

Question one: Read the text then answer the questions that below.

A few years ago, as many as 1,000 schools across the USA started making school years longer by adding up to ten extra days to the school year or by making each school day longer by half an hour. This was because it was found that secondary school students in the USA and the UK were spending the last time at school, with an average school year of 187 days. The typical Jordanian school year is longer than this. However, none of these are nearly as long as the school year in countries like Japan and South Korea. South Koreans attend school for 220 days per year, and in Japan, the school year numbers 243 days.

According to a study by organization for economic co-operation and development (OECD), students in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea spend the most time studying in the world. They want learn as much as they can to ensure excellent exam grades. They go to school for about nine hours, although this includes optional after-school tuition and activities. They also spend about three hours on homework every day, which is three times as much as many other countries. Their high academic achievements do suggest that the longer you study, the better you do in final exams.

In Finland, however, students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night, and they attend school for fewer and shorter days than 85% of other developed nation. Despite this, they achieve top marks in subjects like Maths and Science. In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, language fluently. The contradictory views of the study suggest that the number and length of school days isn't the only factor in determining whether students will succeed at school or not.

1. Some schools in the USA have lengthened the school year by two methods, what are they? 6

2. What is interesting about Finland's fewer and shorter school days? 4

3. What does the underlined pronoun (they) refer to ? 2

4. Find a word in the text that means ""speak a language well like native speaker ""? 2

5. What does (academic) mean? 2

6. Why do students in Japan , South Korea and Indonesia study hard? 4

7. Making the school days longer help students to get high marks. Think of this statement and in two sentences write down your point of view. 3

8. Suggest three methods in order to improve the academic achievements in Jordanian schools. 3

Question two: A. Complete the following sentences using the words in the table: 8

lifelong - choice - law - keep your chin up - academic

1. You should study if you are interested in learning about the legal system.
2., I am sure that everything will be fine in the end.
3. Studying is a activity –you're never too old to start.
4. You do not have to stay after school for the chess club-it's your

B. Read the following sentence then answer the question that follows. 2

I don't think I would be a very good accountant .I don't really have a head for figures.

What does the underlined body idiom mean ? -----

C. If you have got a problem, talk to someone about it .It helps to play it by ear. 2

Replace the underlined phrase with the correct one.-----

D. How many syllables does " achievement " have? ----- 2

E. The meaning of " financial " is ----- (debt , relating to money , lesson) 1

F. The opposite of " majority " is ----- . 2

Question Three : A. complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. 10

1. It is amazing to watch the _____ of a baby in the first year of life .

(develop , developmental , development , developmentally)

2. If you work hard , I am sure you will be _____.

(success , succeed , successful , successfully)

3. A lot of students _____ good marks in their exams.

(achieve , achievement , achieved)

4. The government should give the students an important _____ .

(educate , education , educated)

5. Another huge change has been _____ .

(finance , financial , financially)

B. Correct the words between brackets. 4

1. Amman is the _____ city in Jordan. (**big**)
2. Sending emails is _____ than sending SMS messages. (**expensive**)
3. _____ food for human being is the natural. (**good**)
4. Deena is the _____ girl in the class. (**popular**)

C: Complete each of the following sentences. 10

- 1. English is not as easy as Arabic.**

Arabic _____

- 2. Natural juice is more beneficial than manufactured juice.**

Manufactured juice _____

- 3. Physics isn't as popular as Biology .**

Biology _____

- 4. There is no subject as well-known as Computer Science .**

Computer Science _____

- 5. I don't eat as much fast food as my brother.**

My brother _____

D: Circle the correct answer: 7

- 1. I spend the time at school.**

(**less – least – little**)

- 2. The school year in Jordan is as as the one in the USA.**

(**long – longer – longest**)

- 3. Neither Maths nor science is as as English.**

(**popular – more popular – most popular**)

- 4. I don't drink as soft drink as you.**

(**more – many – much**)

- 5. Football becomes more and interesting game .**

(**least , more , as**)

- 6. Arafat is not as his son .**

(**clever as , cleverest as , cleverer than**)

- 7. Football is the sport in the world .**

(**most complicated , more complicated , less complicated , complicated**)

Question Four: A) EDITING. 6

Imagine you are editor in the Jordan Times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have (one spelling mistake , two grammatical mistakes and three spelling mistakes.)

On such school **have** recently opened to **educated** fourteen- to eighteen- years-olds who have a special interest in working in the **spase** industry. Students follow a tailor-made curriculum at the school, including subject such as **Astronomy** and **Astrophisics**.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

B) GUIDED WRITING. Write two sentences about how to sleep the night before the exam?. Use the appropriate linking words such as, and , moreover, in addition to etc. **6**

- do simple exercise .
- go to bed early.
- have some fresh natural juice.
- forget all about the exam .

C) Free Writing: . Write an article about " **The University and its role on the countries and humanity**". 14