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**Exam 1**

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ملحوظات : ١ - اجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها . ٢ - للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية  
٣ - عدد الأسئلة: (5) ، وعدد الصفحات (5)

**Read the following text carefully, and then answer all the 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 2- 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 judgment 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 a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

**Question Number One**

- A.**
1. People who speak more than two languages have two characteristics. Write them down
  2. Speaking a foreign language improves the functionality of your brain in several different ways. Write down two of these ways.
  3. Write down the sentence which indicates that
  4. Find a phrase in the text that means **“the first and main language that you learnt when you were a child”**.
  5. What does the underlined word **“they”** refer to?
  6. People can acquire foreign languages in many different ways. Suggest three ways in which people can learn languages easily.

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7. Learning a foreign language improves people's decision-making skills. Think of this statement, and then in two sentences , write down your point of view.

### **B) Literature Spot:**

**Read the following lines from A Green Cornfield By Christina Rossetti, then answer the question that follows:**

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- Find a word in the above lines that means “**agreement**”.
- 2- The poet uses many examples of alliteration. Write down one example.

### **Question Number Two**

**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.**

**smartphones , farms, migraine , optional , physician , inspire , prepared**

- 1- If you have a ....., the best thing to do is to take some medicine and rest.
- 2- Wind .....are an examples of renewable energy.
- 3- The Olympic Games often .....young people to take up a sport.
- 4- When you are ready for something, you are .....for it.
- 5- Although they are pocket-sized, .....are powerful computers as well as phones.
- 6- You must not take in a medicine without consulting a .....

**B. Study the following sentence, then answer the question below. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

When you **see red**, your blood pressure is raised and you can suffer from headache and sleep problems!

**What does the underlined colour idiom mean?**

**C. Study the following sentence and then answer the question that follows.**

Fatima wanted to catch the first bus, **therefore** she left the house earlier than usual.

**What is the function of the word "therefore" in the above sentence?**

**D. Replace the underlined phrase in the sentence below with the correct collocation.**

I need to organise my time better. I think I'll **write a schedule**.

**E. Choose the correct answer from those given in brackets to compete the following sentences and write down the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

- 1- When you are using your computer, don't forget to turn on your .....settings.  
(secure, security, securely)
- 2- My father works for an .....that helps to protect the environment.  
(organise, organizational, organisation)
- 3- The physical activity will increase your heart rate and that will increase your blood.....  
(circulation, circulatory, circulate)

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- 4- Doctors often treats infections with antibodies. That is the .....approach.  
(convention, conventionally, conventional)
- 5- Scholars have discovered an .....document from the twelfth century.  
(original, origin, originally)
- 6- Education experts usually .....studying for 30 minute periods.  
(recommendation, recommending, recommend)
- 7- The graduation ceremony was a very.....occasion for everyone.  
(memory, memorable, memorise)

**Question Number Three**

**A. Choose the correct form of the verb from those given in brackets to complete each of the following sentences, then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

- 1- If Ali had his own computer, he .....need to use his friend's computer.  
(will not, may not, would not, cannot)
- 2- Everything is going well. We .....any problems so far.  
(haven't faced , hasn't faced , doesn't face)
- 3- Samia comes from Amman, but she .....with her sister in Irbid for a few weeks.  
(were staying, are staying, was staying, is staying)
- 4- Before Huda watched her favourite movie, she .....the dinner.  
(prepare, has prepared, had prepared, have prepared )
- 5- Water turns to ice if the temperature ..... below zero.  
(fall , fell , falling, falls)
- 6- Billions of smartphones .....by shops every year.  
(are sold, is sold, was sold, sells)

**B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET .**

- 1- "We will give you, dear listeners more information about the new website."  
The web designers said .....
- 2- I regret sleeping late last night.  
If only .....
- 3- It isn't normal for my brothers to work of Fridays.  
My brothers .....
- 4- The heat made our journey unpleasant.  
The thing.....
- 5- Studying Medicine is more popular than studying Law.  
Studying Law isn't .....
- 6- It isn't necessary to leave the window open.  
You don't .....
- 7- Are we allowed to use our calculators in the Maths exam?  
I wonder .....
- 8- My cousins don't live near here.  
I wish .....

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- 9- Sara forgot her purse at home, so she wasn't able to buy her necessary items.  
If Sara .....
- 10 – You won't achieve your goals unless you work hard.  
If you .....

**Question Number Four**

**A. Choose the correct answer from those given in brackets to complete each of the following sentences, then write down your answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

- 1- Please walk slowly. I .....walking so fast.  
(didn't use to , wasn't use to , am not used to , isn't used to)
- 2- The event ..... took place in London in 2012 CE was the Olympic Games.  
(which , when , where , who)
- 3- Our English teacher asked us to translate the English poem .....Arabic.  
(in , into , about , on)
- 4- Next Monday, I .....for my new company.  
(will working, will be working, will be work)
- 5- We're late. If only we .....earlier.  
(have got up , has got up , had got up , get up)
- 6- Your computer will last for a long time .....you are careful with it.  
(unless, as long as, even if, provided)
- 7- Mariam had her car .....in the garage last week.  
(service, servicing, serviced, services)
- 8- By the end of this week, will you .....my old car.  
( have sold, has sold, had sold, sold)

**Question Number Five**

**A. EDITING**

**Imagine that you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines which have the underlined four mistakes. Correct the mistakes and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

At a surgery in London, 70 percent of patients who were offered the choice between a herbal or konventional medicine for common complaints such as insomnia, arthretis and migraines choose the herbal remedy: Fifty percent of patients then said the treatment helped.

**B. GUIDED WRITING ( 12 points )**

**Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET write two sentences about them . Use the appropriate linking words such as: and , too , also .....etc.**

<b>Why we need to recycle wastes</b>
- reduce pollution. - save energy. - protect natural resources. - reduce water usage.

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**C. FREE WRITING**

**In your ANSWER BOOKL, write a composition of about 120 words on one of the following:**

1. Several advances in medical field have made Jordan a medical attraction for people from neighboring countries. Write a report for your school magazine talking about some of the factors that made Jordan among the best in the field of healthcare and suggest ideas that may improve healthcare facilities in Jordan.
2. Technology has recently become an integral part of teaching process .Write an essay about the best ways for using technology in the process of teaching and learning, suggesting ways for encouraging teachers adopt modern technology in teaching.

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**Question Number One**

- A.**
1. able to switch between two systems of speech, writing, and structure quite easily. 2- **they** are also able to switch easily between completely different tasks..
  2. Exercising the brain / presenting the brain with unique challenges.
  3. Many cancer patients live far away from Amman, where the KHCC is located, and the journey to and from the hospital is often difficult .
  4. mother tongue
  5. multilingual people
  6. –attending courses - watching foreign programmes - living with a foreign family  
-attracting qualified doctors from other countries -paying excellent salaries to doctors
  7. –Yes. Learning a foreign language helps people decide between differences in languages and how to utter words

**Literature Spot.**

**B) 1. accord 2. – And still the singing skylark soared / and silent sank and soared to sing**

**Question Number Two**

- A)**
1. migraine 2. farms 3. inspire 4. prepared 5. smartphones 6. physician
- B. get angry / feel angry**
- C. Indicating consequence**
- D. draw up a timetable**
- E. 1. security 2. organisation 3. circulation 4. conventional 5. original 6. recommend 7. memorable**

**Question Number Three**

**A. 1. wouldn't 2. haven't faced 3. is staying 4. had prepared 5. falls 6. are sold**

- B.**
1. ....they were used to the traffic problems because they had lived in the city for a long time
  2. If only I hadn't slept late last night / If only I had slept earlier last night
  3. My brothers aren't used to working on Fridays
  4. **The thing** that / which made our journey unpleasant **was the heat.**
  5. Studying Law isn't as popular as studying Medicine.
  6. You don't have to leave the window open.
  7. I wonder if we are allowed to use our calculators in the Maths exam.
  8. I wish my cousins lived near here. / I wish my cousins did not live so far away
  9. If Sara hadn't forgotten her ....., she could / would / have bought her necessary items.
  10. If you don't work hard, you won't achieve your goals.

**Question Number Four**

1. am not used to 2. which 3. into 4. Will be working 5. had got up 6. as long as 7. serviced 8. have sold

**Question Number Five**

**A) London / conventional / arthritis / chose**

**B) There are many reasons why we need to recycle wastes such as reducing pollution, saving energy and protecting natural resources . Another reason is reducing water usage**