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TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF

ملحوظات: (١) أجب عن جميع أسئلة هذه الورقة. (٢) للمتقدمين لجميع الفروع الأكاديمية.  
(٣) عدد صفحات هذا الامتحان (٤) صفحات وعدد الأسئلة (٦)

**SECTION ONE: READING (35 points)**

**PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION: (23 POINTS)**

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 Muslim empire in Spain lasted for centuries, and this civilization had a huge cultural impact on the country, which can still be seen today: Andalus, and Granada with its capital Qutuba (in Arabic Cordoba), are places that are well known for their Islamic heritage. The Omayyad Caliphs came to Spain after they fled from Damascus in 750 A.D. Although they only ruled for a short time, they made a big contribution to the artistic and cultural life of Qutuba. They did the same throughout Spain, and Andalus in particular became well known for the fine buildings of the Caliphs.

The Omayyads built their new capital to be very similar to Damascus. One of the most impressive buildings in Spain is the Omayyad 8<sup>th</sup> Century Mosque in Qutuba, which was designed to remind people of the city the Omayyads had left. During the time of the Caliphs, Andalus also became very well known for the study of science, philosophy and mathematics. Although the Omayyads made Granada very beautiful too, they are best known for Qutuba, which became a centre of Civilization and a bridge between the East and West.

Although the Muslims later moved out of Spain, their influence can still be seen today; nearly a quarter of modern Spanish words are derived from Arabic. Today there are many Muslims living in Spain, and there are nearly two hundred mosques across the country as the religion flourishes there. As well as the historic older buildings of the Caliphs, there are also much newer ones such as the Ibn Rushd Islamic University next to the Qutuba Mosque.

**Question Number One (18 points)**

- A. 1. According to the second paragraph, Andalus became famous for certain fields of study. Write down two of these fields. (4 points)
2. Why was the Omayyad 8<sup>th</sup> Century Mosque built in Qutuba? (3 points)
3. Quote the sentence which indicates that the Omayyad Caliphs left Damascus to escape from danger. (3 points)
4. Find a word in paragraph one that means "the traditional beliefs, values, customs etc. of a family or country". (2 points)
5. What does the underlined word "ones", in the last paragraph, refer to? (2 points)
6. According to the text, "Islamic culture influenced the Spanish language." Explain this statement, justifying your answer. (2 points)

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**B. Critical Thinking (2 points)**

Human civilization can develop through cooperation among different cultures. Write down two sentences explaining how people from different cultures can live peacefully.

**Question Number Two (5 points)**

**Literature Spot**

Read the following quotation from "The Fruits of Labour", by Shazia Andaleeb carefully, then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer the questions that follow with reference to the story:

"The father was a man of wisdom and experience. The next day he sent his wife to her parent's town and asked his son to go and earn something."

1. Describe the character of the father, mentioning two things about him. (2 points)
2. Why did the father send his wife to her parent's town? (3 points)

**PART TWO: VOCABULARY: (12 points)**

**Question Number Three (12 points)**

**A. Using the dictionary entry below, choose the correct form of the word to fill in the blanks. Write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (4 points)**

1. Jordanians -----the Independence Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May every year.
2. Mahmoud had a -----on the occasion of his graduation.

**celebrate:** (v.) to make success or a special occasion by having celebration, birthday, etc.  
**celebration:** (n.) an occasion when people celebrate something.  
**celebrity:** (n.) a famous person, especially in films, on television, etc.

**B. Study the following dictionary entry and answer the question that follows. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)**

The syllable that carries the main stress in the word **pedestrian** is ...

- a) pe      b) des      c) tri      d) an

**pe-des-tri-an** /pə<sup>1</sup>destrɪən/ (n.) someone who is walking in the street rather than driving a car or riding a bicycle.

**C. Choose the best answer from those given to complete each of the following items and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

publish , stuck , transport , documentary

I admire my uncle a lot. He sometimes uses public -----, He avoids getting ----- in traffic jams. He watches----- films.

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SECTION TWO : WRITING : (35 points)

PART THREE : STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS : (20 points)

Question Number Four (9 points)

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

1. Bayan looks sleepy now. She has-----her science project all night. (be , do)
2. A month ago, my friend Fadi -----his old car. (sell)

B. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following items and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (5 points)

1. Hesham is very disappointed that his friend didn't turn ----- at the match last night.  
(down , up , into)
2. Most of the house plants died. The gardener ----- have forgotten to water them.  
(should , must , can't)
3. The decision has been taken to provide all the new buildings with special facilities for ----- disabled.  
(the , a , x)
4. My father is looking for someone to get our house -----,  
(redecorate , redecorating , redecorated)
5. ----- the course was short, it was beneficial for us all.  
(Although , Nevertheless , Despite)

Question Number Five (11 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. (6 points)

1. The local museum is a building which consists of three storeys.  
The local museum is a ----- building.
2. The police fined the driver for speeding.  
The driver -----.

B. Choose the suitable items to fill in the blanks. Write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (3 points)

start , was going , invite , invited , is going , started

Waleed : Don't go out! Look at those black clouds. It -----to rain.

Nuha : I have to go out now as the meeting will ----- soon. I was----- for that meeting a week ago.

C. Study the following pairs of sentences, and answer the question below. Write the answer in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)

1. They've repaired my car.
2. They've been repairing my car for ten days.

Which sentence indicates that the speaker is complaining about his/her garage?  
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**PART FOUR: EDITING, GUIDED AND FREE WRITING : (15 points)**

**Question Number Six (15 points)**

**A. EDITING : (3 points)**

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have three mistakes. Correct the mistakes and write the answers in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

people(1) have different atitudes(2) towards violence and the perpose(3) of screening it.

**B. GUIDED WRITING : (5 points)**

Read the information in the table below about vitamin A, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about its sources and benefits. Use the appropriate linking words such as : and, too, also .....etc

Vitamin A	
sources	milk, green vegetables, carrots, eggs, ...etc
benefits	prevent eye problems, essential for the growth of cells

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

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

1. Unemployment is one of the global problems nowadays. Write a composition about this problem, discussing the reasons and suggesting possible solutions.
2. You had bought a washing machine. At home, you found that it didn't work properly. Write a letter to the sales manager in Amman, telling him when you bought it; what was wrong with it; how much trouble it caused; and how the problem could be solved.  
(Your name is Nihad. Your address is P.O. Box 1646, Amman, Jordan)

**THE END**



**SECTION ONE: READING (35 points)**

**PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION: (23 POINTS)**

**Question Number One (18 points)**

**A.**

1. Any two of the following : (4 points)  
science , philosophy , mathematics
2. to remind people of the city the Omayyads had left (3 points)
3. The Omayyad Caliphs came to Spain after they fled from Damascus in 750 A.D  
(3 points)
4. heritage (2 points)
5. buildings (2 points)
6. Any relevant answer (2 points)

**B. Critical Thinking (2 points)**

Marking Scheme :

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

**Question Number Two (5 points)**

**Literature Spot**

1. A man of : a. wisdom b. experience (2 points)
2. In order not to help her son again OR  
In order not to give him money again (3 points)

**PART TWO: VOCABULARY: (12 points)**

**Question Number Three (12 points)**

**A. (4 points, 2 points each)**

1. celebrate 2. celebration

**B. b) des (2 points)**

**C. (6 points, 2 points each)**

1. transport 2. stuck 3. documentary

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**PAGE TWO SECTION TWO : WRITING : (35 points)**

**PART THREE : STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS : (20 points)**

**Question Number Four (9 points)**

**A. (4 points, 2 points each)**

1. been doing      2. sold

**B. (5 points, 1 point each)**

1. up  
2. must  
3. the  
4. redecorated  
5. Although

**Question Number Five (11 points)**

**A. (6 points, 3 points each)**

1. three-storey  
2. was fined for speeding

**B. (3 points, 1 point each)**

1. is going      2. start      3. invited

**C. 2. They've been repairing my car for ten days (2 points)**

**PART FOUR: EDITING, GUIDED AND FREE WRITING : (15 points)**

**Question Number Six (15 points)**

**A. EDITING : (3 points, 1 point each)**

- (1) People      (2) attitudes      (3) purpose

**B. GUIDED WRITING : (5 points)**

Marking scheme :

5 – 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

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