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Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Question Number One: (20 points)**Read the following passage carefully then complete the tasks below.**

Are today's young sports stars overpaid? It's an opinion you'll often hear repeated, especially in the world of football. The figures are astonishing. When the Welsh player Gareth Bale joined Real Madrid in 2013, his reported salary was around £250,000 a week or, if you prefer, £13 million a year. So every week he earns as much as the average Real supporter makes in ten years. This may be an extreme example, but there are a lot more footballers around the world earning almost as much.

It's a situation that makes some people very angry, but those who are infuriated by it often forget what players have to do to get to the top, and the risks involved. A new book by Wayne Barton tells the story of some of those who fell on the way up. These are young men who achieved the dream of playing for the famous club Manchester United, but only had short careers, often because of injuries. Take young Tony Gill, for example, who was on his way to becoming a regular first team player when he hurt his leg and was never able to recover, or the young forward Deiniol Graham, who broke his arm and never played professionally again.

The list of these tragedies goes on, but the story that stands out is that of Giuliano Maiorana. At the age of 19, he was playing for an amateur team in Cambridgeshire, England when he was noticed by one of Manchester United's many scouts, who was searching the lower levels of football for promising young players. At first Giuliano thought the offer of a trial for the world-famous Manchester club was a joke. It wasn't – only months later, he played his first match at United's home ground, Old Trafford. He still remembers the mixture of excitement and terror he felt.

Unfortunately, he didn't get on well with the manager, and was soon playing in the reserve team. It was in a reserve match two years later that his knee was badly damaged. Soon, at the age of 24, his career was finished. For seven years after that, he couldn't even watch football. He now works for his family's business back in Cambridge, moving furniture, and says that he now wishes he hadn't been so good at football when he was young.

A: Answer the following questions:**(6 points)**

1. What is Wayne Barton's book all about?

2. Why are sports stars' salaries astonishing?

3. According to **paragraph two** why are footballers paid ten times more than an average worker?

a. _____

b. _____ c. _____

4. How was the relationship between Giuliano and the manager?

B: Complete the table with information from the text:

(6 points)

Name of Player	Injury	Result
Tony Gill		
Deiniol Graham		
Giuliano Maiorana.		

C: Decide whether the following sentences are True or False:

(4 points)

- The text mentions that the average Real supporter makes as much in a week as Gareth Bale earns in a year. ()
- The writer realizes that being a professional footballer is not an easy life. ()
- Tom Gill was a regular first team player with Manchester United. ()
- Juliano has played football for 3 years and now he is working in moving furniture. ()

D: What do these pronouns and words refer to:

(4 points)

- It (line 1) _____
- those (line 7) _____
- who (Line 17) _____
- career (Line 24) _____

Question Number Two: (20 points)

Read the text about comfort zone then answer the questions that follow:

A comfort zone is a psychological state where people feel at ease and in control of their environment, experiencing low levels of anxiety and stress. It's like being in a familiar and safe space where we believe we have enough of everything we need, like love, food, talent, and time. However, staying in our comfort zone can limit our growth and development .

There are advantages of staying in our comfort zone. For example, when we stick to familiar activities, we can draw on our past experiences and perform tasks we know well. This can increase our confidence and limit anxiety. Familiar tasks also come with less risk, as we know how to handle **them**. Returning to our comfort zone after pushing ourselves outside of it can help us recharge and recover before facing more challenging situations. Additionally, routine tasks in our comfort zone require less energy and allow us to focus on more demanding work.

On the other hand, there are also reasons to step out of our comfort zone. Leaving our comfort zone can lead to personal growth and new experiences. It can help us overcome fears and expand our boundaries. Stepping outside of our comfort zone once can make **it** easier to do it again in the future. While it may be uncomfortable and uncertain, pushing ourselves outside of our comfort zone can lead to amazing outcomes. It's important to find a balance between pushing our boundaries and having a relaxing space to retreat to when we need to recharge.

In conclusion, a comfort zone is a familiar and safe psychological state where we feel in control and at ease. While staying in our comfort zone has its benefits, stepping outside of it can lead to personal growth and new experiences. It's important to find a balance between pushing our boundaries and having a space to retreat to when we need to recharge. So, don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and embrace new challenges!

A: Circle the correct answer:

(7.5 points)

1. What is a comfort zone according to the text?

- A psychological state where people feel at discomfort and in uncontrolled of their environment.
- A place with high levels of anxiety and stress.
- A familiar and safe space where we feel in control and at ease.
- A state that limits our growth and development.

2. Some examples of things people believe they have enough of when they are in their comfort zone_____ .
- a. love, food, talent, and time. b. money, power, and fame.
c. challenges, risks, and uncertainties. d. None of the above.
3. One advantage of staying in our comfort zone is that it _____ .
- a. leads to new experiences. b. increases our confidence.
c. expands our boundaries. d. encourages personal growth.
4. What can happen when we return to our comfort zone after pushing ourselves outside of it?
- a. We experience constant anxiety. b. We become pleased and lifeless.
c. We face more challenging situations. d. We recharge and recover.
5. Why is stepping outside of our comfort zone important?
- a. It limits our growth and development. b. It helps us overcome fears.
c. It keeps us in a familiar space. d. It reduces anxiety and stress

B: Answer the following questions:

(6 points)

1. What do routine tasks in our comfort zone require?
a. _____ b. _____
2. In conclusion, what advice is given regarding comfort zone?
a. _____
b. _____

C: Decide whether the following sentences are True or False:

(4.5 points)

1. Staying in our comfort zone can limit our growth and development. ()
2. Stepping outside of the comfort zone once can make it more difficult to do it again in the future. ()
3. Familiar tasks in the comfort zone require more energy and attention compared to more demanding work. ()

D: What do the following pronouns refer to?

(2 points)

1. them (line 8) _____ b. it (line 14): _____

Vocabulary: (25 points)

Question Number Three:

A: Replace the underlined parts of the sentences with words from the box below:

(5 points)

guarantee, potential, coincidence, throughout, amateur

1. It was a strange and unexpected event that we both applied for the same job and ended up working together. _____
2. As a recent graduate, she is exploring job possibilities for the future in various industries to find the right career path. _____
3. The contract contains a way to be sure that the building will be finished within 6 months. _____
4. Despite his lack of experience, he decided to enter the non-professional surfing competition and give it his best shot. _____
5. The teacher provided support and encouragement to her students from the beginning to the end the school year, helping them achieve academic success. _____

B: Complete the sentences with words from the box:

(5 points)

disappointed, objective, regarded, restrictions, humanitarian

1. She is widely _____ as one of the most talented artists of her generation.
2. The charity raises funds to support various _____ causes, including education, healthcare, and disaster relief.
3. The students were _____ with their low grades after studying tirelessly for the exam.
4. The teacher imposed strict _____ on cell phone usage during class hours.
5. The judge's ruling was based on _____ evidences presented in the court.

C: Complete the sentences using the phrasal verbs in the box:

(5 points)

taking off, pass on, came across, satisfied with, worry about

1. Let's _____ our feedback to the management team during the next staff meeting.
2. Passengers were asked to fasten their seatbelts as the plane prepared for _____.
3. The customer was _____ the service she received at the restaurant.
4. Don't _____ what others think; just be yourself.
5. During our holiday we _____ a hidden waterfall that took our breath away.

D: Circle the correct answer:

(10 points)

1. The firefighter rushed to the scene immediately upon being called while (**on duty / on purpose**).
2. The babysitter had to call the parents when their children started to (**mislead / misbehave**) and refused to listen.
3. She received an invitation for an interview after submitting her (**job application / job satisfaction**) form.
4. He developed a (**marketing / up market**) strategy to target new customers in the digital age.
5. The medical team is on (**stand by / standby**), ready to respond to emergencies.
6. The driver's careless behavior put everyone in the car (**in danger / on danger**).
7. Please inspect the goods (**on receipt / in debt**) to ensure they are in good condition.
8. Your health should be a (**low priority / high priority**); make time for exercise and proper nutrition.
9. The mechanic was accused of (**overcharging / undercharging**) customers for unnecessary repairs.
10. She often doubts her abilities and appears (**underconfident / overconfident**) in social situations.

Language: (25 points)

Section A: (15 points)

Question Number Four:

A: Complete the following sentences with the correct tense of the verbs between brackets:

(5 points)

1. That car _____ a very strange noise. _____ You _____ it's all right? (**make / think**)
2. She can't go to the movie. She _____ her homework yet? (**not do**)
3. Amir, why don't you take some time off. You _____ too hard lately. (**work**)
4. He _____ us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind _____. (**not allow/ blow**)
5. My mother _____ that honesty is always the best policy. (**believe**)

B: 1. Complete the sentences with the infinitive or ing form of the verbs in brackets: (3 points)

1. The team managed _____ a solution to the problem after hours of brainstorming. (**find**)
2. The workers stopped _____ for a moment before continuing with their tasks. (**rest**)
3. They didn't give up _____ for justice, protesting peacefully until their voices were heard. (**fight**)

2. Report the following: (3 points)

1. How much did the concert ticket cost?
The customer asked _____
2. Are there any interesting news on social media these days?
My friend asked us _____
3. Can you imagine life without the internet?
The teacher asked the students _____

3. Rewrite the following sentences keeping the same meaning: (4 points)

1. " Don't put too much sugar in your tea ".
The doctor warned the old lady _____
2. It's a good idea to use letters and numbers while choosing your password.
The website advised us that _____
3. I forgot to water the plants and they died.
I wish _____
4. Mary didn't prepare for the interview, so she didn't get the job.
Mary regrets _____

Section B: (10 points)

أجب عن قسمين من هذا السؤال (A, B, C) من هذا السؤال

Question Number Five: (10 points)

A: 1. Complete the sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets: going to, present continuous or will: (3 points)

1. The University _____ new specialized subjects next year. (**open**)
2. I _____ my friend Muna for coffee this afternoon. I reserved a table at our favourite Café. (**meet**)
3. There's no milk. Really? In that case I _____ and get some. (**go**)

2. Add tag questions to the following sentences: (2 points)

1. We often watch TV in the afternoons, _____?
2. It's been a long day, _____?
3. It won't be hard to convince her, _____?
4. She never talks behind people, _____?

B: 1. Circle the correct answer: (3 points)

1. After hours of negotiation, they finally reached a (**convincing/ convinced**) compromise that satisfied both parties.
2. The museum displayed a collection of rare and (**importing / imported**) artifacts from ancient civilizations.
3. The current economic situation is difficult, it (**may not/ may well**) be a good idea to invest in new projects.

2. Rewrite the sentences using reduced relative clauses:**(2 points)**

1. The man who fell down on the floor was a worker at the factory.

2. The project which has been completed ahead of schedule impressed the client.

C: Correct the mistakes. There is only one mistake in each sentence:**(5 points)**

1. He should have apologize for his mistake instead of ignoring it. _____

2. Who did phone, Ahmad? Jamal. _____

3. I'll try to finish this project, but I couldn't be able to. _____

4. What subjects have you studied last year? _____

5. She has her bank account check before making any purchase. _____

Writing: (10 points)**Question Number Six: (10 points)****Choose one of the following writing tasks:****اكتب موضوعا واحدا من احد الموضوعين****1. Due to the developments in communications technology nowadays, young people claim having thousands of online friends. Write a Three- paragraph essay, do the following:****Paragraph One:** Write about the role of new communications technology in forming new relationships.**Paragraph Two:** Write about the advantages of real-life friends.**Paragraph Three:** Write about the disadvantages and dangers of online friends.**2. When choosing your subjects for future study, which is more important: subjects you are interested in or those that could be useful in getting a job in the future. Write a Three- paragraph essay stating your opinion. Do the following:****Paragraph One:** Write about the criteria for choosing future subjects.**Paragraph Two:** Write about the importance of choosing subjects you are interested in.**Paragraph Three:** offer suggestions and recommendations for students to develop their job prospects.**The End**