

The first English Language Exam

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Q1: Read the following texts carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow it. Your answer should be based on the text.

Text (A)

In England, almost 50% of school leavers go on to higher education. The figure has not always been as high as this. Twenty years ago, it was closer to 30%, and thirty years before that, it was only about 5%. Another huge change has been financial. Before 1998 CE, higher education in the UK was completely free for UK citizens. Since then, tuition fees have been introduced. Most students borrow this money from the government. They don't have to repay it immediately. Instead, they pay it back slowly out of future earnings.

Despite the high cost, most students choose to study away from home. A recent survey of 17,000 students revealed that only 7% wanted to stay at home while they studied for their degree. Of course for most young people, living away from home means borrowing even more money from the government. So why don't students choose to avoid debt by staying at home, where they don't have to pay rent? Most of them say that they want to move to the university of their choice, rather than the nearest one. Another strong motive is the desire to live in a new culture.

Where do these students live? Many have rooms in halls of residence, especially in their first year; others rent flats or houses. A lucky minority live in property that their parents have bought for them. Most of them need to learn to cook, do their own washing and manage their time and money.

1. The text mentions many kinds of housing for students who study outside their home. Write down two of them.
2. Quote the sentence which implies that few students are rich and can afford living in own apartments or houses.
- 3- There are two causes which make young people to choose to moving away from their own cities or villages in order to study in other universities. Write them down.
4. Find a word in the text which means " **cost or charges**"
5. What does the underlined word " one " in the second refer to?
- 6- According to the text, many students in Britain prefer to study outside their home and this may lead to face many difficulties. Explain this statement and suggest three of these difficulties which the students may face.
7. Studying abroad has more benefits for young people than studying in local universities. Think of this statement, and two sentences, write your point of view.

Text (B)

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. 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 doing 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.

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.

- 1- Learning a new language presents the brain with unique challenges. Write down two of these challenges.
- 2- Learning a new language could affect the brain in many ways. Write down two of them?
- 3- Write down the sentence which shows that learning languages can improve your brain in different ways.
- 4- Quote the sentence which indicates that multilingual students are better in other subjects.
- 5- Multilingual people are able to switch between different systems of speech quite easily. Write down two of these systems.
- 6- Students who study foreign languages do better in general exams than students who have only mastered their mother tongue. Write down two of these exams.
- 7- Find a noun phrase which means "the **first and main language that you learnt when you were a child.**"
- 8- What does the underlined word "**they**" refer to?
- 9- Some students travel abroad to learn a foreign language. Suggest three ways to help students, who can't travel abroad, learn a foreign language while being in their home countries.
- 10- Learning a foreign language is beneficial for getting good jobs. Think of this statement and in two sentences write down your own point of view.

Q2: vocabulary

A- Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET (10 points)

Compulsory,	take,	degree,	global,	make,
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1. Applicants must have a universityto get the job of a teacher .
2. English is a..... subject for all the streams of Tawjihi.
3. If you send money to charity, you will.....difference to a lot of lives.
4. You look extremely tired, you need toa break.
5. My father wants to work abroad for a largecompany.

B- Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows.

1 – Players have to be courageous; they should not **lose confidence at the last moments**

Replace the underlined phrase with the correct body idiom.

2- If you want to lose weight, you should **do a subject** every day.

Replace the underlined misused collocation with the correct one.

C- Complete the following sentences with suitable words form the words derived in brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

- 1- Don't talk to the drivers. They must.....
(**concentration, concentrated, concentrate**)
- 2- In your opinion, it isto start revising at dawn
(**advice, advisable, advise**)
- 3- Is one side of the brain more..... than the other?
(**dominance, dominant, dominate**)
- 4- Nuts contain useful..... such as oils and fats.
(**nutritious, nutrition, nutrients**)
- 5- Congratulations on a very business deal.
(**succeed, successfully, successful**)

Q3/ Grammar

A-Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences.

1. I haven't got as much homework my brother.
(as, than, less)
2. John isn't George.
(as better as, as best as, as good as)
3. It has that women live longer than men .
(claimed / been claimed / been claim)
4. Omar doesn't have money in the bank as Ali .
(as / as many/ as much)
5. Do you mind Me in my project.
(help / helps / helping)
6. What did John eat in the restaurant yesterday?
Do you know what John in the restaurant yesterday?
(ate / eats / eat)
7. I can't work How to do this.
(at, up, out)

B- Complete each of the following items so that the new item has the similar meaning to the one before it.

1. Jordan has more free trade agreements than Iraq.
Iraq
2. We all believe that careless drivers are extremely dangerous on the society.
Careless drivers
3. There is no river in the world as long as the Nile.
The Nile
4. The cheapest thing on the menu is orange juice
The least
5. Studying Geography isn't as difficult as studying Math.
Studying Math
6. How much does this book cost?
Could you tell me
7. Eating fresh vegetables has been proved to be good for the stomach.
Experts have proved
8. People think that drugs are very dangerous.
Drugs

Q4 - A. EDITING:

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).

It used to be say that consentration starts to decrease after half an hour, so frequent breaks will help the prain to recover, Also drinking lots of water is essential not to become dehydrated.

1.
2.
3.
4.

B- GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about the benefits of learning sign language system.

- tell stories
- give formal talks.
- communicate with other people
- get understand deaf people

**Good luck
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