

**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.**

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 2.20 days per year, and in Japan, the school year numbers 243 days. .

According to a study by the organization 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 time 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 specifies some countries in which students spend the most time studying. Write down two of these countries. ( 2 points )
2. There are two procedures implemented by some American schools to make school years longer. Write them down. ( 4 points)
3. Quote the sentence which shows the subjects in which Finland's students achieve the highest marks.
4. Find a word in the text which means "speaking language very well , like a native speaker." ( 3 points)
5. What does the underlined word "they" refer to? ( 2 points)
6. compulsory after-school tuition and activities have their own negative impacts on students .Suggest three negative impacts on students to show how far do you agree with this statement. (3points)

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

**Read the following lines ,from *A 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.*

- Find a word in the above lines that means fresh and young.
- Quote the line which shows that the skylark has a mate .

**Question Number Two (16 points)**

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

memory, do exercise , diet , circulation, dehydration
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1. It is important to drink a lot of water in order to avoid -----.
2. Do not sit still for too long-move around frequently to increase your blood -----.
3. Adnan never forgets anything !He has got an amazing-----.
4. If you want to lose weight , you should ----- every day.

**B. 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. Anew space school has recently opened to ----- young people astronomy and astrophysics subjects.  
( educational , education , educate )
2. To prepare students for the local market, many training centers offer ----- courses in communication skills.  
( extend, extensive, extensively )
3. Experts say that ----- of raw materials to the Middle East has declined dramatically.  
( export , exported , exportation )

**C. Replace the underlined body idiom in the sentence below with the correct phrase. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**Keep your chin up.** I am sure everything will be fine in the end.

**Question Number Three (12 points)**

**A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

1. Ice cream melts when it ----- warm. (get)
2. An English club has ----- recently in my school. (establish)

**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.**

1. Are we allowed to eat sweets during the exam?  
Do you know -----
2. They hadn't invented smartphones.  
Smartphones -----
3. They claim that we remember things we hear in our sleep.  
It -----

**Question Number Four (10 points)**

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

1. My brother is good ----- drawing and painting.  
(into , on , at , about)
2. I regret the deal now. I wish we ----- it.  
(had done , did , hadn't done , does)
3. My friend spent his last holiday in Aqaba,-----?  
(did he , does he , doesn't he , didn't he)
4. It is a perfect plan .How did you come up with -----?  
(it , them , he , them)
5. We have to go to school ----- we are tired.  
(as long as , unless , when , even if)