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TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: ١- أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها. ٢- للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية. ٣- عدد الأسئلة: (٥)، وعدد الصفحات (٤).

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

When you are using a computer, think about the technology that is needed for it to work. People have been using types of computers for thousands of years. A metal machine was found on the seabed in Greece that was more than 2,000 years old. It is believed that this was the first ever computer.

In the 1940s, technology had developed enough for inventors to make the first generation of modern computers. One such model was so large that it needed a room that was 167 square metres to accommodate it. During that decade, scientists in England developed the first computer program. It took 25 minutes to complete one calculation. In 1958 CE, the computer chip was developed.

The first computer game was produced in 1962 CE, followed two years later by the computer mouse. In 1971 CE, the floppy disk was invented, which meant that information could be shared between computers. The first PC (personal computer) was produced in 1974 CE, so people could buy computers to use at home.

In 1983 CE, people could buy a laptop for the first time. Then, in 1990 CE, the British scientist Tim Berners-Lee developed the World Wide Web. It was not until 2007 CE that the first smartphones appeared. Today, most people use their mobile phones every day.

Life in the future is going to see further changes in computer technology. It is likely that all aspects of everyday life will rely on a computer program, from how we travel to how our homes are heated.

**Question Number One (20 points)**

- A. 1. Different inventions were completed between 1958CE – 1964CE. Write down two of these inventions. (2 points)
2. The writer specifies two aspects of everyday life that will depend on technology in the future. Write them down. (4 points)
3. Quote the sentence which shows the impact of inventing the floppy disk. (2 points)
4. Find a word in the text which means "a set of instructions enabling a computer to function." (2 points)
5. What does the underlined word "this" refer to? (2 points)

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6. Computers have enabled us to do many great things but we are becoming overly-reliant on technology. Suggest three negative consequences of depending on technology. (3 points)
7. Some people believe that computers will replace books one day. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

**B. Literature spot: (3 points)**

Read the following lines from *I Remember, I Remember* carefully, then answer the questions that follow:

The vi'lets, and the lily-cups,  
Those flowers made of light!  
The lilacs where the robin built,  
And where my brother set  
The laburnum on his birthday,—  
The tree is living yet!

1. Which line expresses the poet's amazement? (1 point)
2. The poet mentions three kinds of flowers. Write down two of them. (2 points)

**Question Number Two (15 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. (8 points)

herbal remedy, reputation, arithmetic, urban planning, disabilities

1. Many people believe that ..... helps them to be cured from common complaints such as insomnia.
2. The need for more effective ..... is evident when we consider modern day problems like traffic.
3. Poor customer service has ruined the company's .....
4. Ali's progress in ..... has been remarkable.

B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

It's normal to feel a bit blue from time to time. However, studies show that negative emotions can harm the body.

What feeling does the underlined colour idiom express?

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**C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(4 points)**

1. Imagination is the source of..... (create)
2. Bank customers can ..... their checking accounts instantly through the electronic system. (accessible)

**Question Number Three (12 points)**

**A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(6 points)**

1. This time next year, students will ..... for their final exams. (prepare)
2. The students in my class ..... about their achievements in science when the bell suddenly rang. (talk)
3. Ibn Rushed who ..... in Coordoba is a famous Islamic polymath. (born)

**B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it, and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(6 points)**

1. Petra was made a World Heritage Site in 1985 CE.  
The year .....
2. It is not normal for my grandfather to have nothing to do all day.  
My grandfather .....
3. Safwan usually discharges my laptop.  
My laptop .....

**Question Number Four (8 points)**

**A. The following sentence contains two items that are not used correctly. Replace these items with the correct ones, and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(2 points)**

Qasr Bashir is an extremely well preserved Roman castle who is situated in an Jordanian desert, and is about eighty kilometres south of Amman.

**B. The following sentences are in American English. Rewrite them in British English and write them down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**(4 points)**

1. My neighbor went into a drugstore and bought medicine.  
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2. Did you shorten your pants?  
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**C. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. (2 points)**

The teacher strongly recommended that the time that students spend at school should be decreased into five hours.

**What is the function of the above sentence?**

**Question Number Five (15 points)**

**A. EDITING (4 points)**

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have four mistakes (one grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

One doctor said, "I now consider homoeopathy to be a vieble option for many different conditions, including anxiety. depression and certain allerjies. It provides another option when conventional medicine didn't address the problem adequately."

**B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)**

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences using all the given notes below about the impacts of the arts on learning. Use the appropriate linking words.

**The impacts of the Arts on Learning...**

- changing the learning environment.
- providing challenges to students.
- teaching students to become self- directed learners.
- teaching students ways and methods not normally used.

**C. FREE WRITING (7 points)**

**In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 120 words on ONE of the following:**

1. You have been asked to write an essay for an international magazine about equal job opportunities for men and women in your country. Describe the existing situation and say what changes have taken place in recent years.
2. Video games are considered one of the most important innovations in the field of child entertainment. Write an article discussing the positive and the negative effects of video games on children.

**THE END**