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TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: ١- أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها. ٢- للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية. ٣- عدد الأسئلة: (٥)، وعدد الصفحات (٤).

Read the following business report carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the report.

In this report, we will look at the countries that Jordan trades with and what goods it exports and imports.

First, let's look at exports. Jordan is rich in potash and phosphate, and the extraction industry for these minerals is one of the largest in the world. Not surprisingly, two of Jordan's largest exports are chemicals and fertilisers. Pharmaceuticals and other industries represent 30% of Jordan's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and 75% of Jordan's pharmaceuticals are exported. However, the majority (65%) of the economy is dominated by services, mostly travel and tourism. Most of Jordan's exports go to Iraq, the USA, India and Saudi Arabia.

Now let's look at imports. Unlike some other countries in the Middle East, Jordan does not have large oil or gas reserves. For that reason, Jordan has to import oil and gas for its energy needs. Its other main imports are cars, medicines and wheat. In 2013 CE, 23.6% of Jordan's imports were from Saudi Arabia.

Jordan has more free trade agreements than any other Arab country, and it trades freely with many countries, including the USA, Canada and Malaysia. Which other areas are important for Jordan's trade? Jordan first signed a trade agreement with the EU in 1997 CE. It signed a free trade agreement with Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia in 2004 CE. In 2011 CE, another trade agreement was made with the EU, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

Question Number One (20 points)

Most of Jordan's exports mainly go to four countries. Write them down.

(4 points)

Many of Jordan's fertilisers are made mainly of two minerals. Write these two minerals down.

(2 points)

Quote the sentence which indicates the country that supplied Jordan with nearly a quarter of its imports in 2013.

(2 points)

Find a word in the text which means "things kept back or set aside, especially for future use".

(2 points)

What does the underlined word "it" refer to?

(2 points)

6. Citizens of a country should support the economy by buying their country's own products. Suggest three advantages of buying products from one's own country. (3 points)
7. Exports play an important role in developing the economy of countries. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

B. Literature spot: (3 points)

Read the following lines which are taken from *Around the World in Eighty Days* carefully, then answer the questions that follow:

They soon reached a small hut. Enclosed within some high palings, was the animal in question. An Indian came out of the hut, and, at their request, conducted them within the enclosure. The elephant was reared as a half-domesticated animal.

1. How was the elephant reared? (1 point)
2. Which words tell us that the elephant was kept safely away from direct contact with humans? (2 points)

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Question Number Two (15 points)

- A. Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each the following sentences. There are more words than you need. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)**

dehydration , contradictory , keen , interpreter , tuition

1. Yousef's sense of observation allowed him to notice that his keys were not where he had left them.
2. It is important to drink a lot of water in order to avoid
3. The new courses will give the beginners personal in all types of outdoor photography.
4. Zaid justified the main points between the two sides in the debate.

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

It is necessary to do some research before I start my graduation project.

Replace the underlined verb with the suitable phrasal verb.

- C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)**

1. Language is becoming an important requirement for many jobs. (proficient)
2. My grandfather often tells us about what he did in his (young)

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Question Number Three (13 points)

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

1. Our final science project has as the best project. (be, choose)
2. Plants die if they enough sunlight. (not, get)

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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. Jordanian children start school a year later than English children.
English children
2. Are students allowed to navigate the internet during the open exam?
Do you know
3. They assumed that the last Olympic Games were a great success.
It.....

Question Number Four (7 points)

A. Read the following situations and rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. I regret speaking aloud in my class.
..... (wish)
2. Marwan worked really hard the day before the exam. He got top marks.
..... (if / might not)

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

1. Kids mustn't eat too much chocolate,?
2. Children have had their lunch,?
3. Let's fight against poverty,?

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 four mistakes (one grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Language competence is becoming increasengly important for anyone who wants to travel or work abroad for a large glopal company, Remember, career direction is never too late to be studied or change. Studying is a lifelong activity - you' r never too old to start!

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about why people should read more books. Use the appropriate linking words.

Why people should read more books ...

- develop verbal abilities.
- increase focus and concentration.
- refresh memory.
- improve imagination skills.

C. FREE WRITING (7 points)

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

1. A blog post for your school's website about the best practices for losing weight. Compare these practices with some practices in the past which were proved to be less effective.
2. Teaching is a science that requires a lot of education, responsibility and understanding between the teachers and the students to be most effective. Write an article discussing the importance of teaching. Mention its advantages and advise your friends to choose it as a future career.

THE END