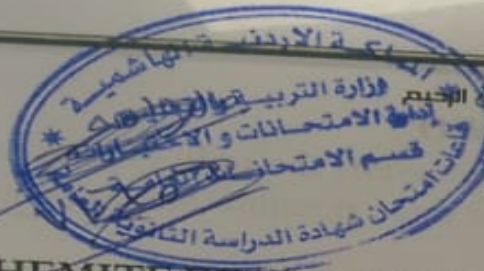


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THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
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GENERAL ENGLISH

الدورة الشتوية / الفصل الثاني + المستوى الرابع  
(ونيقة محمية / محدود)

DATE: Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> of January  
٢ - للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية والمهنية (جامعات).

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF  
ملاحظات: ١ - أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها.  
٢ - عدد الأسئلة: (٥)، وعدد الصفحات (٤).

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

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.

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.

Question Number One (22 points)

- A. 1. The study shows that students from certain countries spend the most time studying in the world. Write down two of these countries. (2 points)
2. Certain schools in the USA made their school years longer in two ways. Write them down. (4 points)
3. Quote the sentence which states that the average school year in Jordan is longer than 187 days. (3 points)
4. Find a word from the study that means "teaching, especially in small groups". (3 points)
5. What does the underlined word "they" refer to? (2 points)

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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 underlined mistakes. Correct these mistakes and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

The night before an exam it's a good idea to prepared yourself for the next day: make sure you've got all the details about the exam. In the morning, have a nutretious breakfast and drink enough water to avoid dehidration.

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 about tips for growing a successful business. Use the appropriate linking words.

Tips for growing a successful business.....
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• stay focused.</li><li>• provide great services.</li><li>• be creative</li><li>• get organized</li></ul>

C. FREE WRITING (7 points)

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

1. Some people believe that success in life comes from taking risks or chances, while others believe that success results from careful planning. In your opinion, where does success come from? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
2. Libraries should focus on improving their technological resources rather than building a larger collection of paper books. To what extent do you agree?

THE END



6. The number and the length of school days aren't the only factors in determining students' achievement at school. Suggest three possible factors that can improve students' achievement. (3 points)
7. Some experts think that a long school day would result in better grades for most students. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

**Literature Spot: (3 points)**

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

The train stopped at eight o'clock, in the midst of a glade some fifteen miles beyond Rothal, where there were several bungalows and workmen's cabins. The conductor, passing along the carriages, shouted, 'Passengers will get out here!'

1. What kind of house is a *bungalow*? (1 point)
2. Where did the train stop? (2 points)

**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)

recall , point out , headphones , work experience , small talk

1. Can you ----- my mistakes when I speak, please?
2. I'm afraid I don't ----- your name. Could you tell me again?
3. Finding work can be challenging for graduates who don't have any -----.
4. Saleem began the meeting by making ----- about his interesting experiences in Egypt.

B. Study the following sentences and answer the question that follows Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)

I don't think I'd be a very good accountant. I don't really get cold feet.

Replace the underlined body idiom with the correct one.

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. Many doctors believe that ----- supports brain development.  
(repeat , repetition , repeated)
2. Your mail has been -----sent.  
(success , successful , successfully)
3. Doctors ----- a balanced diet for a good health.  
(recommend , recommending , recommendation)

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Question Number Three (12 points)

A. Choose the correct form of the verbs from those given below to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(6 points)

- The historical and natural sites in Wadi Rum ----- by huge number of tourists last year.  
(are visited , were visited , have been visited)
- You won't buy a new apartment unless you ----- enough money.  
(save , saves , is saving)

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)

- Manar is ~~not~~ <sup>x</sup> as active <sup>x</sup> as Khaleda.  
Khaleda is more active than Manar
- How much sleep do <sup>do</sup> teenagers of our age need?  
Could you tell me -----?
- Teachers believe that working in groups improves students' awareness.  
Working in groups -----

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 ANSWER BOOKLET.

- The teacher asked us ----- our favourite books.  
(into , of , at , about)
- Zaid didn't know about Chinese culture. He wishes he ----- a book about it.  
(has read , reads , had read , have read)
- We mustn't be late, -----?  
(don't we , can we , didn't we , must we)
- I am thankful for my parents' sacrifice. I really appreciate -----.  
(him , her , it , they)
- I couldn't climb Mount Everest ----- someone carried my equipment for me!  
(as long as , provided that , even if , if)

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