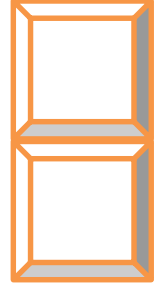




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(وثيقة محمية/محدودة)



DATE: Sunday 25/03/2018

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: 1- أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها. 2- للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية. 3- عدد الاسئلة: (5)، وعدد الصفحات (4).

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

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

According to a study by the Organisation 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 times 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. What is interesting about Finland's fewer and shorter school days?
- A** 2. What did secondary school students in the USA and the UK have in common?
3. Find a word in the third paragraph which means "connected with education".
4. In Japan, Indonesia and South Korea students' high academic achievements suggest two things. Write them down.
5. What does the underlined word "which" refer to? **Line 12**
6. Quote the sentence which indicates that the school year in Japan is longer than it is in South Korea.
7. Do you think that a longer school day would result in better grades for most students? Think of this statement suggesting three ways to improve students' grades.

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8. The number and length of school days is not the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your points of view

B. Literature spot: (3 points)

Read the following lines from "A Green Cornfield" by Christina Rossetti carefully, then answer the questions that follow:

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

1. Which colour does the poetess use to symbolise purity and elegance?
2. Find a word which means an agreement?
3. What is the expression that is used to mean the skylark doesn't sing as it flies lower?

Question Number Two: (16 points)

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

optional undergraduates colloquial developed nations compulsory
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1. The next government meeting will discuss the effects of globalization on
2. Since I am from a different country, I have a difficult time in understanding the language in this country.
3. The homework tonight is, you are under no obligation to do it, but it could be good practice for you.
4. About 75 percent of American attend public colleges or universities.

B. Replace the underlined misused body idiom in the following sentence with the correct one. Write the answer down in your booklet. (2 points)

I have a head for figures. I'm sure everything will be fine in the end

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. If you say that something you are trying to do is -----, you mean that it is possible to succeed in doing it.
(achieve achievement, achievable)
2. leaflets are available which you can download.
(advice, advise, advisor)

Succeed, success, successfully

3. It's amazing to watch the amazement -----of a baby in the first year of life
(develop, development, developmental)

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Question Number three (12 points)

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

1. Many people for English teacher vacancy by the end of this month. **(apply)**
2. Since the new minister of education was appointed, many regulations regarding Tawjihi exam. **(change)**

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. (6 points)

1. Ahmad's grades were better than Laila's grades
Laila's grades
2. The school days in Japan are longer than the school days in Egypt
The school days in Egypt
3. Watching sports on TV isn't as exciting as Watching sports live.
Watching sports live
4. Neither driving car nor riding motorcycle is as difficult as climbing mountains.
Climbing mountains

Question Number Four (10points)

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

1. The runner moves asas the wind .
a. more quickly b. quickly c. quick d. most quick
2. Dina and Halla are not the same height. Dina isHalla.
a. not as tall b. taller than c. not as tall as d. not as more taller as
3. hope the new book is not asas the last one
a. boring b. more boring c. the most boring d. boringer
4. A holiday by the sea is than a holiday in the mountains
a. good b. better c. more good d. gooder
5. Sameer finished his homework very
a. fast b. fastly c. as fastly as d. more fastly
6. Their high academic achievements do suggest that the you study, the better you do in final exams.
a. longer than b. long c. longer d. longest

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Question Number Five (15 points)

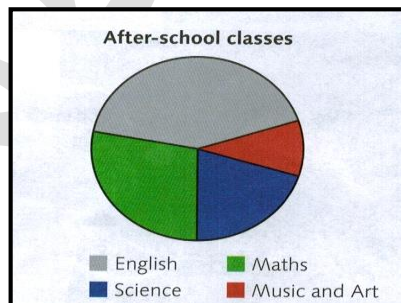
Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have four mistakes (two grammar mistakes, one punctuation mistake and one spelling mistake). Find out these mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

Another huge change has been financial. Before 1998 CE. higher education in the UK was completely free for UK. Since then, tuition fees has been introduced. Most students borrow this money from the government. They didn't have to repay it immediately. Instead, they pay it back slowly out of future earnings.

GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Look at the table of **after-school classes** and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about **after-school classes** using **Quantifiers** to make comparisons.

Subjects	Percentages
English	45%
Maths	25%
Science	20%
Music and Art	10%



THE END

Answers For Question Number 1 (A):

1. Despite the shortness of the time pupils spend at school, they achieve top marks in subjects like Maths and Science, and can speak at least two, and often three, languages fluently +
2. Secondary school students in the USA and the UK were spending the least time at school, with an average school year of 187 days.
3. academic
4. The longer you study, the better you do in final exams
5. Spending about three hours on homework every day.
6. South Koreans attend school for 220 days per year, and in Japan, the school year numbers 243 days
7. Pay more attention in class – and ask questions
Find the right learning style for you
Improve your memory
Allow plenty of time for revision
8. I think that a longer school day, depending on how it was constructed, might improve students' grades. It would necessitate well- structured timetables, with time spent on individual study during the day and less homework at night. It would also need to include subjects such as Physical Education, Drama and Music and even some activities that are seen as extra - curricular such as crafts and creative writing.

Answers For Question Number 1 (B):

1. white
2. agreement
3. silent – sank

Answers For Question Number 2 (A):

developed nation, colloquial, optional, undergraduates

Answers For Question Number 2 (B):

Keep your chin up

Answers For Question Number 2 (C):

achievable, advice, development

Answers For Question Number 3 (A):

will have applied, had been changed

Answers For Question Number 3 (B):

1. Laila's grades were worse than Ahmad's grades.
Laila's grades weren't as good as Ahmad's grades.
2. The school days in Egypt are shorter than the school days in Japan.
The school days in Egypt aren't as long as the school days in Japan.
3. Watching sports live is more exciting than watching sports on T.V.
4. Climbing mountains is more difficult than driving car and riding motorcycle.

Answers For Question Number 4

1. b. quickly 2. d. not as tall as 3. a. boring 4. b. better 5. a. fast 6. Longer

Answers For Question Number 5 (A):

financial have been introduced don't have 1998 CE,

Answers For Question Number 5 (B):

The most studied subject is English and the least is Music and Art.

Maths is more popular than science.

Other questions for the passage

1. Quote the sentence which shows that most students in Finland can speak more than one language very well.

In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, languages fluently.

2. Quote the sentence which shows the Jordanian school year is longer than it is in the USA and the UK.

The typical Jordanian school year is longer than this.

3. There were two procedures implemented to make school years longer in the USA. Write them down.

by adding up to ten extra days to the school year

by making each school day longer by half an hour.

4. What change has recently taken place in some American schools and why has this occurred?
They have started making the school year longer because they were one of the countries in which children were spending the least amount of time in school.

5. Quote the sentence which shows the reason why many schools across the USA started making school years longer

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.

6. Quote the sentence which indicates that students in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea study hard to guarantee excellent exam marks.

They want to learn as much as they can to ensure excellent exam grades.

7. Find a word which means "speaking a language very well, like a native speaker".
Fluently.

8. What does the underlined word "this" in the third paragraph refer to? Line 3
an average school year of 187 days.

9. What does the underlined word "**these**" refer to? Line 5
the school year days in the USA, the UK and Jordan..

9. Find an adjective that has the opposite meaning of "compulsory".

Optional