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Reading Comprehension (65 points)

Question Number One: (20 points)

Read the following text and do the tasks below:

It used to be thought that friendship was something that 'just happened' between people. However, many studies by social scientists have shown that becoming friends with another person is a complex process, but one that can be learnt. Making (and keeping) friends isn't easy – it takes effort. Here are the top five tips for turning someone you know into a lasting friend.

1. _____
Everyone has acquaintances – people we know, but who aren't (yet) friends. To take your relationship further than just discussing the weather, you need to show an interest in their lives. Ask them questions (but don't get too personal at first). Even more importantly, listen to their answers and remember the information for the next time you meet.

2. Don't let one mistake get in the way

Maybe you made a joke that annoyed your new friend, or forgot to call when you promised to. It's almost inevitable that something will go wrong at some point, but it's how you react to the situation that may be more important than the initial error. An honest apology and making the effort not to let it happen again are usually all that's needed.

3. _____
When making arrangements, there are two opposite ways of behaving that can harm a friendship. The first is forcing the other person to make all the decisions by saying things like 'I don't mind, you choose' or 'Whatever you want'. The other is being too particular and inflexible about what you want to happen, or where, or when. Try to find a middle way between the two extremes.

4. _____
It's understandable that you want to impress a new friend and make them aware of your good points, but don't go too far. Research shows that most of us tend to like people who don't boast about their achievements or take themselves too seriously.

5. _____
If someone tells you something 'in confidence', it means just that – they are confident that you won't tell anyone else. In other words, they trust you. If you then pass on this information to another person, that trust is broken. Even if your friend doesn't find out what you've done, this kind of behaviour can easily destroy a friendship over time.

A. Match the titles below with the tips in the text:

(6 points)

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| a. Be clear, but not too demanding | b. Don't try too hard |
| c. Keep secrets to yourself | d. Be interested |

B. Answer the following questions:

(6 points)

- How can you show an interest in your friends' lives?
a. _____ b. _____
- What do you need to do if you do something wrong to your friend?
a. _____ b. _____
- What are the two ways of behaving that may destroy a relationship?
a. _____ b. _____

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

(8 points)

1. Social scientists' studies proved that becoming friends is an impossible process to be learnt. ()
2. The way you react to the situation is more important than the error you made to your friend. ()
3. Research shows that most of us don't like people who boast about their achievements. ()
4. Passing your friends' secrets doesn't break the trust between you. ()

Question Number Two: A (25 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

Generally speaking, rich people aren't happier than poor people. Admittedly, this may seem to be a controversial statement to some, but there is enough evidence to be able to state this as a fact. Developments in biology and psychology now allow us to measure happiness more accurately than ever before, and the results are clear. Levels of stress and depression in the richer countries are rising, with people reporting less, not more, satisfaction with their lives.

A recent study in the UK shows that overall happiness peaked in the mid-1970s and has been declining **ever since**. The researchers reached the conclusion that over a certain level (about £20,000 per person), 'extra income is not associated with increased happiness'. Put simply, once basic human needs have been met, there is simply no point in getting richer.

It seems that a lot of people have forgotten something that nearly everyone used to think was obvious: money and happiness are not the same thing. I hesitate to write this, because someone will say that I am romanticizing poverty. I am not. But I have lived in poor countries, and it was impossible not to notice that people there smile and laugh more, socialize more easily and complain less than people in the richer nations.

Obviously, I am not saying that poverty causes happiness, but there does seem to be a lot of evidence that wealth causes unhappiness. Why, then, do people still spend so much time and effort on getting richer, even when they already have far more than they could ever need? Various theories have been suggested. To be honest, though, I am still unsure. Personally, I can't understand why anyone would need to buy another luxury car when **they** already have three or four. How many homes can you live in at any one time? The only explanation I can come up with is that it is a kind of addiction: when your life has been all about making money, that becomes your purpose, the reason you get up in the morning.

A. Answer the following questions:

(5 points)

1. What lets people measure happiness more carefully and exactly than before?

2. How did the writer justify that money doesn't lead to happiness in poor countries?

B. Complete the following sentences:

(8 points)

1. The argumentative issue to some people is that _____.
2. According to the recent study in the U.K , there is no purpose for a person to get richer if _____
3. The writer is reluctant to say or write that money and happiness aren't the same because _____
4. The reason why some people need to buy more than one car is _____

C. Decide whether each of the following is true or false: (8 points)

1. The UK study finds that happiness reached its lowest point in the mid-1970s. ()
2. Increased happiness might not be connected with extra income according to the researchers' results. ()
3. The fact that people may not have remembered is that money and happiness are different. ()
4. According to the writer, it is noticeable that those who are wealthy are always happy. ()

D. What do the following refer to? (4 points)

1. **Ever since** (line 7): _____
2. **They** (line 19): _____

Question Number Two: B (20 points)

Read the following text about starting business, then do the tasks below:

Starting a business is a complex process that shouldn't be rushed. It's important to take your time and make sure that you fill in all the details concerning planning, making key financial decisions and completing a series of legal activities. The following four steps can help you plan, prepare and manage your business.

1. _____: You should study the market in order to learn about the goods and services that are required by consumers. This factor is the crucial one. When you discover that people demand an item but no one has produced it yet, you have the best chances to conquer the chosen sector of the market.
2. _____: Then, you should create your own business plan that will contain the entire information about running your business. Your business plan is a road map that shows you how money should be spent. It's also how you'll prove to investors and funders that you've thought things through.
3. _____: You need a support system while you are starting a business and afterwards. A family member or a friend that you can discuss ideas with and who will listen to the latest business startup crises is invaluable. When you are starting a business, experienced guidance is the best support system of all.
4. _____: 70% of startups fail because their founders invest in growth too soon. No small business owners can market their brand to the whole world, but it's absolutely possible to meet the needs of a select group. That select group is your potential target audience, and you need to figure out who they are. Next, think about why that person would want your product or service.

A. Read the text then choose the best title (a - d) for each step: (6 points)

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| a. Think about your potential target audience | b. Research the market |
| c. Write a business plan | d. Get help from others |

B. Decide whether each of the following is(T) or (F): (8 points)

1. Starting a business is a complex process that demands careful thinking and time. ()
2. Friends and family support is still needed after starting your own business. ()
3. Business beginners can sell their products to the whole world. ()
4. Knowing your chosen group has no effect on deciding their desires. ()

C. Complete the following statements: (6 points)

1. It's important to study the market because _____
2. If people ask for something but no one has produced it yet, you _____
3. When setting up a business, the best support system is _____

Vocabulary: (25 points)

Question Number Three: (25 points)

A. Match the words in the box with their meanings below: (10 points)

optional - reserve - employment - point - genuine

1. purpose: _____ 2. second choice: _____ 3. real: _____

4. not compulsory: _____ 5. getting a job: _____

B. Complete the sentences with words from the box: (5 points)

remote - controversial - inevitable - lack - reluctant

1. If a patient has had unsuccessful treatment, she may be _____ to try again.

2. Accidents are _____ if you drive too fast.

3. Immigration is a _____ issue in many countries.

4. The animals died due to the _____ of water.

5. Earthquakes in Turkey destroyed many villages in _____ areas.

C. Circle the correct answer: (10 points)

1. There is no way to be safe in your career unless there is **(job opportunity / job security)**.

2. My father has been **(in business / on business)** for twenty-five years without feeling bored.

3. After the election, there was a peaceful **(handover / takeoff)** of power to the new government.

4. We need to spend more on advertising to increase our product's **(market value/market research)**.

5. Employers usually decide within 5 minutes if someone is **(suitable for/ protect from)** the job.

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. She goes to university by car but today she _____ the train. **(take)**

2. As soon as I met him, I knew that he _____ my old friend. **(be)**

3. The doctor _____ it's an effective medicine to be taken. **(think)**

4. What _____ she _____ for the last thirty minutes? **(do)**

5. He _____ away all the letters that he had written during his holiday. **(throw)**

B. Report the following: (6 points)

1. "Have you finished reading the book yet?"

The teacher asked me _____.

2. "What does she bring her mother?"

They asked her _____.

3. "Don't spend money on things that you can't afford. "

My friend warned me against _____.

C. Choose the correct answer: (7.5 points)

1. The weather forecast says it's **(raining / going to rain)**, there are many black clouds in the sky.

2. She's better than her colleagues, so she **(may well / may not)** lose the competition.

3. Where would you like me. **(putting / to put)** these books?

4. I remembered **(meeting / to meet)** her during the previous ceremony.

5. The baby was born before the **(expected / expecting)** time.

(2 points)

2. We had dinner at a restaurant that had been recommended by friends.

(2 points)

2. They didn't talk about the problem, _____?

Literature: (15 points)

اختر واحدة من القصتين واجب عن أسئلتها

Romeo & Juliet (15 points)

Question Number Five: (15 points)

(5 points)

- d. respecting Romeo

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(5 points)

“This bud of love may have grown in to a beautiful flower when we next meet.”

4. **Complete:** As for the speaker, these words indicate _____

King Lear (15 points)

Question Number Five:(15 points)

A. Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. King Lear decides to give the country to _____.
 a. his three daughters
 b. The Fool
 c. Albany
 d. Earl of Kent
2. Edgar pretends to be a mad homeless person because he wants to _____.
 a. kill Edmund
 b. hide from his father
 c. find Gloucester
 d. feel with poor people
3. Gloucester takes Lear's side against Regan, Goneril and their husbands because he _____.
 a. is afraid of Lear
 b. plans to be the King
 c. doesn't tolerate their cruelty to King Lear
 d. remembers his son Edgar
4. The first sign that Lear's madness begins to disappear is that he _____.
 a. orders Kent to come back
 b. recognizes Gloucester
 c. knows that Tom is Edgar
 d. decides to fight the French army
5. Goneril becomes _____when her husband knows about Edmund and her.
 a. desperate and afraid
 b. careless about the truth
 c. pleased to marry Edmund
 d. sorry for Regan's death

B. Decide whether the following are True or False:

(5 points)

1. Cordelia is not murdered in the play. ()
2. Edmund confesses that he is in love with Goneril. ()
3. Regan's husband, Cornwall, dies from the servant's sword attack. ()
4. Lear feels ashamed of the way he behaves towards Cordelia. ()
5. Cornwall decides to punish Gloucester by cutting his hands. ()

C. Read the following quotation then answer the questions below:

(5 points)

"What? I don't believe this! It means that that terrible woman is trying to get my brother to kill her husband. This is really, really bad!"

1. Who might have said or thought the above statement? _____
2. Who is the terrible woman the speaker means? _____
3. Why is she terrible? _____
4. How does the speaker know about the woman's plan? _____
5. The underlined words refer to: my brother is: _____
her husband is: _____

Writing: (20 points)

Question Number Six: (20 points)

هذا القسم اجباري

Part one: (10 points)

1. Write **a formal letter** to Mr. Simon, the purchasing Manager at Toyota Company. You want to send an enquiry letter about the possibility of importing 5 cars with specific options. **Your name is Sameer.** The following notes may help you:
(Place an order, ask specific options are available, way of payment, time of receiving)

Part Two: (10 points)

Choose One of the following topics:

اكتب موضوعا واحدا من احد الموضوعين

1. **Money is important in our life; however, it may cause many problems. Write a short essay about the topic; you can think about the following questions to guide you:**
a. Why do people need money?
b. How could money cause problems?
c. Your personal opinion: Could wise use of money reduce these problems?
2. **“New Year traditions and customs vary a lot from one country to another; but nearly most people -whether Muslims or Christians- have their own way to celebrate this Eve.” Write an essay about the traditions and customs you most like in this occasion.**

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