



ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT  
Ministry of Education

[٢٥] ث.ع / ثان

General Secondary Education Certificate Examination, ٢٠١٢  
[Second Stage – Second Session]

First Foreign Language: ENGLISH [ ٢ ]

Time: ٣ Hours

اللغة الأجنبية الأولى (٢) [ الإنجليزىه ]

تنبيه مهم: الإجابات المكررة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد لن تقدر ويتم تقدير الإجابة الأولى فقط.

[ الأسئلة في أربع صفحات ]

A- Language Functions

1. Respond to each of the following situations: [4 marks]

- ١- Your brother is preparing to leave for the airport. Offer to give him a hand.
- ٢- A friend is worried about an interview tomorrow. Suggest a way to make him/her feel better.
- ٣- Your neighbour has been in hospital for a week. Express regret for not visiting him/her.
- ٤- You arrive late for an appointment with your manager. Apologise and give a reason.

2. Mention the place, the speakers and the language function in each of the following two mini-dialogues:

- ١- A: I'm tired of just sitting here!  
B: Relax. The flight will depart within 40 minutes.

Place:.....  
Speaker A:.....  
Speaker B:.....  
Function:.....

- ٢- A: What do you think of the essay I wrote?  
B: The first draft was not well-written.  
A: What about the second draft?  
B: It's much better.

Place:.....  
Speaker A:.....  
Speaker B:.....  
Function:.....

B- Vocabulary & Structure

3. Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d: [8 marks]

- ١- Which model ..... 250 kilometres per hour?  
a) does go      b) goes      c) has gone      d) going
- ٢- My cousin made a ..... decision when he decided to give an hour a week to charity.  
a) continuous      b) conventional      c) conscientious      d) confidential
- ٣- Climate scientists ended their ..... by agreeing that global warming is mainly man-made. [ بقية الأسئلة فى الصفحة الثانية ]

[2]

تابع [٢٥] ث.ع / ثان

- ٤- It's more than 20 years ..... I travelled abroad.  
a) while      b) before      c) when      d) since
  - ٥- Though different in personality, Henry and his aunt get .....  
a) out of      b) on hard      c) away with      d) on well
  - ٦- Some drivers have a sat-nav system in their cars to help them find their best .....  
a) root      b) routine      c) route      d) rout
  - ٧- Ali ..... for work for over a year before he finally got a job.  
a) has been looking      b) had looked  
c) had been looking      d) has looked
  - ٨- ..... seeing the road accident, the motorists drove more carefully.  
a) On      b) Without      c) Despite      d) Over
  - ٩- It is ..... for Egyptians to lose one of their unique monuments.  
a) thinkable      b) imaginable      c) unthinkable      d) understandable
  - ١٠- Ramy has a broken arm; he ..... off his bicycle in the race.  
a) can't fall      b) might fall  
c) must have fallen      d) can't have fallen
  - ١١- I'm going to ..... some information about space invasion from the internet.  
a) download      b) overload      c) upload      d) unload
  - ١٢- A well-known ..... is opening a new gym downtown soon.  
a) celerity      b) certification      c) celebration      d) celebrity
  - ١٣- To get a ....., you have to make outstanding achievements.  
a) motion      b) mission      c) permission      d) promotion
  - ١٤- ..... are objects that explode with a coloured light during festivals.  
a) Artworks      b) Fireworks      c) Frameworks      d) Glassworks
  - ١٥- From the medical report, she ..... to have suffered from amnesia.  
a) believed      b) is believed      c) is believing      d) believes
  - ١٦- Mahmoud promised he would not tell anyone what .....said.  
a) had I      b) I had      c) have I      d) I have
4. Find the mistake in each of the following sentences, then write them correctly. [6 marks]
- ١- A precision moved slowly towards the king's palace.
  - ٢- If you put a long bar of steel in water, will it sink?
  - ٣- The job of accountants is to help people with their fiancées.
  - ٤- Amir hopes winning a prize for his latest short stories collection.
  - ٥- By my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, I will be in my current profession for over 20 years.
  - ٦- The little boy was hiding behind a tree and thought he was visible.

[ بقية الأسئلة فى الصفحة الثالثة ]

| تابع [٢٥] ت.ع / ثان [3]   | تابع [٣٥] ت.ع / ثان [4]   |
|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>C- Reading</b></p> <p><b>5. Read the following passage, then answer the questions: [5 marks]</b></p> <p>The ancient Egyptians are among the first early civilizations to learn how to grow roses. In 1888, two-thousand-year-old roses were found in ancient Egyptian graves. The discovery suggested roses were an important part of the burial ceremonies, which took place when an important person died. The roses found in the tombs are thought to be the oldest preserved flowers ever found in the entire world. <b>They</b> must have been cut and dried before opening to remain undamaged. On careful examination, it was discovered that the petals themselves were hardly damaged.</p> <p>Egypt's expertise in mass-cultivation of roses in early times led to the flowers becoming an important export product. At the height of the Roman Empire, Egypt exported enormous quantities of the blooms to the Roman courts. Wealthy Romans loved to indulge in the beautiful colours and smells of roses and they would strew the floors of their main halls with layers of rose petals.</p> <p><b>A) Answer the following questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>١- What is the main idea of the passage?</li> <li>٢- How did the Ancient Egyptians preserve the roses?</li> <li>٣- From the passage, prove that the ancient Romans loved roses.</li> </ol> <p><b>B) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>٤- The roses found in the tombs were .....<br/> <b>a) hardly saved    b) greatly damaged    c) undamaged    d) hydrated</b></li> <li>٥- The underlined word '<b>They</b>' refer to .....<br/> <b>a) roses            b) petals            c) tombs            d) ceremonies</b></li> </ol> <p><b>6. Read the following passage, then answer the questions: [5 marks]</b></p> <p>As cities become more crowded, workers often have to move farther away from their offices to find affordable housing in desirable neighbourhoods. Sometimes they have to commute, that is to travel an hour or more to work and back, and endure heavy traffic. One popular solution to the difficult daily travel is telecommuting, which involves working from home and communicating with one's employer by phone, fax, or e-mail.</p> <p>Changing technology makes telecommuting increasingly easy and popular. Some people work at home full time, while others go into the office one or two days and work at home the rest of the week. Telecommuting has many advantages. Besides saving people from the stressful traffic, it allows for more flexibility in the workplace. Telecommuters can plan their own</p> <p style="text-align: center;">【 بقية الأسئلة في الصفحة الرابعة 】</p> | <p>timetables; and they can work from anywhere. Often, people with children like to telecommute because it means building a work plan around family demands and duties.</p> <p><b>A) Answer the following questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>١- Are you for or against telecommuting? Why/Why not?</li> <li>٢- Why do many people have to search for houses in remote areas?</li> <li>٣- How can telecommuting solve the traffic problem?</li> </ol> <p><b>B) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>٤- According to the passage, unless you have a computer, you .....<br/> <b>a) may have a busy schedule.</b><br/> <b>b) won't be able to telecommute.</b><br/> <b>c) will be able to work from home.</b><br/> <b>d) can't have desirable work conditions.</b></li> <li>٥- While some people work at home the whole week; others are ..... employees.<br/> <b>a) full time            b) sometime            c) halftime            d) part time</b></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Mask of Gold</b></p> <p><b>7. A) Answer the following questions: [3 marks]</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>١- Give an example of the Incas' toughness and cruelty.</li> <li>٢- What did the police do when the team discovered that the safe was empty?</li> </ol> <p><b>B) Read the following quotation and then answer the questions: [2 marks]</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Let Pablo meet Lander. We'll follow him and catch Lander."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>١- Who said this? To whom?</li> <li>٢- Why did they want to catch Lander?</li> </ol> <p><b>C) Complete the following sentences: [2 marks]</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>١- Although the Incas didn't have any kind of writing, .....</li> <li>٢- Leila bravely told Lander that he was a thief when .....</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>D- Writing</b></p> <p><b>8. Write a paragraph of about 100 words about the following: [6 marks]</b></p> <p>"If you could go back to some time and place in the past, when and where would you go?"</p> <p><b>9. A) Translate into Arabic: [3 marks]</b></p> <p>Being a good citizen requires a lot of civilized behaviour like helping the people in need. Imagine you were in their place! Wouldn't you like to have other people standing by your side?</p> <p><b>B) Translate into English: [2 marks]</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>١- أفكر جدياً في التسجيل في دورة كمبيوتر بعد التخرج .</li> <li>٢- في بعض المنازل الحديثة تستخدم الطاقة الشمسية في تسخين المياه .</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">【 انتهى الامتحان 】</p> |