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DATE : Saturday, 14th January, 2017

TIME : 1 HOUR AND A HALF

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

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.

The postal authorities in Himachal Pradesh, a state in the north of India, have introduced a new service for their customers which is a combination of traditional mail and email. People write their letters, then take them to their local post office. There, they are copied then sent by email to post offices in other parts of the country. Here, the emails are printed out and taken by the postman to their correct addresses.

Some of these letters, however, which are addressed to very remote places, like the Himalayas, have to be taken by hand to their destinations. They are carried by "mail runners" who travel long distances on foot, often through mountains or other very difficult areas. These postmen, who are well known as they wear special uniforms and carry specific postal items such as: a mailbag and a bell, were introduced by the Indian post office over 150 years ago. There are now over 1600 "mail runners" in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

People in remote villages get very amazed and excited when they hear the postman's bell because they know that letters are coming for them. But the runners bring more than letters. They also bring news from other villages and from the outside world. Often runners also have to read letters to people because many of the villagers in these areas cannot read.

Question Number One (23 points)

1. What is Himachal Pradesh? (3 points)
2. What does the underlined pronoun "**their**" refer to? (3 points)
3. Quote the sentence which states the number of the "mail runners" in the state of Himachal Pradesh. (3 points)
4. Find a word in the text which means "**very surprised**". (3 points)
5. Why are the postmen well known in India? (4 points)
6. Where do runners bring their news from? (4 points)
7. Who takes the printed emails to the very remote areas? (3 points)

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Question Number Two (16 points)

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

(6 points)

1. Some people have ----- looking after adult orangutans . (difficult)
2. Charities try to-----people to give money to their causes. (persuasion)
3. It isto swim in deep pools if you don't know how to swim well. (danger)

B. Choose the suitable word from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(6 points)

amateur , weak signal , brighten , practical

1. The opposite of professional is -----.
2. Saleem can't hear what Khalid is saying-he is getting a very -----.
3. It is very dull today. I hope the sun will come out and ----- everything up.

C. Correct the mistakes in the following sentences by using the correct plural form of the underlined nouns and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(4 points)

1. There are twenty cows and thirty sheeps in my uncle's farm.
2. Some woman are afraid of driving cars on highways.

Question Number Three (14 points)

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

(8 points)

1. I ----- an email from my friend tonight. (expect)
2. I have ----- my research since 9 o'clock this morning. (be, type)
3. Our neighbours ----- just ----- their house. (paint)
4. My grandfather has ----- the newspaper all morning. (be, read)

B. Complete each of the following sentences by adding the correct question tag to the end of each of them. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(6 points)

1. There isn't enough time, -----?
2. Kareem likes visiting foreign countries, -----?
3. My parents are saving money for a holiday this summer, -----?

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Question Number Four (10 points)

A. Study the following sentences which have two mistakes in the usage of the articles. Correct them and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. I bought a most expensive electric washing machine in the mall.
2. To write a letter, I need a piece of paper, a pen and a envelope.

B. Complete the following mini-dialogues by giving advice about the past using should have / shouldn't have and the given phrases between brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

1. Ali: The new student didn't know what time the lecture started.
Amani: She ----- (lose her notebook)
2. Saleem: Wasan didn't know the meaning of the new vocabulary.
Aida: She ----- (use a dictionary)

Question Number Five (7 points)

A. GUIDED WRITING: (2 points)

Read the information in the box below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about how to keep parks clean...using the appropriate linking words such as : and, in addition, also, too...etc

How to keep parks clean...

- don't throw rubbish.
- leave the place clean.
- put rubbish in plastic bags.
- use the place properly.

B. FREE WRITING: (5 points)

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write about 50 words in ONE of the following:-

1. Completing university education is thought by some to be the best way to get a good job. On the other hand, other people think that getting experience and developing soft skills is more important. Write an article discussing both sides and give your opinion.
2. Imagine you are having a pleasant time during your journey with your colleagues. Write an email to your friend telling him-her about your feelings and what made it a successful journey.

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