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**THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN-MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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GENERAL ENGLISH

الدورة الشتوية / المستوى الرابع

(وثيقة مهيبة / محدودة)

DATE : Saturday 14th of January, 2012

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TIME : 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات : (١) أجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة.

(٣) عدد صفحات هذا الامتحان (٤) صفحات وعدد الأسئلة (٥).

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.

The capital city of a country is very often its greatest city, with the largest population and the most important administrative buildings. Capital cities house government offices, as well as embassies from other countries.

Amman is no different from other capital cities. It is the seat of government and the economic and cultural centre of Jordan. Amman has the biggest population of any city in Jordan and is home to about a third of the people 2.3 million people. Amman has a history going back over 8,000 years.

Brasilia, the capital city of Brazil, is both similar to and different from Amman. Like Amman, it is an administrative centre and contains the key political institutions. However, unlike Amman, Brasilia is not the major cultural or economic centre of Brazil, and with 2.5 million people, it is home to only a tiny fraction of the huge Brazilian population.

Built in the late 1950s, it is a new city and has only been the capital of Brazil since 1960. It took over from Rio de Janeiro, which remains a major economic and cultural centre, as well as having a population of many millions more. Brasilia is a very modern city and because it is so new, planners were able to strictly regulate its layout. It is divided into sectors, with zones for specific purposes: business, industry, government and residential areas.

Question Number One: (20 points)

- A.
1. According to the third paragraph, there are two similarities between Amman and Brasilia. Write them down. (4 points)
 2. According to the last paragraph, Brasilia is divided into sectors with zones for specific purposes. Write down two of these purposes. (4 points)
 3. Write down the sentence which indicates that Amman is an ancient city. (3 points)
 4. Find a word in the last paragraph which means "control". (2 points)
 5. What does the underlined word "it", in the second paragraph, refer to? (2 points)
 6. According to the text, the writer states that some cities have larger population than the capital cities of their countries. Explain this statement, justifying your answer. (3 points)

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B. Critical Thinking: (2 points)

Living in capital cities has many advantages. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view.

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)

concentrate , make , construction , do , incredible

1. The ----- of Al-Abdali project demanded destroying many old houses.
2. We have put an ----- amount of work into this plan.
3. It is much better to be slow and correct than to be fluent and ----- a lot of mistakes.
4. The students will solve the problem if they ----- upon it.

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

What does the multi part verb **come out** mean in the following sentence?
Wait till the flowers **come out**; you will paint a beautiful picture.

come out
-become known
-become visible

C. Choose the answer from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)

1. In my city there is a wide ----- of entertainments to choose from.
(vary , variety , various)
2. Only certain kinds of people have ----- brains.
(mathematics , mathematical , mathematically)

Question Number Three: (14 points)

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

1. Did you plant the trees in your garden yourselves? No, we had them -----.
(plant)
2. Aisha received an email from Tahani yesterday, she ----- to write since June.
(be, promise)

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

(10 points)

1. My students, ----- are all adults, are learning English to get better jobs.
(who , which , where)
2. ----- village life, city life can be quite stressful.
(Whereas , On the other hand , In comparison with)
3. Nadera was careful about her diet, ----- only healthy food.
(eat , eats , eating)
4. Rami got his master's degree ----- the age of 26.
(in , at , for)
5. Anwar: "I am drinking a lot of coffee these days."
Anwar said that he ----- a lot of coffee those days.
(drink , drank , was drinking)

Question Number Four: (6 points)

A. 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.

(4 points)

1. "Can you speak any foreign language?"
Hatem asked Muha -----.
2. The farmer must water the plants in order to grow.
The plants -----.

B. Study the following pair of sentences, and answer the question below.

Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

(2 points)

A: Arar's achievements in poetry are outstanding.

B: I agree.

Which sentence expresses praise?

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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. Correct the mistakes and write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

mahmoud(1) became the first Jordanian man to reach the sammit(2) of Mount Everest. Apart from exhoustion(3) and little frostpite(4), he was in good health.

B. GUIDED WRITING: (4 points)

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about purposes of building dams. Use the appropriate linking words such as : and, too, also, etc.

Purposes of building dams
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• save water.• irrigate plants.• generate electricity.

C. FREE WRITING: (7 points)

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

1. Scientists have shown that people who have hobbies live happy lives compared with those who do not. Write an essay describing how hobbies can be beneficial for all people (e.g. keeping brains active, beating stress, helping people feel connected, etc.)
2. Millions of people own mobile phones these days. Write a report mentioning the advantages and the disadvantages of mobile phones and advise people how to use their mobiles efficiently.

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