

## Ministry of Education

General Secondary Education Certificate Examination ٢٠٠٩

(Second Stage - First Session)

First Foreign Language: English - Advanced Level -

Time: ٣ Hours

اللغة الأجنبية الأولى: الإنجليزية (المستوى الرفيع)

( الأسئلة في أربع صفحات )

A- Language Usage and Set Book

## ١- Choose the correct answer from a, b, c, or d:-

١. We are going a long way ahead; let's wait for ..... to catch up with us.  
a) the others      b) others      c) other      d) another
٢. I don't know how you can ..... these conditions.  
a) put off      b) point out      c) put up with      d) put on
٣. The two models are exactly the same in .....  
a) all cases      b) all respects      c) any event      d) any experience
٤. It's hard to imagine ..... without electricity.  
a) live      b) living      c) to live      d) lived
٥. How long is it since you ..... this clock?  
a) set      b) filled      c) emptied      d) fell
٦. You never ..... my side in any argument.  
a) help      b) do      c) take      d) make
٧. We were surprised ..... their sudden decision to leave the district.  
a) of      b) to      c) from      d) by
٨. A person who likes to tell the truth is .....  
a) friendly      b) grown up      c) emotional      d) frank
٩. There is little to choose between them. They're .....  
a) equally nice      b) equally as nice      c) nice equally      d) as nice equally
١٠. The opposite of the word "ahead" is .....  
a) ago      b) ajar      c) apart      d) afoot

(بقية الأسئلة في الصفحة الثانية)

## ٢- Find the mistakes, then correct the sentences:-

١. We are supposed to tell them collecting the rubbish.
٢. Do a good act today! Keep our streets clean! Don't be a letterbag.
٣. The girl was dressed in blue from head to head.
٤. You like chocolate and so I do.
٥. We are eager expecting your arrival.

## ٣- Rewrite the following sentences using the word(s) in brackets to give the same meaning:-

١. We can't offer a discount for our services on any account. (On no account ....)
٢. But for volunteers, many people would have died. (Hadn't)
٣. Only then did we realize what a mess we had got ourselves into. (We)
٤. You shouldn't walk on grass. (are)
٥. Are you sorry for cheating in the exam? (regret)

## ٤- Answer FOUR ONLY of the following questions:-

١. Although Hawaiian Islands differ from one another, they share many of the same features. Explain.
٢. Surfing is a sport which needs many skills; what are they?
٣. Maria's mother played an important role in her life, Illustrate.
٤. Explain when Maria had doubts about her career.
٥. Environmental destruction requires global thinking. Give an example.
٦. What is the link between the birth rate and life expectancy?

(بقية الأسئلة في الصفحة الثالثة)

**B- Reading Comprehension and Critical Thinking****٥- Reading Comprehension:-****A- Read the following passage and then answer the questions:-**

Online distance learning is an instructional system which connects learners with educational resources. Students work on their own at home, or at school and communicate with faculty and other students via e-mail, video conferencing and other forms of computer-based communication. There are both advantages and disadvantages to online distance learning.

Online distance learning is available all the time and everywhere. However, there are drawbacks for some learners. The online learner only has the written text and no other face cues. This may confuse the learner and cause misunderstanding. While distance learning allows openness, it is also cumbersome because it is done by e-mail messages and writing and therefore may take more time than face-to-face learning.

Online distance learning is important for students who may be unable to attend classes for various reasons like illnesses or busy schedules. They just want to further their studies at home.

١. Online distance learning has merits. Mention some.
٢. What is the effect of computer-based communication on distance learning?
٣. How can you solve the demerits of distance learning?
٤. Find the equivalent of the word "problematic" in the passage.

**B- Read the following passage, then choose the correct answer:-**

A few minutes ago, walking back from lunch, I started to cross the street when I heard the sound of a coin dropping. It wasn't much but, as I turned, my eyes caught the heads of several other people turning too. A woman had dropped what appeared to be a coin.

The tinkling sound of the coin dropping on a pavement is an attention-getter. Whatever the coin is, no one ignores its sound. It got me thinking about sounds again. We are **besieged** by so many sounds that attract the most attention. People in Cairo seldom turn to look when a fire engine, a police car or an ambulance comes screaming along the street.

When I'm in Cairo, I'm a Cairene. I don't turn either. I hardly hear a siren there.

( بقية الأسئلة في الصفحة الرابعة )

In my little town, Tanta, the situation is different. The wail of a police or a fire siren brings me to my feet if I'm seated.

It's the quietest sounds that have most effect on us not the loudest.

١. The sound of a coin dropping makes people .....
  - a) think of money.
  - b) pay attention.
  - c) look at each other.
  - d) stop crossing the street
٢. People in Cairo .....
  - a) don't care about emergencies.
  - b) are used to sirens.
  - c) are attracted by the sounds.
  - d) don't hear loud noises.
٣. The writer .....
  - a) has lived in Tanta for a while.
  - b) has lived all his life in Cairo.
  - c) is interested in fire engines.
  - d) hears sirens in Cairo.
٤. The word 'besieged' in the passage means .....
  - a) silenced.
  - b) crowded.
  - c) surrounded.
  - d) beseeched.

**Critical Thinking****٦- Choose the best ending for the following passage:-**

Last year, I shared a flat with a friend. One night while sleeping, I woke up, feeling frightened. I didn't know why? But at that moment, I heard a loud crash from the living room. I waited then I decided to find out what was happening. I went to the living room but I didn't want to go in, so I stood behind the door, then I stepped into the room and switched the light on. My friend was on the floor asleep. I spoke to him and shook him and finally he woke up. Then he said .....

- a) "I wanted to sleep on the floor."
- b) "I often walk in my sleep and fall over chairs or tables without even noticing."
- c) "It's my hobby to sleep under chairs and tables."
- d) "I like to do that."

**C – Writing**

- ٧- Write a dialogue between a talk-show host and a guest talking about the problem of unemployment and its evil results on people. Each person should speak three times. Greetings are not counted.

**٨- Write an essay of not less than twenty lines on (A) or (B):-**

A- Generation gap.

B- Bird Flu.

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