



Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Question Number One: (20 points)

Read the following text carefully then complete the tasks below.

The results of a new poll show that financial problems have taken over from the environment as the main concerns for young people. The survey asked over 12,000 people aged between 14 and 18 what they were most worried about. The clear 'winner' was 'finding a job', while the environment was only the seventh greatest worry. This compares with similar polls in the last fifteen years, when environmental worries came first.

One of the poll's organisers commented that the results demonstrated a clear change in attitude. 'It's not just that getting a job is the main worry,' he said. 'Also included in the top six worries were getting into debt (6th) and passing exams (4th=). I'm convinced that there's a connection. Because of changes in the job market, there is more and more pressure on young people nowadays to pass exams and go on to university in the hope of finding a good job. Rising university fees make it inevitable that many students graduate from university with huge debts.'

Other concerns mentioned by large numbers of young people also tended to be personal rather than social, including worries about relationships (2nd), health (3rd) and 'fitting in with peers' (4th=).

Annette Coleman, director of the Green Earth organisation, said yesterday that she was 'disappointed, but not surprised' at the fall in the number of young people concerned about the environment. 'It's not that environmental concerns are less urgent than before – quite the opposite in fact. It's just that after decades of publicity on topics like climate change, so little has actually changed. A lot of people get the feeling that there's nothing we can do about it, and young people in particular tend to be impatient. Of course, the other thing is that in times of economic difficulty, people are more likely to focus on worries that are more immediate and have an impact on their daily lives.'

A. Decide whether each of the following is True or False: (6 points)

1. The main concern of young people in the new poll was the environment. ()
2. More than 12,000 teenagers took part in the survey. ()
3. Passing exams and fitting in with peers were both ranked in fourth place. ()
4. Annette Coleman felt happy about the poll results. ()

B. Choose the correct answer: (6 points)

1. What causes many students to graduate with debt?

- a) Cheap housing. b) Rising university fees. c) Part-time jobs. d) Lack of banks.

2. Which worry was placed second in the poll?

- a) Relationships. b) Health. c) Exams. d) Debt.

3. According to Annette Coleman, why do young people care less about the environment?

- a) They have solved climate change. b) Their health problems are more serious.
c) They are impatient and little progress has been made. d) The media ignores climate issues.

C. Complete the following sentences: (8 points)

1. The first greatest worry in the new poll was _____.
2. Young people feel pressure to pass exams because of changes in the _____.
3. In times of economic difficulty, people focus more on worries that are _____ and _____.

Question Number Two: (20 points)

Read the following text carefully then complete the tasks below: (20 points)

Ahmed was a university student who wanted to support his family. He made an attempt to start a small online business while still studying. His idea was to design and sell graphic posters for schools and companies. At first, there was a lack of money and experience, but he didn't give up.

Ahmed worked hard to reach the education sector, where many teachers needed visual posters. His big breakthrough came when one school agreed to buy his designs. Soon, he began to distribute his posters to other schools in the city.

The business started running smoothly, and he began to make good returns from his sales. Inspired by his success, Ahmed also decided to create posters for humanitarian groups that wanted to spread awareness about health and safety.

Today, his small idea has grown into a bigger project, and Ahmed is proud that his business helps both education and society.

A. Decide whether each of the following is True or False:

(6 points)

1. Ahmed wanted to start a business to help his family.
2. His first success came when a school bought his designs.
3. Ahmed only worked with schools and refused to help other groups.
4. His business helps both education and society today.

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B. Choose the correct answer:

(6 points)

1. What was Ahmed's business idea?

- a) Selling food b) Making graphic posters c) Teaching online d) Running a café

2. Which sector first supported Ahmed's work?

- a) Tourism b) Health c) Education d) Sports

3. Why did he work with humanitarian groups?

- a) To spread awareness b) To earn money only
c) To get a free poster d) To close his business

C. Complete the following sentences:

(8 points)

1. At the start, Ahmed faced a problem in not having enough _____ and _____.
2. Ahmed started to get good _____ from his sales.
3. The pronoun his (line 10) refers to _____.

Vocabulary: (25 points)

Question Number Three: (25 points)

A. Match the words in the box with their meanings below:

(10 points)

accent / mentioned / profits / personal / terror

1. _____: connected with yourself
2. _____: way of speaking
3. _____: great fear
4. _____: returns
5. _____: said something about

B. Complete the sentences with words from the box:

(5 points)

field / objective / fantasy / addicted / reward

1. The teachers _____ active students who finish their homework on time.
2. She enjoys reading _____ stories and novels.
3. If you are _____ to something, you can't stop yourself from doing it.
4. I don't know much about biology. It's not my _____.
5. Try to be _____ when assessing your own work.

C. Circle the correct answer:

(10 points)

1. The (**marketing** / **market value**) of a product is how much you can sell it for.
2. The hikers were (**on danger** / **in danger**) after getting lost in the forest
3. The pilot announced that the (**take off** / **takeoff**) would happen in five minutes.
4. Children started to (**misbehave** / **misuse**) after the teacher left the room.
5. Parents are responsible (**for** / **of**) their children's education.

Language: (25 points)

Question Number Four: (25 points)

A. Complete the sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets:

(7.5 points)

1. Don't pass. The men _____ to move this huge rock. (**try**)
2. The mechanic _____ my car since the morning and he still needs more time.
(**repair**)
3. I'm very sorry, you rang the doorbell while I _____. (**sleep**)
4. We _____ all the water before we were halfway up the mountain. (**finish**)
5. She attends lectures in the morning, and in the afternoons, she _____ in the library.
(**study**)

B. Circle the correct answer:

(7.5 points)

1. I don't mind (**to wait** / **waiting**) if he is busy right now.
2. Ahmad regrets (**hurting** / **he had hurt**) his friend's feelings.
3. I'm not feeling well, so I (**probably won't** / **will probably**) go to the party tonight.
4. Ali asked his friend how often (**he went** / **went he**) to the cinema.
5. They are accustomed to (**work** / **working**) under pressure.

C. Rewrite the following using the given words:

(8 points)

1. "Have you studied reported speech before?"

Laila's father asked her _____

2. "Don't throw factories' waste into the river."

Scientists warned people against _____

3. I didn't know the answer to the question.

I wish _____

4. Our editor has **asked the writer to edit the article.** (Causative structure: have/ get +O.+p.p)
- _____

D. Add tag questions to the sentences:

(2 points)

1. They seem active, _____?
2. The phone didn't ring, _____?

Writing: (10 points)

Question Number Five: (10 points)

Choose one of the following topics:

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1. The Green Land College is ready to offer a course in ways of protecting the environment for students willing to join. You are Sameera, 18 years old. Write **an application form** explaining in about 150 words your reasons for choosing this program, your experience, your ambitions, and your interests in the subject.
2. You are Ali. Write **an email** to Mrs. Salma explaining the reasons for not paying the money for the goods you ordered, and ask her for extra time to pay. **These notes may help you:**
Banking/technical issues: (e.g. A problem with your bank account / delay in money transfer or online payment.....etc.)

The End