

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.

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 anew 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 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 judgment is called for, and decisions have to be made.

Finally, learning a foreign language can also improve your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively. As you become more aware of the way that a language works, you begin to apply it to the language that you use every day. The skills you obtain from learning a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

Question Number One (22 points)

1. The article states that learning a foreign language presents the brain with two unique challenges Write down theses two challenges ? (4 points)
2. There are many benefits of learning a foreign language. Write down two benefits from the article (2 points)
3. Quote the sentence which shows that the skills students get form learning a foreign language can make them better speakers and writers in their own language.(3points)
4. Find phrasal verb in the text which means "done". (3 points)
5. What does the underlined word "who" refer to? (2 points)
6. Some people find it difficult to speak English fluently. Suggest three ways that can help them improve their speaking skill. (3points)

7. It is often said that practice makes perfect. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. **(2points)**

B. literature spot: (3 points)

Read the following lines, from *A Green Cornfield* carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

*A stage below, in gay accord
White butterflies danced on the wings
And still the singing skylark soared
And silent sank and soared to sing*

1. Find a word in the above lines that means "in agreement" ?
2. When does the bird stop singing?
3. Write down the line which shows that the skylark sings as it flies higher?

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.**

pharmaceutical, cryptophasia, track record, negotiate, sales pitch

1. When you talk about business and try to do a deal, you -----.
2. My friend has worked in sales for a large ----- company for many years.
3. To convince your target customers buy your product, you have to prepare your ----- well.
4. A phenomena of a language developed by twins that only the two children can understand is called-----.

- 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. you have to ----- at least two references with your curriculum vitae.
(enclosed, enclose, enclosure)
2. It is amazing to watch the ----- of a baby in the first year of life.
(develop, developmental, development)
3. To combine between her work and study, Salwa will ----- onto online distance learning program
(enrollment, enrolled, enroll)

C. Replace the underlined phrase in the sentences below with the suitable phrasal verb. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

I was born in a small village , but I didn't spend my childhood there.

Question Number Three (12 points)

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

1. We ----- a job quite easily, can't we? (get)
2. The children can stay her if they ----- too much noise. (not-make)

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

1. I didn't realize that some one was recording our conversation.
I didn't realize that our conversation -----
2. Does the government increase the pensions of retired people ?
Could you tell me -----
3. It is believed that learning a foreign language improves your memory .
Psychologists -----.

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. That's amazing news! How did you find it -----?
(into , out, for , with)
2. You'll phone me later,-----?
(shouldn't you, shall you, will I , won't you)
3. Engineering is ----- than Visual Arts.
(less popular , the most popular , as popular, popular)
Do you mind ----- a glass of water?
(gives, give, giving , had given)
4. ----- you heat water to 100c , it boils.
(As long as , Unless, Even if, When)
5. If only I ----- piano lessons when I was child
(was taken , have taken, taken , had taken)