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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 text.

My name is Fatima Musa and I have worked as an interpreter for five years. I have always been fond of languages. My father worked in many different countries when I was young and we usually travelled with him. When we visited a country, I always wanted to learn the language. At school I was very good at English. Therefore, I decided on a career as an interpreter.

My job now involves going to important conferences and seminars around the world. When a person speaks in English at a conference, I listen to what they say through headphones. I then translate into Arabic while the speaker is talking. I give the translation through headphones to other people at the meeting. This means that anyone in the room **who** speaks Arabic can understand what people are saying.

Is it an easy job? Not at all. English is not the same in all English-speaking countries. As well as knowing regional English, you also need to know a lot of specialist language. Some of the words that are used to talk about business, science or law, for example, make it almost a different language!

Unless you have a language degree, you will not be able to become an interpreter. Provided that you have a postgraduate qualification, you will probably get a job as an interpreter quite quickly. If you get an interview for a job, you will need to show that you have good listening skills and a clear speaking voice. You will also need to show that you can think quickly and that you are able to concentrate for long periods of time. If you are successful, it is a secure and rewarding job.

It is a very responsible job. I am aware that if I translate things badly, it could affect an important law or trade agreement between countries. However, you get a huge feeling of satisfaction when you know that people understand everything that you translate.

Question Number One: (60 points)

1. What encouraged Fatima to choose her career as interpreter?
2. The article states an interpreter may face many difficulties. Write down two difficulties of them.
3. Working as interpreter involves attending many events. Write down two of them.
4. Find a word that means, "Liking for someone or something".
5. What does the underlined word " **who** " refer to?
6. Quote a sentence which shows how long Fatima has been working as interpreter.
7. The article states that working as interpreter is a very responsible job. Think of this statement in two sentences write down your point of view.

TEXT B:

A founding father of farming 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.

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 described 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.

1. The writer states that Ibn Bassal was a polymath. Explain this. Give examples of his areas of knowledge.
2. There are many achievements of Bassal mentioned in the text. Write down two of them?
3. Find a verb in the second paragraph that means 'supply land with water'.
4. The influence of Ibn Bassal's book was enormous. Write down the reason.
5. What does the underlined word " He" refer to?

Question Number Two

A: Choose the best answer from those given to complete each of the following items. Then write down your answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (20 points)

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| arithmetic, economic , cause offence , patient, interpret , make |
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1. When people talk about _____ growth, they can mean either an improvement in the average standard of living.
2. Ramzi is very good with numbers and calculations. He always scores high in _____
3. Be very careful when you answer the questions, and try not to..... a mistake.
4. If you are polite, you won't.....or upset anybody.
5. When you stay calm and take your time, you are being _____.

B: Study the following sentence entry and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (5 points)

If you are polite, you won't make offence or upset anybody.

Replace the misused verb in the sentence with the correct one to form the appropriate collocation.

B. Choose the best answer from those given to complete each of the following items. Then write down your answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (15 points)

1. Who was the mostwriter of the twentieth century?
(influence, influential, influentially)
2. The company is pleased with your work and is happy to give you a _____
(recommend, recommendation, recommended,)
3. Markets have different types of food which areprepared from animal product.
(artificial, artificially, artifice)

Question Number Four:

A: Correct the verb between brackets and write your answer. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (15 points)

1. If you..... to learn a new language, you need to be motivated.
(wants, had wanted, want, wanted)
2. I wish Irich. I would buy a farm and enjoy the calm of the countryside.
(am, were, is , has been)
3. If you the next match, won't you be in the semi-final?
(do not win, doesn't win, didn't win, hadn't won)

b: Rewrite the following sentences so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (15 points)

1. The Second World War ended 1945 in Europe.

The year

2. Jabir ibn Hayyan also invented ink that can be read in the dark.

It was

3. Omar regrets spending most of his savings.

Omer wishes

C: Study the following sentence entry and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (5 points)

London, which is the capital of the UK, is a huge city.

What is the function of using non-defining relative clause in the above sentence?

Choose the suitable from those given to complete the following sentences. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (30 points)

1. What's the name of the girl won the tennis tournament?
(whose, where, who, which)
2. 2001 was the year terrorists attacked the Twin Towers in New York.
(who , which , where, when)

3. Fadi has lost his wallet. I wish I more careful.

(have been, am not, has been, had not been)

4. I can't do this exercise and I wish I it.

(understand, understood, understands, do not understand)

5. My sister is really good _____ drawing and painting.

(about , as , at , on)

6. You can't go for a vacation.....you save some money.

(unless, when, provided that, as long as)

Question Number Five (40 POINTS)

A: You are asked to edit the following lines. While reading the text, you found four mistakes. Correct the mistakes. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (5 points)

Megaprojects is extremely large investment projects, which are designed to encourage economic growth and bring new penefits to cities , Although megaprojects vary in terms of size and cost, they are all, by definition, expensive, public projects that attract a high level of interest and media coveraje.

B: GUIDED WRITING (10points)

B: Read the information in the table below then, write two sentences about ways to improve your English language. (10 points)

ways to improve your English language

- read English newspapers
- listen to English programs
- join English courses regularly
- use English every day

C: Write a composition of about 80 words on one of the following :(25points)

1. Write a four-paragraph essay agreeing or disagreeing with the statement below.
'Large-scale building projects are certainly a necessity in the development of the modern world.'
2. Write a three-paragraph essay discussing the advantages and disadvantages of using the Internet.

The End

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