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ملحوظات : 1- اجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة.

3 - عدد الأسئلة: (5) ، وعدد الصفحات (4)

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 .

A few years ago, as many as 1,000 schools across the USA started making school years longer by adding up to ten extra days to the school year or by making each school day longer by half an hour.

This was because it was found that secondary school students in the USA and the UK were spending the least time at school, with an average school year of 187 days. The typical Jordanian school year is longer than this. However, none of these are nearly as long as the school year in countries like Japan and South Korea. South Koreans attend school for 220 days per year, and in Japan, the school year numbers 243 days.

According to a study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), students in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea spend the most time studying in the world. They want to learn as much as they can to ensure excellent exam grades. They go to school for about nine hours, although this includes optional after-school tuition and activities.

They also spend about three hours on homework every day, which is three times as much as many other countries. Their high academic achievements do suggest that the longer you study, the better you do in final exams.

In Finland, however, students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night, and they attend school for fewer and shorter days than 85% of other developed nations.

Question Number One: (60 points)

1. Some schools in the USA managed to increase the school year by following two ways . Write down these two ways. (12 points)
2. A number of countries worldwide spend the most time studying. Write down the names of two of these countries . (8 points)
3. Write down the sentence which indicates that the after school activities in Japan and South Korea are not obligatory . (5 points)
4. What does the underlined word " they " refer to? (6 points)
5. Find a word in the text which means the same as " **teaching** " (5 points)
6. Two aspects make the educational system in Finland differ from that in other developed countries . Write down these two aspects . (6 points)
7. The number and length of school days aren't the only factors in determining students' achievement at schools. Suggest three possible factors that can improve students' achievement. (6 points)
8. Some experts think that a long school day would result in better grades for most students . Think of this statement , then in two sentences , write down your point of view. (6 points)

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B) Literature Spot (6 points)

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 in the lines above a word that means “**agreement**”. (2 points)
2. The poet referred to another kind of creatures that shared the skylark its singing and dancing , write them down. (4 point)

Question Number Two : (40 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. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET . (20 points)

calculation , wealthy country , optional , fund , polymath , disabilities

1. You don't have to stay after school for the chess club – it's
2. My parents have saved enough money to.....our university courses.
3. It is often impossible for people with to climb stairs.
4. Ali has done a and decided that he can afford to buy his mother the larger bunch of flowers.
5. Ais a country that's economically and socially advanced.

B) Choose the answer from those given below to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (20 points)

1. The owner of this company uses theof his father to support charities .
(inheritable , inherit , inheritance , inherited)
2. Jamal Malek studied Egyptology and at Charles University, Prague.
(archaeological , archaeology , archeologically , archaeologist)
3. Al-Kindi had to be truly revolutionary and creative in his thinking in order to
(success , successful , succeed , successfully)
4. My brother has.....passed his final exams .
(final , finally , finalize , finalization)

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Question Number Three (40 points)

A) Choose the correct form of the verbs given in brackets to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (20 points)

1. Unless Saleem..... a partner, he will not be able to go on with that project.
(find , finds , had found , would find)
2. Peoplesmartphones since they were invented in the early 2000s.
(have been using , has been using , will be using , had been used)
3. I was writing an email when my laptopitself off.
(switch , switched , has switched , have switched)
4. By the end of this week , Iin this company for thirty years.
(will have worked , has worked , worked , works)
5. Millions of carsall over the world yearly .
(are made , is making , made , are making)

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.

(20 points)

1. Scientists say that frequent breaks help the brain recover and concentration to return .
Frequent breaks.....
2. Can you show me the way to the library?
I wonder.....
3. I think you should buy a small car.
If I
4. I regret not listening to your advice about the trip to China.
I wish
5. The Great Mosque in Cordoba was built in 784 CE.
The year.....

Question Number Four (30 points)

Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences, then write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET .

1. We needed warm clothes when we went to London. Wethe cold weather.
(didn't use to , weren't used to , isn't used to , wasn't used)
2. I am severely sick , if only I.....go to school today.
(don't have to , didn't have to , doesn't have to , will not have to)
3. The Giralda tower, is one of the most important buildings in Seville, Spain,
stands at just over 104 meters tall.
(which , who , when , whose)
4. I am tired , I will go to the library this afternoon.
(If , Provided that , Even if , If not)
5. We had the house.....two months ago .
(painted , had painted , painting , paints)
6. I didn't enjoy the book. In fact it was the.....interesting story I've ever read.
(less , much , many , least)

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Question Number Five (30 points)

A. EDITING (10 points)

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

These days , computers often communicate with each other; for example , your TV aotomatically downloeds your favourite TV show, or your 'sat nav' system tells you where you are. your fridge will knows when you need milk and add it to the shopping list. This are known as the 'Internet of Things', and there's a lot more to come.

B. GUIDED WRITING . (6 points)

Read the information below , and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET write two sentences about how to be successful in business. Use the appropriate linking words.

How to be successful in business
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- be organized- keep detailed records- understand the risks and rewards- analyse your competition.

C. FREE WRITING (14 points)

In your ANSWER BOOKLT , write a composition of about 120 words on ONE of the following.

1. Healthy eating is not only important for your diet, it's also important as a part of your personal well-being . Write an article for your school magazine about the importance of heathy eating suggesting types of food that should be included in our daily diet and the foods that should be avoided .
2. Write a report for your school magazine about whether students should be allowed to have their mobile phones in elementary and high schools or not and if not explain why.

Good Luck

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Answers

Question Number One

- A. 1. - adding up to ten extra days to the school year or
- by making each school day longer by half an hour
2. Japan, Indonesia and South Korea.
3. They go to school for about nine hours, although this includes optional after-school tuition and activities.
4. students in Finland
5. tuition
6. - students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night,
- they attend school for fewer and shorter days than 85% of other developed nations
7. Students' own answer
8. Students' own answer
- B. 1. accord 2. butterflies

Question Number Two

- A. 1. optional 2. fund 3. disabilities 4. calculation 5. wealthy country
B. 1. inheritance 2. archaeology 3. succeed 4. finally

Question Number Three

- A. 1. finds 2. have been using 3. switched 4. will have worked 5. are made
B. 1. Frequent breaks are said to help the brain recover and concentration to return
2. I wonder if you can show me the way to the library?
3. If I were you, I would buy a small car.
4. I wish I had listened to your advice about the trip to China.
5. The year **when / in which** the Great Mosque in Cordoba was built was 784 CE.

Question Number Four

1. weren't used to 2. didn't have to 3. which 4. Even if 5. painted 6. least

Question Number Five

- A. automatically / downloads / Your / know / is
B. There are ways to be successful in business such as being organized , keeping detailed records and understanding the risks and rewards . Another way is analysing your competition.
C. Students' own answer