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Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Question Number One: (20 points)

Read the following passage carefully then complete the tasks below.

We often hear people say, 'It's a small world, isn't it?' It's usually when they've just experienced one of those strange coincidences that seem to happen in nearly everyone's lives. You know the kind of thing: you're on holiday in another country and you run into a person you know from home, even though neither of you knew that the other was going there too.

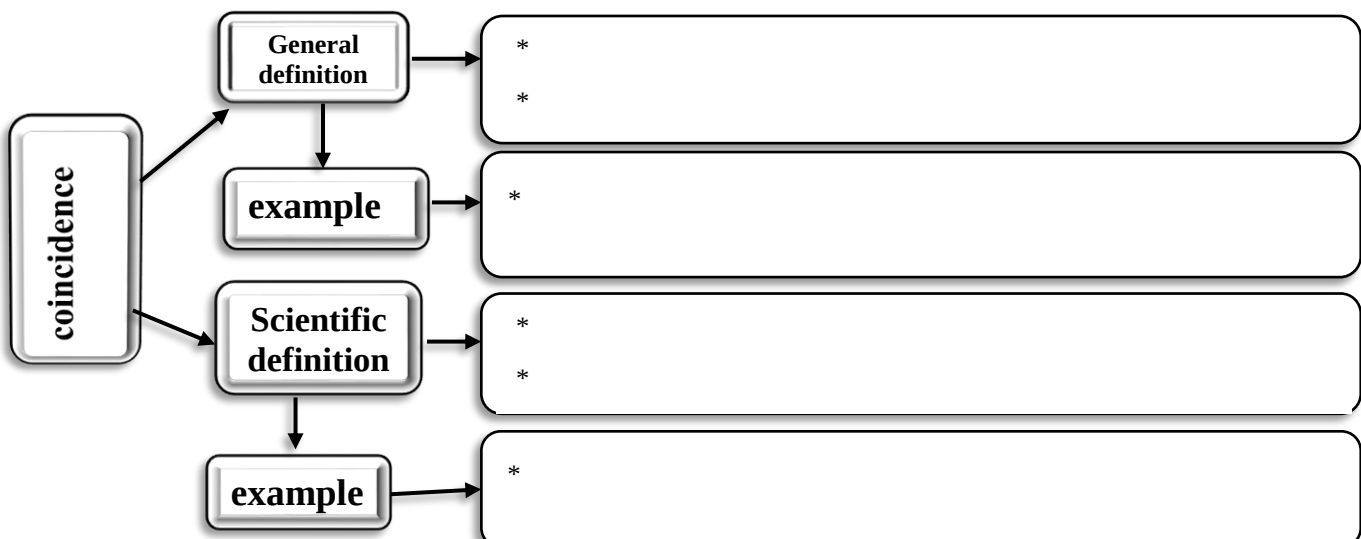
People often think experiences like this are evidence of something mysterious happening, some kind of hidden plan outside our knowledge. The scientific explanation is less exciting, and perhaps that's why some people are reluctant to accept it. Coincidences are events that unexpectedly happen at the same time for no clear reason, or finding an unexpected connection between seemingly random things or people. A very common example of the latter is talking to a complete stranger and finding that you have the same birthday. What are the chances of that happening?

Actually, the chances are better than you might think, and there's a mathematical way to prove it. It has been calculated that the number of people you need to have a 50% chance of two of them sharing a birthday is 23. And when there are 48 people in a room, the probability goes up to 95%. To put it another way, if there are only 50 people reading these words (and I hope there are more!), one of them will almost certainly have the same birthday as me.

The other part of the scientific explanation for coincidences is simply that there are so many events in people's lives. Just think of the number of people that you have had any kind of connection with during your life. There are probably over 10,000, and the older you get, the more there will be. If you are the kind of person who talks to strangers, you will definitely come across coincidences. Basically, when you think about how complex our lives are, especially nowadays with the Internet, the only surprising thing is that coincidences don't happen more often.

A: Complete the diagram with missing information.

(6 points)



B: Decide whether the following statements are True or False : (6 points)

1. The phrase "**the latter**" refers to events that happen unexpectedly. ()
2. The more people you know the more coincidences you may have. ()
3. The writer considers that coincidences don't happen as often as you think. ()
4. People accept how science explains these coincidences easily. ()

C: Complete the sentences below: (3 points)

1. _____ way and _____ show that coincidences are not surprising or strange as people believe.
2. The statement " **it's a small world**" in **paragraph one** means _____

D: What do the following refer to? (5 points)

1. **It** (line 11) _____
2. **50%** (line 12) _____
3. **48** (line 13) _____
4. **me** (line 15) _____
5. **The more there will be** (line 18) _____

Question Number Two: (20 points)

Read the following text then do the tasks below.

1. They're not saving lives, **they**'re not bettering the world and most of them are probably not even paying tax, so why are footballers paid the huge salaries that they are? Many think that footballers are overpaid for what they do, and that there should be more justice between the salaries of those who kick a piece of leather around a field for a living and those who are saving lives on a daily basis. Join us as we look at one of the oldest conflicts of all; football vs money: why are footballers paid so much?
2. At the root of the big pay packets that players enjoy is our love of the game. In simple terms – the more we watch, the more they get paid. But when you consider that a club's income streams are ticket sales, trading and broadcasting deals, you can see that the money in football – and that used to play the salaries of the players – is generated by the fans themselves.
3. It can seem that players are paid large amount of money to turn up and kick a ball around for 90 minutes once a week, but the truth is that being a footballer in the very best championships in the world requires dedication, hard work and sacrifice. The training schedule is exhausting and as well as match days, there are also workouts and training each week. To be a Premier League footballer, **you** really have to be the best and that means training harder and longer and with more determination than anyone else.
4. Think about when you like watching football – at the weekend, You may find yourself siting on the sofa with your family waiting with excitement for the games. There is no such option for the players who we love to watch. They will have spent a very tiring day – likely away from their family if they are playing an away game – training, preparing and doing everything but enjoying the festivities. For us, Christmas is a time of cheer and celebration and football. For footballers is a time of work and focus. There are great sacrifices to be made too.
5. When it comes to being a footballer, a long career is something that even the top players dream of. And when we are talking about 'long' we're talking about a decade at most. The working life of top footballers is pretty short compared to the rest of us. 'And? So there seems some fairness in paying footballers a lot to entertain us over what is, in reality, a short period of work.

A: Match the titles with the paragraphs : (4 points)

1. Short career time Paragraph _____
2. The beautiful game Paragraph _____
3. Friends and family Paragraph _____
4. More than just a game Paragraph _____

B: Answer the following questions:

(6 points)

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

2. Why does the writer criticize the footballers?

3. What are the three basic requirements of being the best footballer in the world?

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

C: Complete the sentences:

(6 points)

1. According to **paragraph one**, many people suggest that there should be _____ between _____

2. Once very few people watch football games, the player's _____ will be affected and become _____

3. Christmas for ordinary people is _____ while it is _____ for players.

D: Say whether the sentences are true or false:

(2 points)

1. The working life of top footballers does not exceed 10 years. ()

2. At the end, the writer justifies paying footballers a lot. ()

E: What do the following refer to ?

(2 point)

1. **they** (line 1): _____ 2. **you** (line 14): _____

Vocabulary: (25 points)

Question Number Three :

A: Replace the underlined parts of the sentences below with words or phrases from the box: (5 points)

creative

impatient

straight

addicted

astonishing

1. I have been **unable to wait** that we should make more rapid progress towards stable prices. _____

2. Sami is trying to convince himself that he was too angry to think **immediately**. _____

3. The new charity tries to offer a helping hand to young people who have become strongly **unable to stop** drugs. _____

4. I find it absolutely **very surprising** that you didn't like it. _____

5. Within certain limits, his imagination and invention are as active as those of the most **imaginative** poets. _____

B: Complete the sentences with words from the box.

(5 points)

like-minded

roughly

outweigh

sector

trends

1. You will need to keep up-to-date with current _____ in the business world.

2. They quickly find that they are spending time with _____ people and they learn a lot from each other.

3. Salwa spends _____ four hours a day working on her book.

4. The country has a new policy of transferring state industries from public _____ to the private one.

5. Medical experts maintain that benefits of the new drug _____ the costs involved.

C: Complete the sentences with the suitable expressions from the box.

(5 points)

come across	kept in touch with	get on with	worked out	rule out
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1. While he was away, he _____ his family by email.
2. I'll certainly go back to my job once I've _____ who's going to look after the kids during the day.
3. If students _____ unfamiliar words, they can use the dictionary to check their meanings.
4. She found it difficult to _____ her friends , possibly because of the difference in their ages.
5. We cannot _____ the possibility that some infants may suffer from anemia if meat is introduced too late.

D: Circle the correct answer:

(10 points)

1. There are lots of varied but expensive technological items **(on the market / on purpose)**.
2. A friendship founded **(in business / on business)** is better than business founded on friendship.
3. Our spring collection is **(on order / on demand)** and is due to be in our stores next week.
4. Some of these children never seem to find their place in the social order, and they try **(misbehave / misuse)** in order to draw attention to themselves.
5. The idea of international **(co incidence / cooperation)** between people must succeed.
6. She is the **(co-writer / co-worker)** and former editor of a well-known magazine and has worked as an author since 1992.
7. **(Job satisfaction / Job security)** is the pleasure that you get from doing your job. I doubt I'll ever get rich.
8. The Japanese are known to be **(experts in/protected from)** manufacturing goods at lowering costs.
9. It may also reflect the attempts of smaller companies to gain **(marketing / market share)** through aggressive price strategies.
10. Meetings will be held with all the staff to inform them of the changes and ensure a smooth **(handover / hand over)**.

(Language: 25 points)

Section A:

Question Number Four: (15 points)

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

(6 points)

1. When the boys _____ at the cinema, the film _____ already _____. **(arrive/start)**
2. _____ you _____ when Mr Kareem is coming back? He isn't in his office. **(know)**.
3. Mr Ali _____ **(mark)** the exams all morning, but he _____ them all . **(not read)**
4. Ahmad can't come to our meeting. He _____ the car to the garage at 5 p.m. **(take)**
5. A. " Sami, I can't go out because I haven't got any money."
B. " Don't worry I _____ you some. **(lend)**
6. Muna _____ to turn her tablet PC, but it _____. I think she needs a charger. **(try / not work)**.

B: 1. Report the following questions. (3 points)

- "Have you done secretarial work before?"
The manager asked me _____
- "When will I know the results of the examination?"
Muna asked her teacher _____
- "Is there anything I can do for you?"
Alia asked her friend _____

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

- "Don't talk when others are talking".
The teacher warned the students against _____
- "Switch off your mobile phones while takeoff".
The flight attendant told us _____
- Ahmad bought a car. It breaks down so often and causes him trouble.
Ahmad wishes _____

C. Rewrite the sentences, replacing the underlined part with a causative structure. (3 points)

- I have asked someone to check our electric wires before leaving.

- Someone has cut the grass in our garden once a month.

Section B:

From this section, answer two parts only.

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Question Number Five. (10 points)

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

- I would advise you _____ the night because the roads are dangerous. (stay)
- She kept _____ during the film. (talk)
- I must remember _____ the electricity bill. (pay)

2. Complete the sentences with a , an , the , or X (no article). (2 points)

- He agreed to give _____ presentation at _____ meeting.
- Sophie always spends _____ Christmas with her parents.
- This is _____ excellent chance to get a good job.

B. 1: Rewrite the sentences using reduced relative clauses. (2 points)

- The boy who was waiting in the hall expected a phone call.

- The whale which was rescued by the volunteers can eventually be released back into the sea .

2: Add question tags to the sentences below. (3 points)

- They always look happy together, _____ ?
- The monster of Loch Ness has never existed, _____ ?
- The butcher cut the meat in small pieces, _____ ?

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

1. Here are two glasses of juices. _____
2. Why did you borrow the money from the bank? You should ask me for that. _____
3. Murad will win the final competition. Who knows? _____
4. I emptied the closet and put my belongings into the black overnight luggage. _____
5. The largest lived thing on earth is tree that grows in north Africa. _____

Writing: (10 points)

Question Number Six:

Choose one of the following writing tasks: اكتب موضوعا واحدا من احد الموضوعين

1. " There is so much to do that it gets confusing and I don't know where to start" **Ahmad** sent this message to his friend **Ali** asking him for some effective tips to help him manage his time well. You are his friend **Ali**. Write a **short reply letter**.
2. Write a **short report** of an event you attended with your friends to your English language teacher.

The End