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DATE:

TIME: 1 HOUR AND HALF

Read the following article carefully, and then in your ANSWER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the article.

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. All of these things were passed on through his writing.

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 pain. Although his name is not widely known, Ibn Bassal's legacy to the world has been great.

QUESTION NUMBER ONE :

1. Write down the sentence which indicates that Ibn Bassal was a polymath.
2. Find a synonym for the word " **hands –on**" in the text?
3. Ibn Bassal's achieved many things through his life. Write down two of his achievements ?
4. IbnBassal used two ways to supply the land with water. Write them down.
5. Quote the sentence which indicates the technique that IbnBassal used to convey his knowledge in botany .
6. What does the underlined word "**irrigate**" mean?
7. What does the underlined relative pronoun "**which**" refer to?
8. The area around Toledo had a 'fast-growing population. Think of this statement, and in two sentences, write down your point of view

B. Literature Spot:

Read the following extract from "All the World's a Stage" by William Shakespeare carefully, then in your Answer booklet answer the question that follows with reference to the poem.

" Then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school. ...

Then a soldier,
Full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honor, sudden and quick in quarrel,."

How does the poet contrast between the images of a boy and a soldier in the lines above?

QUESTION NUMBER TWO :

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.

(polymath , appreciate , translate , reputation , heritage)

1. Petra has a as a fascinating place to visit.
2. Traditional culture, such as art, architecture, customs and beliefs called
3. Mr Shahin is a true working in all kinds of creative and scientific fields.
4. Thank you for your help, I really it.

B. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows. Write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

I knew it was you stealing the cookies. I caught you red handed!

What does the underlined colour idiom mean?

C. Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in brackets and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

1. Look at an that has been set up in a public space. (install)
2. Another craft practised in Madaba is the of ceramic items. (creative)

QUESTION NUMBER THREE :

A. Correct the verbs between brackets then write your answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

1. They in the project even if it does not make a lot of money.(invest)
2. you in the garden all day? You look exhausted. (work)
3. You can borrow this book tomorrow. I..... (finish) it by then.

B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it, and write it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

1. "We went to the cinema and then to the Chinese restaurant"

She said that

2. I asked someone to repair my car. (had)

I

3. I didn't visit The National Museum before.

The National Museum.....

4. Petra was made a World Heritage Site in 1985 CE.

The year

C. Choose the right answer from the following and write them down in your ANSWER BOOKLET

1. Don't phone me at seven. I..... dinner with my family.

a. will have b. will have had c. will be having

2. I intend for a job when I finish university. (apply)

a. will apply b. is applying c. to apply

3. The students their essays by the end of next week. (write)

a. will write b. will have written c. will be writing

4. I a doctor when I leave university. (be)

a. will be b. is c. was

5. Are you used to in Jordan yet?

a. lived b. living c. lives

6. When I was young, I go fishing with my dad every weekend.

a. am used to b. used to c. use to

7. If I had any difficulties, I my teacher.

a. will consult b. consult c. would consult

8. My mother didn't drink much coffee. But now she has become addicted to it.

a. am used to b. used to c. use to

QUESTION NUMBER FOUR :

A. The words in the following sentence are not used correctly. Replace these words with the correct ones, and write the answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (2 points)

They've always lived in a hot countries so they not used to the cold weather here.

B. The following sentences are in British English, rewrite them in American English, and write them down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

1. Have you seen the new theatre yet?

2. I usually have a shower in the morning. Then, I eat some biscuits.

C. Study the following sentence and answer the question that follows.

The sofa will tell you when to get some exercise.

What is the function of using the structure will in the above sentence?

QUESTION NUMBER FIVE :

A. EDITING (4 pints)

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan times. You are asked to edit the following lines that have four mistakes (one grammar mistake, one punctuation mistake and two spelling mistakes). Find out these four mistakes and correct them. Write the correct answers down in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

In the 1940s. technology had developed enough for inventors to make the first generation of modern computers. One such model was so large that it needed a room that was 167 square metres to accommodate it. During that decade, scientists In England develop the first computer program. It took 25 minutes to complete one calculation. In 1958 CE, the computer ship was developed.

B. GUIDED WRITING (4 points)

Read the information below, and in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences using the given notes below about how to deal with stress. Use the appropriate linking words.

How to deal with stress?

- walking away from the stress situation .
- taking three to five deep breathes .
- have a coffee or a meal with friends .