

READING

(14 Marks)

Q1: Read the text and answer the following questions:

People have celebrated festivals from the earliest times in history, and many countries love to celebrate nature. Many countries around the world hold flower festivals. Most of these festivals celebrate the flower that represents either the whole country or a particular region. In each country, there are parties, entertainments, family get-togethers and a commemoration of traditions and culture. In Henan Province in China, people celebrate the Luoyang Peony Festival from 15th to 25th April every year. The peony symbolises wealth and nobility in China, but the colourful flower also has a legend attached! It is said that Empress Wu of the Tang Dynasty banished the peony from her city to the city of Luoyang, where it has bloomed abundantly every year since. Certainly, if you go to Luoyang at this time of year, you will see millions of peony plants in Luoyang Peony Gardens. You can also take part in celebrations such as dance competitions and cultural fairs, as well as watch music and drama spectacles. Jordan's national flower is the beautiful black iris, a rare flowering plant that is remarkable because it grows among rocks. It is admired for its unique beauty and strength. It is found mainly in the district of Ajloun, north of Jordan, during February and March.

1- How do people celebrate the flower?

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2- What does the peony in China symbolize?

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3- What do the peony celebrations look like?

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4- What is the Jordan's national flower?

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5- Why do people in Jordan admire it?

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6- Where does it grow?

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7- The underlined pronoun

A. 'it' line 10 refers to:

B. 'it' line 15 refers to:

VOCABULARY

(10 Marks)

Q2: Fill in the blanks with the suitable word:

dazzling festivities abundantly charm fair

1. The country has a great beauty and fertility, as well as the ----- of its climate.
2. every country and every culture has its own traditional celebrations and -----
3. The evening was crowned by the ----- performance of the troupes.
4. Amman International Book ----- takes place every year.
5. Diamonds are ----- found in South Africa.

STRUCTURE

(16 Marks)

Q3.A- Put the following verb in the correct form of "will" or "going to" (6 marks)

1. A: Why do you need to borrow my suitcase?
B: I ----- visit my mother in Scotland next month.
2. A: I'm really cold.
B: I ----- turn the heating on.
3. A: Are you going to John's party tonight?
B: Yes. I am ----- give him a gift.

4. A: Are you ready to order?

B: I can't decide ... Okay, I _____ have the steak, please.

5. A: Are you busy tonight? Would you like to have coffee?

B: Sorry. I _____ go to the library. I've been planning to study all day.

6. A: What are your plans after you leave university?

B: I ----- work in a hospital in Africa. I leave on the 28th.

Q3.B- correct the verbs between brackets (10 marks)

1. I ----- (leave) for Mumbai tomorrow.

2. The train ----- (depart) at 3.30 pm.

3. I ----- probably ----- (quit) my job.

4. I think I ----- (get) the job.

5. I ----- probably ----- (be) working late tonight.

Answers

Q1: Read the text and answer the following questions:

1- How do people celebrate the flower?

There are parties, entertainments, family get-togethers and a commemoration of traditions and culture.

2- What does the peony in China symbolize?

It symbolises wealth and nobility.

3- What do the peony celebrations look like?

There are celebrations such as dance competitions and cultural fairs, as well as watch music and drama spectacles.

4- What is the Jordan's national flower?

The beautiful black iris.

5- Why do people in Jordan admire it?

For its unique beauty and strength

6- Where does it grow?

It grows among rocks and found mainly in the district of Ajloun.

7- The underlined pronoun

A. 'it' line 10 refers to: the peony

B. 'it' line 15 refers to: the beautiful black iris.

Q2: Fill in the blanks with the suitable word:

1. Charm 2. festivities 3. dazzling 4. fair 5. abundantly

Q3.A- Put the following verb in the correct form of “will” or “going to”

1. going to
2. Will
3. going to
4. will
5. going to
6. going to

Q3.B- correct the verbs between brackets

1. am leaving
2. departs
3. will / quit
4. will get
5. will / be

