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DATE : Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016

٢ - للتقدم في الفروع الأكاديمية

TIME : 1 HOUR AND A HALF

١ - اجب عن الأسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها

٣ - عدد الأسئلة : (٥) ، وعدد الصفحات : (٤)

Read the following magazine article carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the article.  
It is believed that the Italians were the first people to think of a sign language system in the sixteenth century. The idea was then taken to France in the seventeenth century, where the language was developed further.

Just as there are different spoken languages in countries around the world, each country has its own sign language. The use of sign and spoken languages does not differ. Both can be used to provide and share information, tell stories, have informal discussions and give formal talks. Both have different registers and dialects, and both are constantly evolving. Many varieties of the Arabic Sign Language have been developed. There are almost as many Arabic sign languages as there are Arabic-speaking countries.

Recently, the benefits of learning sign language are being promoted not only to deaf people, but also to those with normal hearing. In some schools, sign language is being offered as a foreign language. Since, like all languages, sign language has a grammatical structure, it is now being recognised and taught as an optional foreign language. Learning sign language is of enormous benefit to anyone, whether they can hear or are deaf. Like learning any new language, it involves and challenges the brain. It also allows people who master sign language to be able to communicate with a new international community.

Question Number One (20 points)

- A. 1. The article states different uses for sign and spoken languages. Write down two of these uses. (4 points)
2. Learning sign language is beneficial for anyone for two reasons. Write these two reasons down. (2 points)
3. Replace the underlined phrase 'to think of' with the correct phrasal verb? (2 points)
4. Quote the sentence which shows that there is not only one Arabic sign language. (3 points)
5. What does the underlined word 'it' refer to? (2 points)
6. Deaf people may face many unique challenges with learning sign language. Suggest three ways to overcome these problems. (3 points)
7. It is preferable to offer sign language as a foreign language in public institutions. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

SEE PAGE TWO : (2 points)

## B. Literature spot: (2 points)

Read the following extract from *Around the World in Eighty Days* carefully, then answer the question that follows:

'Yet you sell tickets from Bombay to Calcutta,' retorted Sir Francis, who was growing warm. 'No doubt', replied the conductor, 'but the passengers know that they must provide means of transportation for themselves from Kholby to Allahabad.'

What is the expression that is used to mean that Sir Francis is getting annoyed?

## Question Number Two: (15 points)

A. Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each the following sentences. There are more words than you need. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

look up , earn , keep your chin up , compulsory , look into

(8 points)

1. Even if things have been difficult for you, always ..... , everything will be normal soon.
2. In Jordan, pre-school and kindergarten education is optional, while basic education is free and .....
3. You can ..... the respect of your colleagues through your hard work and honesty.
4. Bayan promised her boss that she would ..... the matter and find out what had gone wrong.

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

A Postman delivers your post.

(3 points)

Replace the underlined word with the correct gender-neutral words.

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

1. Kareem is a ..... journalist, he has worked previously for many scientific journals. (qualification) (4 points)
2. Doing lots of exercise won't keep you healthy if you don't eat ..... food as well. (nutrients)

SEE PAGE THREE ...

**Question Number Three: (13 points)**

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

1. Provided that it ....., we will have a picnic next week. (not , rain) (4 points)
2. A new vocational school has ..... recently in my area. (build)

**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.**

1. People believe that eating almonds reduces the risk of heart disease. (9 points)  
Eating almonds .....
2. How can I get to Queen Alia Airport by public transport?  
Could you tell me .....
3. Nader should have been more careful with his essay. He didn't get a good mark.  
Nader wishes .....

**Question Number Four: (7 points)**

**A. Read the following situations and complete the sentences with the third conditional, using the word in brackets. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.**

1. Saleem left his wallet at home, so he wasn't able to purchase his necessary items. (could)  
.....
2. I studied really hard the day before the final exams. I achieved the first rank in my class. (might not)  
.....

**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.**

1. I have to quit fatty food.....?
2. The food in the restaurant wasn't extremely good,.....?
3. Let's walk along the beach,.....?

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.

I am doing an online postgraduate course in education. It is think that distance learning means that you don't socialise with other students? as you do when you are doing a face-to-face course. It's not true! Our class consists of 30 students from all over the world. We study at home and send our assignments to our tutors by email and there are a lot of different class discussions on the Internet.

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

Read the information below, and write two sentences about the benefits of studying abroad.

- build valuable job skills.
- be self - confident.
- make friends.
- understand own and other cultures.

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

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

1. Write a blog post for your school's website about health and fitness for busy people.
2. Tourism has become an important sector that has an impact on development of country economy. Write a three-paragraph report about the importance of tourism on the Jordanian economy and mention the best ways to attract tourists to visit Jordan. Mention its benefits, support with example.

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**A. 1. (4 points, 2 points each, any two of the following)**

1. Both can be used to provide and share information
  2. tell stories
  3. have informal discussions
  4. give formal talks.
- 2. (2 points, 1 point each)**

1. it involves and challenges the brain.
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**3. come up with (2 points)**

**4. There are almost as many Arabic sign languages as there are Arabic-speaking countries. (3 points)**

**5. sign language (2 points)**

**6. suggested answers: (3 points, 1 point each)**

- be self-confident.
- set up special institutions for deaf people.
- supply the deaf people with the needed facilities
- encourage the learners of sign language
- teach sign language courses in public institutions

**OR any relevant answer**

**7. Marking scheme:**

2	show higher order thinking level, relevant answer, message clearly communicated to reader.
1	message communicated, average level of thinking.
0	totally irrelevant or totally incomprehensible.

**suggested answers: (2 points)**

- enable ordinary people to know about the deaf culture.
- enriches the communication skills.
- understands the insight of deaf people.
- enhances social relationships.

**OR any relevant answer**

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- B. (3 points)

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C. (4 points, 2 points each)

1. qualified    2. nutritious

postal person

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A. EDITING (4 points, 1 point each)

1. postgraduate    2. thought    3. , as you do    4. tutors

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

4	comprehensive information with appropriate linking words, without spelling mistakes
3-2	acceptable level of communicating the ideas with some grammatical and spelling mistakes
1-0	miscommunication of the ideas, a lot of grammatical and spelling mistakes

C. FREE WRITING (7 points)

Open answer