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GENERAL ENGLISH**

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**TIME: 2 hours**

**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.**

Our country has a high standard of education. This is mainly due to the fact that the government considers education a necessity. All schools, from kindergarten to secondary, are the responsibility of the Ministry of Education (MOE). Pre-school and kindergarten education is optional, followed by ten years of free, compulsory education. For higher education, students enter university, either for academic or vocational courses.

Students can attend one of ten public universities, or one of nineteen private universities. The three universities with the most undergraduates are the University of Jordan in Amman, Yarmouk University in Irbid and Al Balqa Applied University in Salt. These are all public universities. An example of a newer university is the German-Jordanian University in Amman. It is a collaboration between the MOHE and Germany's Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and it follows Germany's model of education in Applied Sciences.

Health conditions in Jordan are among the best in the Middle East. This is largely due to the country's commitment to making healthcare for all a top priority. Advances in education, economic conditions, sanitation, clean water, diet and housing have made our community healthier. As a result of careful planning, the number of healthcare services has been increasing rapidly over the past years. More than 800 different kinds of healthcare centres have been built, as well as 188 dental clinics.

The reputation of Jordanian doctors has spread in the region, and now many more patients come to Jordan for open heart surgery. In Jordan, the open heart surgery programme started in 1970 CE in Amman. The low infant mortality rate, as well as the excellent healthcare system, have been contributing factors to Jordan's healthy population growth, which will result in a strong work force with economic benefits for the whole country.

**Question Number One: (60 points)**

1. Higher education in Jordan has two types of courses which students can join after secondary education. Write them down. (8 points)
2. There are two main differences between the German-Jordanian University in Amman and other universities in Jordan. Write them down. (8 points)
3. Quote a sentence which indicates that Jordan has started the open heart surgery since a long time. (5 points)

4. . What does the underlined word "it" in the text refer to? (4 points)
5. There are many factors that contributes to Jordan's healthy population growth. Write down two of them. (10points)
6. Find a word in the text which means ' The systems which supply water and deal with human waste ". (5 points)
7. Some students prefer distance learning via the Internet to face-to-face learning. Suggest three benefits distance learning. (5 points)
8. Death amongst babies and children has been decreased in Jordan dramatically. Suggest two reasons for that. (5points)

### Literature spot

**Read the following quotation from " Around the World in Eighty Days " by Jules Verne carefully, then answer the questions that follows with reference to the story .Then write down your answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (10 points)**

" Happily, however, for Mr Fogg, the animal's instruction in this direction had not gone far, and the elephant still preserved its natural gentleness. Kiouni – this was the name of the elephant – could doubtless travel rapidly for a long time, and, in default of any other means of conveyance, Mr Fogg resolved to hire him.."

1. How do we know that the elephant is not aggressive? (6 points)
2. What was the name of the elephant? (4 points)

### 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)**

tailor-made, minerals, waterproof, philosopher come about , offence

1. Jordan is rich in potash and phosphate, and the extraction industry for these ..... is one of the largest in the world..
2. I never told a joke, as this may not be translated correctly or could cause.....
3. . You can either join a small group of other students of a similar level, or request a..... course.
4. You can wear your watch when you go swimming if it's.....
5. A .....is someone who thinks and writes about the meaning of life.

**C: Study the following sentence entries and answer the question that follow. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

1. Nobody goes to the new private sports club. The building is red-handed.  
**Replace the underlined colour idiom with the correct one. (5 points)**

2. It's normal to feel a bit blue from time to time.

**What does the underlined colour idiom mean? (5points)**

**B. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (15 points)**

1. One of the most important things that we give children is a good .....

(educate, education, educational )

2. If you work hard, I'm sure you will.....

(success, successful, succeed)

3. Who was the most .....writer of the twentieth century?

(influence, influential, influentially )

**Question Number Three**

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

1. Miriam will move to Canada provided that she .....a job there.

(get, had got, gets, got)

2. The first telephone call.....in 1876 CE.

(was made, is made, were made, makes)

3. Next month, we..... in this house for a year. Let's celebrate!

( have lived, had lived, are living, will have lived)

**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. I think you should make a list of questions.

If I .....

2. People think that learning a new language presents the brain with unique challenges.

Learning a new language .....

3. Which newspaper did you see the advertisement?

Do you know .....

4. Law is not as popular as Medicine and Dentistry in America.

Medicine and Dentistry.....

**C: Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (30 points)**

1. Babies are usually happy ..... they're hungry or cold.

(when, provided that, unless, even if)

2. I am very hungry! I wish I..... before I went to the conference.

(had eaten, eat, am eating, have eaten )

3. Geologists .....study Earth's rocks and how they formed.

( which, where, when, who)

4. Where is the book .....Reem lent me last week?

(who, which, where, when)

5. When I was a student, I ..... very hard.  
( used to work, am used to working, use to work, are used to working)
6. He's had ..... success as his brother has.  
(as many, as much, the most, less)
7. Can you translate this Arabic \_\_\_\_\_ English for me, please?  
(to, into, for, from)
8. By the end of this year, we .....here for ten years.  
( will have lived, have lived, are living, live)
9. If I had known your phone number, I ..... you.  
( could contact, can contact, could have contacted, won't contact)
10. My watch stopped. I must have .....fixed.  
( them, it, him, her)

#### Question Number Four (40 points)

- a. Edit the following text. There are two grammar mistakes, two spelling mistake and one punctuation mistake. Correct them. ( 5 points)

It is believe that when you learn a foreign language, it help to use the language as much as you can. You should take every oppurtunity to engaje in a conversation with a native speaker. reading English books, or magazines also helps.

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

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

- c. Write a composition of about 120 words on one of the following:(25 points)

1. Write two paragraphs about how do you think your education will influence your life after school? What will you study? What career would you like to have one day?

2. Some students prefer studying in another country and they take part in a exchange programme. Write a report about the benefits of studying abroad.

## The End

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