



Second semester – First exam

Name : .....

Time : an hour

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

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 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.

Question Number One ( 14 points )

1. The text provides three figures which show that the number of school leavers who go to university in England has greatly increased over 50 years. Write these three figures down . ( 3 points )  
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2. A recent survey revealed that students in England choose one of two options to study for their degree. Write these two options down. ( 2 points )  
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3. Quote the sentence which states where the majority of students live during studying away from home . ( 2 points )  
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4. What does the underlined word ( **debt** ) mean?----- ( 1 point )
5. What does the underlined pronoun ( **their** ) refer to? ----- ( 2 point )
6. The text states that students who live away from home need to manage two things .Write these two things down. ( 2 points )  
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7. Studying away from home means borrowing more money from the government. Suggest three possible pieces of advice that may help students avoid debt from the government. ( 2 points )

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**Question Number Two (9 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 . ( 4 points)**

**proficiency , tuition , get it off your chest , tailor- made , optional**

1. In many schools, studying a foreign language is -----, but it is often a good idea to continue learning a second language.
2. Some universities offer ----- courses that are able to suit individual needs.
3. If you keep working hard to improve your English, you will reach a level of ----- in a few years.
4. If you would like to learn to play the oud, you can get private-----

**B. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences. ( 3 points )**

1. Children of different ----- stages could learn with and from each other.  
( develop , developmental , development , developmentally)
2. My brother has been studying hard to pass and ----- top grades in Tawjihi exams.  
( achieve , achievable , achieved , achievement )

**C. Replace the underlined misused *body* idiom with the correct one.(2 point)**

I'm not sure if it will be warm enough to have barbecue. We'll have to keep our chin up. ----- .

**Question Number Three: (9 points)**

**A. Choose the correct item from those given below to complete each of the following sentences . ( 3 points )**

1. There isn't as ----- useful information in magazines as in books.  
( more , many , less . much )
2. Safwan deals with modern technology ----- as his father.  
( as careful , as carefully , more careful , most careful )

**B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it. (6 points)**

1. Neither Maha nor Salwa are as creative as Tahany .  
Tahany -----
2. Jordanian children can leave school one year earlier than English children.  
English children -----

**Question Number Four ( 8 points)**

**A. EDITING**

**Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have four mistakes. correct these mistakes . ( 4 points)**

What **imbressed** me most about students in Jordan was their behaviour and their attitude to studying? All the students who I **meet** appreciated the importance of their university education and the opportunities it would give them to contribute to their country's **prosperety**.

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**B.GUIDED WRITING**

**Read the information in the table below , and write two sentences comparing and contrasting compulsory education in different countries. ( 4 points)**

<b>compulsory education in different countries</b>	
<b>England</b>	<b>5 - 16 years</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	<b>6 - 16 years</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>6 - 18 years</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>6- 15 years</b>

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