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(وثيقة عمية/محدودة)

DATE: THURSDAY 7th OF JANUARY, 2016

٢ - للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية.

TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملفوظات: ١- أجب عن أسئلة هذه الورقة جميعها.

٢- عدد الأسئلة: (٥)، و عدد الصفحات: (٤).

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

Jordan has undergone a period of rapid modernisation in the last few years, with high-tech and high-rise buildings being built in its major cities, especially Amman. Yet it remains an ancient land that has enjoyed involvement and interaction with many different civilisations over the last ten thousand years.

Jordan's historical importance means that there is a variety of traditional crafts practiced by its skilled local artisans and, despite the fast pace of modernisation, there are increasing efforts by the state and by charities to preserve these wonderful traditions.

One example of this can be found in Madaba, where an organisation has been set up to help preserve the world-famous mosaics found there. These ancient mosaics are made with thousands of tiny pieces of coloured stone or tile. They give us information about the way people lived at the time, tell us about old kings and illustrate ancient maps and pictures of local events. They are very useful for historians.

Today, local people are taught how to make these mosaics for commercial sale. This helps to educate people about the need to protect what is old and provide them with a living.

Probably the most ancient craft in Jordan is the creation of items made from sisal (clay). Madaba played a major role in trading pottery throughout Europe and the Arab world. Pottery was first made in the Levant over 8000 years ago. Historians have uncovered many examples of fine Nabataean pottery in both Jordan and the surrounding countries.

Question Number One: (20 points)

- A. 1. Teaching the local people the process of producing mosaics implies two important benefits. Write these two benefits down. (4 points)
2. Mosaics are useful to historians for different reasons. Write down two of these reasons. (4 points)
3. Write down the sentence which indicates the place where pottery was invented. (3 points)
4. What does the underlined word "clay" mean? (2 points)
5. What does the underlined pronoun "its" refer to? (2 points)

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B. Critical Thinking: (5 points)

1. The writer states that the government of Jordan works hard to preserve the wonderful traditions. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)
2. Pottery was originally used by ordinary people for different purposes and is still used nowadays. Mention three different uses for pottery in the past. (3 points)

Question Number Two: (15 points)

- 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 BOOKLET. (8 points)**

far and wide, exhaustion, remind, odds and ends, permanent

1. Prolonged exposure to the sun can cause skin damage.
2. When you are extremely tired and cannot keep your eyes open, this is an example of a time when you are in a state of
3. These old photos me of my childhood.
4. My parents took most of the big things to the new house, but there are a few left to pick up.

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

When Laith was talking to his English teacher, he said that Ali's name was mentioned several times.

Replace the underlined verb with a suitable phrasal verb.

- 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. Museums in any country can give a tourist a good idea about art in this country and how its has developed. (historical)
2. The date for the of the dam project is 2016. (complete)

Question Number Three: (13 points)

A. Correct the verbs between brackets in the following sentences then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. I had to go on a diet because I had too much sugar. (be, eat)
2. Muna didn't design her wedding dress. She had it (design)

B. Complete each of the following items so that the new one has a similar meaning to the one before it and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (9 points)

1. "Have you ever been on holiday?"

Adam asked Rami

2. "The students are very happy about the English exam in my school."

Safwan said that

3. The government should support the construction of infrastructure facilities.

The construction of infrastructure facilities

Question Number Four: (7 points)

A. Use the right word or phrase in the box below each pair of sentences to make only one meaningful sentence from each pair, and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. We have a great opportunity to do effective work in this company. Such an opportunity presents us with great challenges.

whereas : on the other hand , instead of

2. Some people argue that it is the responsibility of parents. Some people believe that schools are responsible for the behavior of their students.

Instead of, although , whereas

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

Hatem : The best way to lose weight is to eat healthy food.

Majed:- You're right

What is the function of Hatem's statement in the above sentence?

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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. Find out these four mistakes and correct them.

Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

Since 1953, the phenamenon of climbing Mount everest has become a universal symbol of personal achievement. In 2003 alone there were over 60 different expeditions, including a blind climber, five farmers and a group of snowboarders aiming to reach the summit in 15 hours and consentrate on establishing a record for the fastest climb.

B. GUIDED WRITING: (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about how to book Online. Use the appropriate linking words such as: and, also, in addition to, ... etc.

How to book Online ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• logging on to the Internet.• finding the correct website.• typing in your travel requirements and personal details.• paying by credit card

C. FREE WRITING: (7 points)

In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 80 words on ONE of the following:

1. Some people believe that workers who take short breaks throughout the day to do light, outdoor exercise are more productive than those who do not. Write an article to your local newspaper expressing your point of view. Using specific details and examples to convince your readers.
2. Nowadays some people say that students textbooks should be replaced by notebook computer while others refuse. Write an essay comparing the advantages and disadvantages of each point of view.

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Question Number One (20 points)

A.

1. (4 points, 2 points each)

- 1) to educate people about the need to protect what is old.
- 2) provide them with a living.

2. (4 points, 2 points each)

- 1) They give us information about the way people lived at the time.
 - 2) tell us about old kings and illustrate ancient maps and pictures of local events.
3. Pottery was first made in the Levant over 8000 years ago. (3 points)
 4. soft material used for making pots and vases. (2 points)
 5. Jordan's (2 points)

B. Critical Thinking (5 points)

1. **Suggested answers (3 points)**

- Festivals and celebrations
- Workshop materials
- share your culture's art with others
- producing brochures
- creating websites promoting Jordan's traditions

OR any relevant answer.

2. **Suggested answers (2 points)**

- Decorative purposes
- Tools for cooking
- Storing food and water ...
- A medium for painting/ writing

OR

any relevant answer.

Marking scheme:

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