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**Exam 1**

GENERAL ENGLISH

(الخطة الجديدة)

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ملحوظات : ١ - اجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة . ٢ - للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية

٣ - عدد الأسئلة: (5) ، وعدد الصفحات (4) PREPARED BY: ADNAN AL SUKHNI

Read the following text carefully, and then answer all the questions that follow. Your answer should be based on the text:

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 of 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**

**A:**

- 1- Higher education in the United Kingdom has recently witnessed two changes. Write the two changes down.
- 2- Find a phrase in the text which means "accommodation provided by a university or college."
- 3- What does the underlined word "it" refer to?
- 4- Most students in the UK want to study away from home for two reasons. Write the two reasons down.
- 5- The text states different places where students can live. Write down three of these places.
- 6- Quote the sentence which shows how students in the UK get money to leave home to continue their higher studies.
- 7- Higher education is expensive. As a result many students cannot afford to leave home. Suggest three possible ways how students can stay at home while studying for their degrees.
- 8- Higher education in Jordan provides students with good opportunities after graduation. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.

**Question Number Two**

**make, dehydration, concentration, lifelong, take, track record**

- 1- Meeting new people and developing .....friendships around the world are some benefits of studying abroad.
- 2- When you can prove that you have experience, you have a .....
- 3- Doctors say that .....is caused by not drinking enough water in hot weather.
- 4- You look tired. Why don't you .....a break?
- 5- Students need much .....during their revision for the final exams.

**B. Replace the underlined misused body idiom in the sentence below with the correct one.**

If you've got a problem, talk to someone about it. It helps to get cold feet.

**C. Replace the underlined misused verb in the sentence below to form the correct collocation.**

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

**D. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences.**

- 1- Sara is a good student, She usually get top marks in .....subjects.  
(academy, academical, academise, acedemically)
- 2- How quickly does blood .....round the body?  
(circulate, circulation, circulatory, circle)
- 3- Some foods contain useful .....such as oil and fats.  
(nutritious, nutrition, nutrients, nutritiously)
- 4- I think your email has been .....sent to your company.  
(succeed, success, successful, successfully)
- 5- Rami closed his eyes and tried to .....on the correct answer.  
(concentrate, concentration, concentrating, concentrated)
- 6- Noor is very .....to get top marks in the final exams.  
(ambition, ambitious, ambitiously)
- 7- Bank customers can .....their checking accounts instantly through the electronic system.  
(access, accessible, accessibility, accessibly)
- 8- Hospitals have a .....to provide the best medical care.  
(commit, committed, commitment)

**Question Number Three.**

**Choose the correct form of the verbs from those given below to complete each of the following sentences.**

- 1- In Jordan, children start school a year .....than children in England.  
(early, the earliest, earlier, earliest)
- 2- Do you know .....I've passed my exam or not.  
(how, when, who, whether)
- 3- Do you mind .....me a glass of water?  
(giving, gave, given, gives)

- 4- Not .....people applied for Law in 2014 CE as in the previous year.  
(more, as many, as much, less)
- 5- .....I get home from school, I usually have my lunch.  
(unless, even if, when, as long)
- 6- It is .....that we only use a small percentage of our brain power.  
(think, thinking, thinks, thought)
- 7- Ali couldn't understand anything. If only he .....Chinese.  
(has spoken, had spoken, speaks, speak)
- 8- If Farah .....the prize, how will she spend it?  
(wins, won, win, had won)
- 9- I'd like to talk .....the film I've just seen.  
(on, into, about, at )
- 10-I haven't got .....homework as my brother.  
(many many, less, more, as much)
- 11-Jaber isn't old enough to drive a car. If only he .....older.  
(were, are, is, has been)
- 12-We have to go to school .....we are tired.  
(if, provided that, even if, as long as)
- 13-International students like you cousin have to prove that .....are good at English.  
(their, they, them, it)
- 14-If one presses that button, the picture .....  
(moved, moves, would move, have moved)

#### **Question Number Four**

**Complete each of the following items so that the new item is similar in meaning to the one before it.**

- 1- I didn't learn English well when I was young.  
I wish .....
- 2- How much water do people drink in hot weather?  
Could you tell me .....
- 3- Ibrahim lost his wallet. Therefore, he wasn't able to buy his necessary items.  
If Ibrahim .....
- 4- Educators believe that working in groups improves students' performance.  
Working in groups .....
- 5- The new software is not as difficult as the old one.  
The old software .....
- 9- Linguistics have proved that learning a language is helpful.  
Learning a language .....
- 10- I think you should look for a job in some foreign countries.  
If I wer .....
- 11- Please, leave the window open.  
Do you mind .....?
- 12- The flood is thought to have damaged the dam.  
Engineers think .....

**Question Number Four****A. EDITING:**

Imagine that you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have five mistakes (**two grammar mistakes, one punctuation mistake, and two spelling mistakes**). Find these five mistakes and correct them.

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 **thinks** quickly and that you are able to **Koncentrate** for long periods of time. If you are successful, it **was** a secure and **rewording** job.

**B. GUIDED WRITING:**

<b>The benefits of eating healthy food</b>
- Helps to loose weight
- Reduces cancer risk
- Strengthens bones and teeth
- Improves the memory

**C. FREE WRITING:**

- 1- Write an article expressing your point of view about E-learning and its important role in helping large organizations and educational institutions fulfill their learning and training requirements.
- 2- Some people think that schools today are not similar to those in the past. Write an essay comparing schools today with schools in the past in terms of the subjects being taught, the buildings and the activities being practised.

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