

1. Every student can ----- a good artist by my our teacher. (make)
2. Laila would have given you the letter if she -----it before you left. (receive)

B. Complete each of the following items so that the new one has a similar meaning to the one before it . (6 points)

1. People believe that solving puzzles keeps the brain active.
It -----
2. Can you suggest a healthy breakfast?
Do you mind -----
3. Sultan forgot to do his Science homework.
If only -----

Question Number Four (10 points)

Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ASNSWER BOOKLKET.

1. I'd like to talk ----- the film I've just seen; it was brilliant.
(into , on, at , about)
2. I have to start my essay, -----?
(don't I, did I, do I , haven't I)
3. Portuguese and Turkish children have the ----- compulsory schooling.
(most , more , less , many)
4. Could you tell me ----- this book costs, please?
(how many, where, how much , why)
5. We'll go to our favourite restaurant on Friday ---- it is closed.
(if , unless, even if, as long as)