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

Ibn Bassal was a writer, a scientist and an engineer who lived in Al-Andalus in the eleventh century CE. He worked in the court of Al-Ma'mun, who was the king of Toledo. His great passions were botany, which is the study of plants, and agriculture. Although he was a great scholar, he was also a practical man and all of his writing came from his own 'hands-on' experience of working the land.

One of the many things which Ibn Bassal achieved was *A Book of Agriculture*. The book consisted of sixteen chapters **which** explain how best to grow trees, fruit and vegetables, as well as herbs and sweet-smelling flowers; perhaps the most famous chapter of all was the one that describes how to treat different types of soil. Ibn Bassal also worked out how to irrigate the land by finding underground water and digging wells. He designed water pumps and irrigation systems. All of these things were passed on through his writing.

The influence of Ibn Bassal's book was enormous. As farmers down the generations followed his instructions and advice, the land became wonderfully fertile and produced more than enough food for the fast-growing population. The irrigation systems that he and his followers put in place are still in evidence in Spain. Although his name is not widely known, Ibn Bassal's legacy to the world has been great.

Question Number One (22 points)

1. Ibn Bassal's achievements were various. Write down two of his achievements.
2. The text provides two methods /techniques/ways to irrigate the land. Write down these two methods.
3. Quote the sentence which shows the areas of knowledge that made Ibn Bassal a polymath.
4. Find a word in the text which means, " **what someone leaves to the world after his death**"
5. What does the underlined word "**which**" refer to ?
6. Jordan's population is increasing rapidly, so we need to increase our agriculture production. Suggest three possible ways to increase agriculture products in Jordan.

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7. The area around Toledo had a fast growing population. Think of this statements, and write your point of view

B. Literature Spot : (3 points)

Read the following lines , from *The Old man and the Sea* carefully, then answer the questions that follow :

As night falls , he wraps the fishing line around himself, and goes to sleep, leaving his left hand on the rope to wake him if the marline surfaces .soon , the old man is a sleep , dreaming of the lions he used to see when he was a boy in Africa.

1. Why does Santiago go to sleep that night with the line tied around himself ?
2. What idea do the above lines represent?
3. Find out a word in the text that means " to come up to the top of the ocean".

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)

sculpture, attend , cope with , pedestrian, inspire

1. A place where no cars are allowed is a car free zone. And it is -----friendly
2. A solid piece of art , usually made of stone ,metal or wood is a -----.
3. The Olympic Games often ----- young people to take up a sport..
4. A good way to ----- stress is to relax and get some exercise.

B.Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

In this way, technology makes communication more convenient.

What is the function of using "In this way" in the above sentence.

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. Our ----- to making healthcare for all a top priority is appreciated by the health minister.
(commit, commitment , committed)
2. The life ----- figures show that the Jordan's healthcare system is successful.
(expectancy, expect , expectation)
3. Students should ----- the pronunciation of new words.
(practical , practically , practise)

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Question Number Three (12 points)

A. Choose the correct form of the verbs from those given to complete each of the following sentences. (6 points)

1. Our neighbor sometimes ----- his house and goes to the country .

(leave , left , leaves)

2. While the boys ----- to school, it began to rain heavily..

(were going, was going, are going)

3. The competition ----- by them every year.

(are organized , was organized, is organized)

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. "Jordanian sign language has several dialects .

Experts said -----.

2. Huda helped her mother to prepare lunch , later she went to the library.

Before -----.

3. It is normal for my mother to add chocolate to the recipe when she makes cake.

My mother -----.

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. (6 points)

1. Soon we -----packing for our holiday .

(are going to , will be , are going , will have)

2. Our grandmother ----- us stories at bedtime.

(is used to tell, use to tell, used to tell, are used to tell)

3. I am very interested in ----- history.

(a, an , the , X)

B. The following sentences are in British English .Rewrite them in American English and write them down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

1. Have you seen that film yet ?

2. He had gotten us some sweets.

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Question Number Five (15 points)

A. EDITING (4 points)

A. Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following dialogue that has 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. (4 points)

Jordan has a very rich cultural heritaje thanks to the support of the Department of Culture and the Arts, which is found in 1966 CE. Since then! the department has built up an exciting, ongoing programme of cultural activities related to all the arts: music, vizual arts, performing arts and the written word.

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Read the information in the table below , and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET write two sentences using all the given notes below about Qasir Bashir . Use the appropriate linking words .

- **Location:** Jordanian desert, south of Amman
- **Date of construction:** beginning of the fourth century CE.
- **Building:** many rooms, twenty –three stables
- **Purpose of the building:** protect the Roman border.

C.FREE EWRITING (7points)

In your ANSDWER BOOKLET , write a composition of about 120 words on the following topic :

- The 21st century is the age of different cultures , so people should respect each other to live happily. Write an essay about your role in understanding and respecting people of other nations.

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