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AL-SARH SCHOOLS



الفصل الثاني

DATE: May 16, 2023

TIME: One Hour and a Half

ملحوظات: ١- أجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة . ٢- للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية. ٣- عدد الصفحات: (4) وعدد الأسئلة: (3)

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

My name is Fatima Musa and I have worked as an interpreter for five years. Many students have emailed me about my work because they want to know what it would be like to do my job. So here is my reply. I have always been fond of languages. My father worked in many different countries when I was young and we usually travelled with him. When we visited a country, I always wanted to learn the language. At school I was very good at English. Therefore, I decided on a career as an interpreter. My job now involves going to important conferences and seminars around the world. When a person speaks in English at a conference, I listen to what they say through headphones. I then translate into Arabic while the speaker is talking. I give the translation through headphones to other people at the meeting. This means that anyone in the room who speaks Arabic can understand what people are saying. Unless you have a language degree, you will not be able to become an interpreter. Provided that you have a postgraduate qualification, you will probably get a job as an interpreter quite quickly. 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 think quickly and that you are able to concentrate for long periods of time. If you are successful, it is a secure and rewarding job. You will probably need to travel a lot, but that is not a problem as long as you enjoy visiting other countries. It is a very responsible job, and you get a huge feeling of satisfaction when you know that people understand everything that you translate.

**Question Number One: (14points)**

**A.( 10 Points)**

1. Fatima mentions two reasons that encouraged her to choose her career as an interpreter. Write these two reasons down. (2 points)
2. The writer mentions two things that you have to do if you get an interview for a job as an interpreter. Write these two things down. (2 points)
3. Write down the sentence which indicates that having a language degree is an essential requirement for becoming an interpreter. (2 points)
4. What does the underlined word "that" refer to? (2 point)
5. Find a word in the text which means "giving personal satisfaction" . (2 point)



## B. Literature spot (4 points)

Read the following extract from "Around the World in Eighty Days" carefully, and then answer the questions that follow:

It only remained now to find a guide, which was comparatively easy. A young Parsee, with an intelligent face, offered his services, which Mr Fogg accepted, promising so generous a reward as to materially stimulate his zeal. The elephant was led out and equipped. Provisions were purchased at Kholby, and, while Sir Francis and Mr Fogg took the howdahs on either side, Passepartout got astride the saddle-cloth between them. The Parsee perched himself on the elephant's neck, and at nine o'clock they set out from the village, the animal marching off through the dense forest of palms by the shortest cut.

1. Find out an example of rhetorical device from the previous extract ? (2 point )
2. Compare and contrast the characters of Sir Francis and Mr Phileas Fogg.( 2 p )

## Question Number Two: (26points)

Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following Sentences.

1. When did you learn how to be .....in China?  
A-success      B- succeed      C- successfully      D- successful
2. This is the minimum daily amount of a .....required by an adult to prevent symptoms of deficiency.  
A- notorious      B-nutrient      C- nutrition      D- notoriously
3. In each group, you can find ..... people who control their colleagues and influence them.  
A-dominate      B- dominantly      C-dominance      D- dominant
4. Repetition is the best policy to ..... what you want to keep in your mind.  
A-memorise      B- memory      C-memorable      D- memorably
- 5- I'm not sure if we need to take a coat in case it rains. We'll have to decide how to deal with this situation as it develops . The underlined words means.....  
A- have a head for figures      B- keep your chin up      C- play it by ear      D- get it off your chest
- 6- If I .....by others, I wouldn't have achieved my goals.  
A- haven't supported      B- hadn't been supported      C- won't be supported.      D-supported
- 7- I wish I ..... to my friend yesterday.  
A- didn't talk      B- talked      C- hadn't been talked.      D- had talked
- 8- Zain hasn't got as much homework as my brother.  
A- My brother has got less homework than Zain

- B- My brother has got fewer homework than Zain
- C- My brother has got more homework than Zain
- D-My brother has got many homework than Zain

9- I regret not listening to my father.

- A- I wish I listened to him
- B- If only I hadn't listened to him
- C- I wish I had listened to him.
- D- If only I had listen to him

10- The detective knows that the robbers are in the city.

- A- The robbers were known are in the city.
- B- The robbers are known to be in the city.
- C-The robbers know to be in the city.
- D-The robbers were known to be in the city.

11- They didn't take a taxi, so they were late.

- A- If they took a taxi, they might not have been late.
- B- They might not have been late if they had taken a taxi
- C- They might not have been late if they hadn't taken a taxi
- D- If they didn't take a taxi, they might not have been late.

12- There are.....cups of coffee in my kitchen than there are in yours.

- A-less
- B- fewer
- C- much
- D- many

13- Could you tell me why ....., please?

- A- does Ali waste his time
- B- Ali does waste his time
- C- Ali wastes his time
- D-Ali waste his time

14- Be very careful when you answer the questions, and try not to.....

- A- make mistakes
- B- do mistakes
- C- cause offence
- D- make offence

15- My brother is really better than many people ..... drawing and painting.

- A- on
- B- at
- C- for
- D-with

16- I don't understand what I have to do for homework.

- A- Why don't you call your teacher.
- B- You could call your teacher.
- C- If I were you. I will call my teacher.
- D- You should called your teacher.

17- As well as exercising the brain.....it is thought that learning a new language also presents the brain with .....challenges.

- A- . / unqu
- B- , / unqu
- C- . / unique
- D- , / unique

18- In the UK, there is a central government, but there are also.....councils around the country.

- A- seminar
- B- regional
- C- rewarding
- D- translation

19- We should always be polite .....we feel tired.

- A- even if
- B- unless
- C- if
- D- when



20- We were late ..... the traffic.

A- due to                      B- so                      C- because                      D- even if

21- The bus is late. We'll have to wait a little.....

A- long                      B- longer than                      C- longer                      D- longest.

22- You look tired. Why don't you .....?

A- do exercise    B- make a start    C- make a difference    D- take a break.

23- Studying is a .....activity - you're never too old to start!

A-global                      B- proficiency                      C- lifelong                      D- abroad

24- .....is a subject that I've always been interested in. Learning about ancient and modern civilizations is fascinating.

A-Banking and Finance    B- Linguistics    C- Fine Arts    D-History

25- The word (**tuition**) has ..... syllables.

A- two                      B- three                      C- four                      D- five

26-Rashed has just left the school . Now he's a university .....

A- Undergraduate    B- postgraduate    C- diploma    D- master's degree

**Question Number Three ( 10p)**

**FREE WRITING: (10 points)**

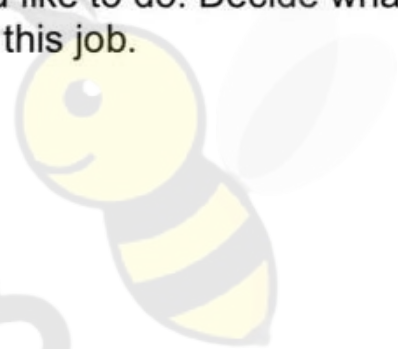
In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 120 words on ONE of the following:

1. Learning a foreign language has many benefits. Write an article about the advantages of learning a foreign language, suggesting some challenges that might face learners.

2. You have seen an advertisement for a job that you would like to do. Decide what job the advertisement is for. Write a covering letter to apply for this job.



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**Question Number One: (14points)**

**A. (10points)**

1. At school she was very good at English. She has always been fond of languages
2. ( Two of these)
  - You will need to show that you have good listening skills
  - a clear speaking voice.
  - You will also need to show that you can think quickly
  - you are able to concentrate for long periods of time.
3. Unless you have a language degree, you will not be able to become an interpreter.
4. to travel a lot      5. Rewarding

**B. Literature spot (4 points)**

Alliteration – *Parsee perched*

or

Personification – *the animal marching*

2. Suggested answer: Sir Francis gets easily angry, Mr Phileas Fogg is calm and assured.

**Question Number Two: (26 points)**

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| 1-D   | 2- B  | 3- D | 4- A  | 5- C  | 6- B | 7-D  | 8-C   | 9-C   | 10- B |
| 11-B  | 12-B  | 13-C | 14-A  | 15-B  | 16-B | 17-D | 18- B | 19- A | 20-A  |
| 21- C | 22- D | 23-C | 24- D | 25- B | 26-A |      |       |       |       |

**Question Number Three: (10points)**

- A. FREE WRITING: (10 points):** Open answer

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