General Secondary Certificate Examination
2009
English Language
Humanities & Scientific Streams

Total Marks (75)

Language: (35 Points)

Section A: (25 Points)

Question Number One: (5 Points)
Circle the correct answer:
1. The Chrysler Building ____________ the year before the Empire State went up.
   a. appear  b. has appeared  c. had appeared  d. was appeared
2. The accident happened while the men ____________ the steel.
   a. were lifting  b. are lifting  c. is lifting  d. am lifting
3. The next tour ____________ at 3.45.
   a. start  b. started  c. starting  d. starts
4. I ____________ for the bus since eight o’clock in the morning.
   a. was waiting  b. have been waiting  c. I’m waiting  d. have waiting
5. My sister ____________ from the university next summer.
   a. graduate  b. have graduated  c. will graduate  d. has graduated

Question Number Two: (5 Points)
Write questions for the answers below, use the words in parentheses:
1. Question: ___________________________?  (When\start)
   Answer: I started school in 1997.
2. Question: ___________________________?  (Why\leave)
   Answer: I left my office to have my lunch.
3. Question: ___________________________?  (Where\be)
   Answer: I’ve been to Paris.
4. Question: ___________________________?  (What\do)
   Answer: She looks after sick people.
5. Question: ___________________________?  (be\engineer)
   Answer: Yes, Omar is an engineer.

Question Number Three: (5 Points)
A: Say how things could have happened differently:
1. She didn’t take the medicine so she didn’t get better.
   If ____________________________
2. We forgot to take the ball with us so we couldn’t play football on the beach.
   If ____________________________

B: Complete the following sentences with the suitable verb form between brackets.
1. Would you mind ____________________________ the door? (to close \closing)
2. Please, remember ____________________________ the letter. (posting \to post)
3. I’m trying ____________________________ 146.58×14.46 in my head but it’s quiet
difficult. (to work out \working out)

Question Number Four: (5 Points)
A: Rewrite the following using the starters between brackets.
1. What do we do when somebody else has the books we need? (Could you tell me)

2. Do students have to pay to borrow books? (I wonder)
B: Complete each of the following sentences with the appropriate modal verb from the box.

Note: (There are more model verbs than needed)

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1. Luckily, I __________________________ get up too early because the test wasn’t until midday.
2. It's a very important meeting, so you __________________________ be late.
3. I’m sorry I couldn’t come yesterday. I __________________________ work late.

Question Number Five:
Fill in the blanks by choosing the suitable prepositions from the box.

Note: (There are more prepositions than needed)

| of | for | over | on | at | in |

1. I don’t go out __________________________ Monday mornings.
2. Who was responsible __________________________ all that noise last night?
3. We build websites for business customers all __________________________ the world.
4. At first we didn’t get on very well, but __________________________ the end we became friends.
5. The mother was proud __________________________ her beautiful daughter.

Section B:
From this section, answer two questions only.

Question Number One:
A: Choose the suitable verb from the box to complete the sentences below.

Note: (There are more verbs than needed)

| decided | finished | enjoyed | offered |

1. I’ve been thinking for a long time, and now I’ve __________________________ to buy the bike.
2. She __________________________ her assistance to help me finish my tasks.
3. I really __________________________ seeing all my old friends again.

B: Rewrite each sentence with its verb in the passive:

1. Scientists everywhere are developing energy sources to replace oil.

   __________________________

2. The council constructed a new dump for public use.

   __________________________

Question Number Two:
Use the correct reflexive pronouns to complete the following sentences.

1. This machine works by __________________________
2. The boy fell down the stairs and hurt __________________________
3. Let's paint the room __________________________
4. I don’t need any help. I can fix it __________________________
5. The old woman lives by __________________________ since the death of her husband.

Question Number Three:
A: Use who or which to join the following pairs of sentences:

1. I climbed up the stairs. They were newly painted.

   __________________________

2. Nadia looked angry. She has been listening to our conversation.

   __________________________

3. The new stadium will be opened next month. It holds 90,000 people.

   __________________________
**B: Write what you should say if you were in these situations. Use the starters provided.**

1. Your brother wants to play the piano late at night. He will wake up the people next door.
   
   **You had better**

2. It is very cold. Your sister who has been ill recently, is walking along the road without a coat.
   
   **You should**

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**Literature:**

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<td><strong>1. Circle the correct answer:</strong></td>
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<td>1. A Nam Veteran (in <em>War is never over</em>) is:</td>
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<td>a. a soldier who had bad memories and nightmares .</td>
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<td>b. a soldier who fought against US Army.</td>
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<td>c. a soldier who fought for US against communists in Vietnam.</td>
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<td>d. a soldier who fought in World War II</td>
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<td>2. Edgar hid from his father’s men by:</td>
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<td>a. pretending to be a mad homeless person.</td>
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<td>b. staying in Regan’s castle.</td>
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<td>c. living among Lear’s knights.</td>
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<td>d. staying in the castle.</td>
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<td>3. The banker decides to kill the prisoner because:</td>
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<td>a. it is very quiet and there is no one around.</td>
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<td>b. he doesn’t want to lose the bet.</td>
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<td>c. the man is asleep.</td>
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<td>d. the guard is absent.</td>
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**2. Decide whether each of the following is true or false:**

1. The dove died because of hunger in the cage. (   )
2. Lear regretted giving away everything to his two daughters because his daughters were weak. (   )
3. The majority of the guests disapprove of the death penalty. (   )

**3. Complete:**

The prisoner deprived himself from getting the two million at the end by ________________________________

**4. “If I had the pluck to carry out my intention, suspicion would fall first upon the watchman”**

   a. Who is the speaker?
   
   b. What was his intention?
   
   c. Why should the suspicion fall upon the watchman?

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**Section B:**

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<td><strong>3. Why does the Duke of Burgundy refuse to marry Cordelia? (King Lear)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>4. When may we bring shame and disgrace upon ourselves? (Be Strong)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>5. Why would the young lawyer choose life imprisonment over death? (The Bet)</strong></td>
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Composition: (20 Points)

A: Write about **120 words on One of the following topics:** (10 points)

1. Write an essay of three paragraphs about "**Overpopulation**".
   - Follow the following pattern:
     - **Paragraph one**: causes of this problem (health care, age average, education, economy).
     - **Paragraph two**: effects of overpopulation (food and energy supplies, job opportunities, land).
     - **Paragraph three**: ways to control this problem (children per family, raising health and social awareness).

2. Write an essay of three paragraphs about "**The importance of recycling**".
   - Follow the following pattern:
     - **Paragraph one**: old ways of getting rid of waste.
     - **Paragraph two**: economical benefits of recycling.
     - **Paragraph three**: environmental benefits of recycling.

B: Write about **100 words on One of the following topics:** (10 points)

1. Write a letter to the Industry Company Manager, Mr. Omar, PO Box 331, Nablus, applying for the post of a civil engineer, advertised in Al-Haya Daily Newspaper. Your name is Waleed Hussam and you live at 30 Al-Jalaa Street, Al-Remal, Gaza.
   *(Talk about your experience, languages, qualifications and other skills)*

2. You are Sami. You live in Ramallah, Al-Ersal Street, building number 9, PO Box 55. You are concerned with bad environmental problems in your city that is air pollution. Write a letter to the editor of Al-Ayam Newspaper whose office in Jerusalem, Al-Riadh Street.

Do the following:
- Describe the problem
- Mention the causes *(cars/means of transport/factories/insecticides)*
  and results *(plants, people, animals)*
- Suggest solutions

**Good Luck**