

# **GENERAL ENGLISH**

الدورة الشتوية / الفصل الأول + المستوى الثالث

(وثيقة محمية/محدود)

DATE: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> of January ٢- للمتقدمين في الفروع الأكاديمية والمهنية (جامعات). TIME: 1 HOUR AND A HALF ملحوظات: ١- أجب عن أسنلة هذه الورقة جميعها. ٣- عدد الأسنلة: (٥)، وعدد 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.

Ibn Bassal was a writer, a scientist and an engineer who lived in Al-Andalus in the eleventh century CE. He worked in the court of Al-Ma'mun, who was the King of Toledo .His great passions were botany, which is the study of plants, and agriculture. Although he was a great scholar, he was also a practical man and all of his writing came from his own 'hands-on' experience of working the land.

One of the many things which Ibn Bassal achieved was A Book of Agriculture. The book consisted of sixteen chapters which explain how best to grow trees, fruit and vegetables, as well as herbs and sweet-smelling flowers; perhaps the most famous chapter of all was the one that described how to treat different types of soil. Ibn Bassal also worked out how to irrigate the land by finding underground water and digging wells. He designed water pumps and irrigation systems.

The influence of Ibn Bassal's book was enormous. As farmers down the generations followed his instructions and advice, the land became wonderfully fertile and produced more than enough food for the fast-growing population. The irrigation systems that he and his followers put in place are still in evidence in Spain. Although his name is not widely known, Ibn Bassal's legacy to the world has been great.

## Question Number One (22 points)

A. 1. Ibn Bassal was a polymath. Write down two examples of his areas of knowledge. (2 points)

- 2. There were two benefits for farmers who followed Ibn Bassal's instructions. (4 points) Write down these two benefits.
- (3 points) 3. Quote the sentence which shows Ibn Bassal's two great interests.
- 4. Find a word in the text which means "what someone leaves to the world after (3 points) their death". (2 points)
- 5. What does the underlined word "He" refer to?

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- 6. The area around Toledo had a 'fast growing population'. Suggest three possible reasons that made the population there be a 'fast growing one'. (3 points)
- 7. Reaching high levels of achievement in the past was more difficult than it is nowadays. Think of this statement and, in two sentences, write down your point of view. (2 points)

### B. Literature Spot: (3 points)

Read the following lines from *The Old Man and the Sea* carefully, then answer the questions that follow:

As night falls, he wraps the fishing line around himself, and goes to sleep, leaving his left hand on the rope to wake him if the marlin surfaces. Soon, the old man is asleep, dreaming of the lions he used to see when he was a boy in Africa.

- 1. Find a word in the above lines which means "comes to the top of the ocean or earth". (1 point)
- 2. Write down the line which represents the idea of memory. (2 points)

### **Question Number Two (16 points)**

A. Choose the suitable item from those given in the box to complete each of the following sentences. There are more words than you need. Write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (8 points)

seat belt, calculation, educational, tiny, sponsor

- 1. Our new computers will read out the results of the ------ in a few seconds.
- 2. Clouds are formations of ----- drops of water in the sky.
- 3. You must always wear a ----- in a car whether you are the driver or a passenger.
- 4. When students go on school trips, they always learn new things because the trips are -----.

# B. Replace the underlined misused colour idiom in the sentence below with the correct one. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)

Have you heard the good news? We've got <u>a white elephant</u> to go ahead with our project!

C. Choose the suitable item from those given below to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)

1. Bank customers can ----- their checking accounts instantly through the electronic system.

(access, accessible, accessibly)

- 2. Hospitals have a ----- to provide the best medical care.
  - (commit, committed, commitment)
- 3. -----, the process of producing rugs, bags and other beautiful items is done by hand.
  - (Tradition, Traditional, Traditionally)

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

I think a <u>tablit</u> is useful because it's small and light; you can <u>took</u> it out with you and you can use it for different activities, e,g. surfing the net: listening to music, reading a book, watching a film and keeping up-to-date with <u>sotial</u> media.

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

Read the information in the table below, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences using all the given notes below about benefits of walking. Use the appropriate linking words.

Benefits of walking			
	•	improves heart health	
	٠	aids weight loss	
	٠	strengthens muscles	

regulates blood pressure

### C. FREE WRITING (7 points) In your ANSWER BOOKLET, write a composition of about 120 words on ONE of the following:

- 1. Most of us think that our jobs are the most difficult and stressful jobs in the world. Write an article discussing the top hardest jobs in the world according to you and reasons for considering them to be hard.
- 2. Happiness is considered very important in life. Write an article defining happiness and discussing the factors that are important in achieving it.

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B. (4 points, 2 points each)

1. My preferable season is fall because I love how the leaves change color. 2."Gosh, you've gotten very tall!" said my aunt.

### Question Number Five (15 points) A. EDITING (4 points, 2 points each)

1. tablet 2. take 3. net, 4. social

### B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points) Marking scheme:

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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