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GENERAL ENGLISH

الدورة الشتوية - المستوى الرابع (الوحدة السابعة)

DATE: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 2024

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: (1) اجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها (2) للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية

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

Speaking a foreign language, it is claimed, improves the functionality of your brain in several different ways. Learning new vocabulary and grammar rules provides the brain with beneficial 'exercise', which improves memory. As well as exercising the brain, it is thought that learning a new language also presents the brain with unique challenges. These include recognising different language systems and ways to communicate within these systems. These skills improve your chances of success in other problem-solving tasks as well. It is said that students who study foreign languages do better, on the whole, in general tests in maths, reading and vocabulary than students who have only mastered their mother tongue.

According to a study carried out by Pennsylvania State University, USA, multilingual people are able to switch between two systems of speech, writing, and structure quite easily. It has been proved that they are also able to switch easily between completely different tasks. One experiment required participants to operate a driving simulator while carrying out separate tasks at the same time. The experiment showed that multilingual participants were less distracted by the other tasks and therefore made fewer driving errors.

It is believed that language learning can also improve your decision-making skills. When you speak a foreign language, you are constantly weighing up subtle differences in meaning of a word or the way that an utterance is made. This process is then transferred subconsciously to other situations in which judgement is called for, and decisions have to be made.

Finally, learning a foreign language can also improve your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively. As you become more aware of the way that a language works, you begin to apply it to the language that you use every day. The skills you obtain from learning a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

**Question number one (20 points)**

**A. 1-** According to the text, there are two skills of language you learn that provide the brain with beneficial exercise which improve memories. Write down these two things. **(4 points)**

**2-** Learning a new language plays a vital role for the brain with unique challenges. Write these challenges down. **(3 points)**

**3-** Write down the sentence which indicates to the results of the experiments that required participants to operate a driving simulator while carrying out separate tasks at the same time. **(3 points)**

**4-** Find a word from the text which means " something that is said, such as a statement ". **(2 points)**

**5-** what does the underlined word " they " in the text refers to **(2 points)**

6 Learning a foreign language is very important these days. Do you agree or no. Think of this statement and write down two advantages to learning a foreign language . (3 points)

7- Learning a foreign language comes up with different kinds of struggles and obstacles. Write down three possible obstacles a person may face while learning a foreign language. (3 points)

### Question number two

A ) Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (12 points)

colloquial	circulation	memory	postgraduate	vocational
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1- After Nasser completes his first degree, he's hoping to do a \_\_\_\_\_ degree.

2 A teacher needs to have a good \_\_\_\_\_ for names.

3- Don't sit still for too long – move around frequently to increase your \_\_\_\_\_ .

4- All Jordanian people are familiar with \_\_\_\_\_ Arabic.

B . Study the following sentence and answer the questions that follows. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (4 points )

You look tired. Why don't you make a difference.

Replace the underlined misused collocation in the following sentence with the correct one.

- a- do exercise
- b- make a start
- c- take a break
- d- do history

### Question number three

A. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in the box below. There are more words than you need. Write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLETE. (6 points)

1- climbing the mountain gave him a sense of \_\_\_\_\_

(achieve achievement achievable)

2- we are looking for someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ in French.

(proficiency proficient proficiently)

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 BOOKLETE. (15 points)

1- What did you mean by frequent breaks?

Could you explain \_\_\_\_\_

- a- what did you mean by frequent breaks?
- b- what you mean by frequent breaks?
- c- what you meant by frequent breaks?
- d- what you did meant by frequent breaks?

2-Did you make any mistakes on that visit?

**Could you tell me** \_\_\_\_\_

- a- if you did made any mistakes on that visit?
- b- if you made any mistakes on that visit?
- c- if you make any mistakes on that visit?
- d- if did you make any mistakes on that visit?

3 People think that we only use a small percentage of our brain power.

**We** \_\_\_\_\_

- a- were thought to only use a small percentage of our brain power.
- b- were thought that we only use a small percentage of our brain power.
- c- are thought to only use a small percentage of our brain power.
- d- are thought that we only use a small percentage of our brain power.

4- Fish is said to be good for the brain.

**Scientists** \_\_\_\_\_

- a- have said that fish is good for the brain.
- b- are said to be good for the brain.
- c- said that fish is good for the brain.
- d- say that fish is good for the brain.

5- Can you suggest a healthy breakfast?

**Do you mind** \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- a- whether you can suggest a healthy breakfast?
- b- suggesting a healthy breakfast?
- c- if you could suggest a healthy breakfast?
- d- if you can suggest a healthy breakfast?

**C- Corrects the verbs between brackets then write your answer down in your ANSWER**

**BOOKLETE.**

**(6 points)**

1. Do you mind \_\_\_\_\_ me to carry out my luggage.

a- help B- helping c- to help d- helps

2. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that English language is the global language.

a- claim b- claimed c- claims d- claiming

**Question number four: A. EDITING**

**Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have (one grammatical mistakes, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). find out these four mistakes and correct them. write the correct answer in your ANSWER**

**BOOKELETE. (12 points )**

The earlier you start in the morning, the more beneficial your revision will be. \_\_\_\_\_ that's when you feel most awake and your \_\_\_\_\_ is at its best. I'd also recommend staying for 30-minute periods, and then taking a break. It's been \_\_\_\_\_ that concentration starts to decrease after half an hour, so frequent breaks will help the brain to recover and \_\_\_\_\_ to return.

1- a- because b- becose c- because d- Because

2- a- mimory b- memory c- Memory d- mimorie

3- a- prove b- proved c- proves d- proving

4- a- consentration b- concentration c- consintration d- koncentration

**Answer:**

Question number one

- 1- Learning new vocabulary and grammar rules
- 2- recognising different language systems and ways to communicate within these systems
- 3- The experiment showed that multilingual participants were less distracted by the other tasks and therefore made fewer driving errors.
- 4- Utterance
- 5- multilingual people
- 6- I agree because you can understand what is said in other languages and it help us in our studies
- 7- 1\* you can't pronounce well as native people 2\* you can't find the suitable trained and experienced teachers 3\* it takes long period to learn the language

question number two

A) 1- postgraduate 2- memory 3- circulation 4- colloquial

B) c- take a break

Question number three

A)1- achievement 2- proficient

B) **1- c** - what you meant by frequent breaks?

2- b- if you made any mistakes on that visit?

3- **c**- are thought to only use a small percentage of our brain power.

4- **d**- say that fish is good for the brain.

5- **b**- suggesting a healthy breakfast?

C) **1- B**- helping **2- b**- claimed

Question number four

**1**- d- Because

**2**- b- memory

**3**- b- proved

**4**- b- concentration