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GENERAL ENGLISH

الدورة الشتوية - المستوى الرابع

DATE: Saturday -----th of, 2017

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: (1) اجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها (2) للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية الأستاذ رائد و عمر جوارنه

Read the following text carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLETE answer all 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 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.

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 (20 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- Learning a new language plays a vital role for the brain with unique challenges. Write these challenges down. **(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 " **to do several things at the same time** ". **(2 points)**
- 5- what does the underlined word " **it** " 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 . (3 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)

Question number two (11 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 BOOKLETE. (8 points)

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- 1- After Nasser completes his first degree, he's hoping to do a _____ degree.
- 2 A teacher needs to have a good _____ for names.
- 3- Don't sit still for too long – move around frequently to increase your _____ .
- 4- All Jordanian people are familiar with _____ Arabic.

B . Study the following sentence and answer the questions that follows. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (3 points)

You look tired. Why don't you relax.

Replace the underlined word with the phrasal verb.

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Question number three (20 points)

A. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in the box below. There are more words than you need. Write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (4 points)

- 1- climbing the mountain gave him a sense of _____ (achieve)
- 2- we are looking for someone who is _____ in French. (proficiency)

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. (10 points)

- 1- What did you mean by frequent breaks?
Could you explain _____
- 2-Did you make any mistakes on that visit?
Could you tell me _____
- 3 People think that we only use a small percentage of our brain power.
We _____
- 4- Fish is said to be good for the brain.
They _____

5- I didn't enjoy the book. In fact it was the most boring story I've ever read.

I didn't enjoy the book. In fact it was the _____

C- Corrects the verbs between brackets then write your answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (6 points)

1. Many important things _____ in the 20th century. (invent)
2. Do you mind _____ me to carry out my luggage. (help)
3. It was _____ that English language is the global language. (claim)

Question number four: (8 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)

The earlier you start in the morning, the more beneficial your revision will be. because that's when you feel most awake and your mimory is at its best. I'd also recommend staying for 30-minuite periods, and then taking a break. It's been prove that concentration starts to decrease after half an hour, so frequent breaks will help the brain to recover and consentration to return.

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 POINTS)

Read the information in the table bellow, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLETE, write two sentences comparing and contrasting after-school classes.

