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Reading Comprehension (65 points)

Question Number One: (20 points)

Read the following text about funny stories carefully then complete the tasks below.

Coincidence: A couple of years ago, I was talking to an old school friend that I'd kept in touch with when she mentioned another person called Jan, who had been in the same class as us. Neither of us had heard from her, or even thought about her, for over ten years. I didn't give the conversation another thought until three days later, when I was working in London for two days. As I was travelling to the office, I saw a woman on the train. Our eyes met and we seemed to recognise each other. 'Excuse me,' she said, 'but are you Susan?' It was, of course, Jan. As it turned out, she was only visiting London for a few days and was about to return to Italy, where she had lived for over five years.

Misunderstanding: About three or four times a year, a company that I do some work for organizes a day of meetings for those of us that work from home. They put us up in a hotel and it's a good chance for colleagues who don't meet that often to catch up with each other. The last time this happened, I arrived at the hotel quite late and went straight to bed. The next morning, I walked into the breakfast room and saw my old colleague Dan, a short man with a bald head, standing with his back to me. 'Good morning, Dan,' I said, patting him on the head in a friendly way. Unfortunately, the man who turned to face me wasn't Dan at all, but a complete stranger. To make things worse, he was a rather formal man who didn't see the funny side of the situation. 'I'm sorry to say that you may have made an error,' he said.

A: Read the two stories on the web page then complete the table: (9 points)

Story	Characters	Place	Kind of Story
First	* _____ * _____ * _____	_____	_____
Second	* _____ * _____	_____	_____

B: Choose the correct answer: (8 points)

- How long had it been since Susan last thought about Jan before talking to her old school friend?
a. A few months b. Over five years c. Over ten years d. A couple of weeks
- How did the speaker and Jan recognize each other?
a. their eyes met b. they heard each other's voices
c. they recognized each other's names d. they recognized each other's clothing
- How often does the company organize a day of meeting for those who work from home?
a. Once a month b. About three or four times a year
c. Every week d. Once a year
- What was the purpose of the meetings organised by the company?
a. To review performance b. To offer training
c. To allow colleagues who work from home to catch up d. To discuss new projects

C: Decide whether the following sentences are True or False: (3 points)

- Jan had been living in Italy for over five years. ()
- Suzan immediately recognized Jan when she saw her on the train. ()
- The narrator arrived at the hotel early in the morning and went straight to bed. ()

Question Number Two: (45 points)

A: Read the following text then answer the questions below:

(25points)

It's estimated that, as a result of the Nakba, over 700,000 Palestinians were forced to leave their homes in 1948 and 1949 (about 80% of the original population), with more to follow. Today, there are more Palestinians living abroad than in Palestine itself, mostly in Jordan or other Arab states but also in the USA, Europe and other non-Arab countries.

At the time, I don't think we completely realised the full scale of this Diaspora, but I do remember our home in New York became a meeting place for many displaced Palestinians, mostly young men. My aunt would cook them Palestinian food and it became a 'home from home' for them. In return, they would have to suffer her insistent questioning about their backgrounds. What town or village were they from? Who were their relatives?

These kinds of questions have always been part of normal conversation among Palestinians, but I now realise the deeper importance that they had after 1948. It was a way to reassure ourselves that these places had not disappeared, as if simply by naming them they could be preserved in reality. The constant discussions about people's origins and backgrounds were a way of returning to their homeland, at least in imagination.

What people sometimes forget is that for us, the idea of return was a very real one. 'It's our home,' people would say, 'so how is it possible that we won't be going back soon? Surely the rest of the world can see how unfairly we've been treated, and won't allow it to continue.'

A: Circle the correct answer:

(7.5 points)

1. How many Palestinians were forced to leave their homes as a result of the Nakba?

- a. over 700,000 b. around 100,000 c. less than 50,000 d. exactly 1 million

2. Where do most Palestinians living abroad settle in?

- a. Palestine itself b. Jordan c. USA d. Europe

3. What became a "home from home" for many displaced Palestinians?

- a. refugee camps b. their own homes c. author's home in New York d. Arab States

B: Answer the following questions:

(10 points)

1. What was the significance of the author's home in New York during that time?

2. What kind of questions did the author's aunt ask to the displaced Palestinians?

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____

3. Why was the idea of return significant for Palestinians?

a. _____

b. _____

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

(7.5 points)

1. Conversations about people's origins and backgrounds were a common occurrence among Palestinians.

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2. Discussing people's origins and backgrounds served as a way to maintain a connection to their homeland.

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3. The idea of return to Palestine was deeply ingrained in the Palestinian consciousness.

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4. The author believes that the rest of the world has done enough to address the injustices faced by Palestinians.

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5. Naming the towns and villages where displaced Palestinians came from was a way to ensure they were remembered.

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

When selecting a game to be included in the Olympic Games, one of the main reasons is its global popularity. A sport must have a broad following across different countries and continents, ensuring that athletes from various parts of the world have the opportunity to compete. This helps to make the Olympics a truly international event, showcasing sports that are enjoyed by people everywhere.

Another important **reason** for including a game in the Olympics is its competitive nature. The sport must have clear rules and regulations that allow for fair competition. It should also be challenging, requiring athletes to demonstrate skill, strength, and strategy. This ensures that the Olympic Games remain a distinguished event where only the best athletes can compete and win.

Finally, the potential for audience engagement plays a key role in deciding whether a game should be included in the Olympics. Sports that are exciting to watch, either in person or on television, are more likely to be chosen. **This** is because the Olympics aim to fascinate and inspire viewers around the world, encouraging them to take an interest in different sports and to support their favorite athletes.

A: Answer the following Questions: (6 points)

1. What are the three main reasons for including a sport in the Olympics?

- a. _____ b. _____
c. _____

2. Why is global popularity important for a sport to be part in the Olympic Games?

B: Decide whether the following sentences are True or False: (4 points)

1: A sport must have a narrow following across different countries to be included in the Olympics.

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2: Audience engagement is a key factor in selecting sports for the Olympics.

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C. Complete the following Sentences: (6 points)

1. A sport must demonstrate _____, and _____ to _____ ensure it is competitive for the Olympics.
2. The Olympics aim to fascinate viewers by showcasing sports that are _____ to watch.

D. What do the following word and pronoun refer to: (4 points)

1: reason " line 6": _____ 2: this " line12" _____

Vocabulary: (25 points)

Question Number Three:

A: Match the words in the box with their meanings below: (7.5 points)

impatient, neglect, panic, infuriated, routine

1. everyday things we do regularly: _____
2. not wanting to wait: _____
3. frightened: _____
4. ignore: _____
5. made very angry: _____

B: Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

(7.5 points)

claims, vary, distribute, mentioned, point

1. There's no _____ in worrying about things you can't control.
2. They plan to _____ food to the homeless.
3. The company _____ that its product is the best on the market.
4. The email _____ the deadline for the project.
5. The sizes of the shirts _____ from small to extra-large.

C: Circle the correct answer:

(10 points)

1. He sent the invitations to the party (**in advance** / **in business**) to ensure everyone could come.
2. The (**co-author** / **co-pilot**) reviewed the checklist before landing.
3. (**Job application** / **Job security**) can reduce stress and anxiety at work.
4. She was worried about the long-term effects of (**overwork** / **underwork**) on her health.
5. The (**handover** / **hand over**) of the project to the new team was completed smoothly.

Language: (25 points)

Question Number Four: (25 points)

A: Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. We must wake her. She (**has slept** / **has been sleeping**) for 15 hours.
2. Mr Smith (**retire** \ **retired**) last year after he (**had been** \ **has been**) with his company for over 30 years.
3. Don't interrupt me ! I (**am thinking** \ **think**) about my exam now.
4. I have already (**finished** \ **been finishing**) my homework . I'm ready to go for a walk with you.
5. My parents (**doesn't like** / **don't like**) roller-skaters because they are dangerous.

B: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: to + infinitive

or – ing form :

(4 points)

1. Don't you mind _____ away from your family for such a long time? (**be**)
2. Finally, I remembered _____ your book! Here it is. (**bring**)
3. The manager promised _____ the report as soon as possible. (**read**)
4. Our neighbours apologized for _____ such noise. (**make**)

C. 1. Report the following:

(6 points)

1. Who is your favourite author?
My teacher asked me _____
2. Will you be attending the workshop?
The doctor asked the nurses _____
3. What time does the meeting start?
The participants asked the organizer _____

2. Add question tags to the following sentences:

(4 points)

1. I'd never reveal the secret, no matter what, _____ ?
2. We're struggling to live, _____ ?

D : Circle the correct answer:

(6 points)

1. The (**frozen** / **freezing**) lake looked beautiful under the winter sun.
2. They (**may** / **won't**) arrive later than expected due to traffic.
3. He (**should** / **should have**) apologized for the misunderstanding instead of ignoring it.

Literature: (15 points)

Choose one of the two stories and answer its questions: اختر واحدة من القصتين واجب عن أسئلتها

Romeo & Juliet (15 points)

Question Number Five:

A: Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. The strange thing about the "Globe theatre" was that it had _____
a. little scenery b. no curtains c. no break between scenes d. a round shape
2. Romeo and Juliet was probably _____
a. written for the first time in 1595 b. preformed for the first time in 1595
c. written and performed for the first time in 1595
d. not written and performed for the first time in 1595
3. Lady Capulet and Lady Montague are wise because they _____
a. try to prevent their husbands from joining the fight
b. encourage their husbands to join the fight
c. join the fight themselves d. shout at Prince Escalus
4. Tybalt doesn't attack Romeo at the Capulet's party because _____
a. Romeo runs away b. Mercutio interferes
c. Juliet begs mercy for Romeo d. Lord Capulet stops him
5. When Romeo arrives at the end of Extract 4 at the end of the play _____
a. Tybalt gives him a hug b. Tybalt insults him by calling him a villain
c. Mercutio shouts at him d. Benvolio tries to send him away

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

(5 points)

1. Women were allowed to act during Shakespeare's time. ()
2. Romeo has more reasons to love Tybalt than hate him. ()
3. Lord Capulet is angry with Tybalt because he thinks that the agreement between families should stop. ()
4. Romeo predicts his fate and what will happen to him from the beginning of the story. ()
5. Friar Lawrence asks the nurse to help Juliet take the liquid. ()

C: Read the following quotation then answer the questions that follows: (5 points)

" A member of my family died here today. And so I shall give you a hard punishment that will make you all sorry for my loss"

1. Who says these words? _____
2. To whom? _____
3. Who is the member of his family? _____
4. What happened to him? _____
5. Why is the person given a hard punishment? _____

King Lear (15 points)

Question Number Five:

A: Circle the correct answer: (5 points)

1. Cordelia refuses to flatter her father as her sisters have done because she _____
 - a. finds them in sincere and doesn't want to boast as they do.
 - b. can't think of good answer to give her father.
 - c. has promised King France that she won't accept her share.
 - d. is scared of her two sisters to harm her father if she competes with them.
2. Lear begins to fear that he _____ after he experiences Goneril's poor treatment.
 - a. will love poor treatment
 - b. will get banished
 - c. will go mad
 - d. will be homeless
3. After confessing of poisoning Regan, Goneril _____
 - a. is arrested and imprisoned
 - b. is killed by Albany
 - c. runs out of the kingdom
 - d. commits suicide
4. Goneril and Regan's comment about Lear's age and judgment reveal that they _____
 - a. care about their father's well-being
 - b. intend to take advantage of Lear's weakness and take power from him
 - c. plan to support Lear and help him
 - d. want to reconcile with Cordelia and share kingdom equally.
5. Edmund _____ to make the pretended fight with Edgar seem more real.
 - a. breaks the furniture in the room
 - b. pretends to be injured
 - c. calls for help loudly
 - d. cuts his arm with his sword.

B: Decide whether the following sentences are True or False: (5 points)

1. The king of France loves Cordelia for her money. ()
2. Regan and Goneril blame their father for his suffering. ()
3. Edgar tells Lear and Kent who he really is. ()
4. Lear feels ashamed of the way he behaves towards Cordelia. ()
5. The Duke of Albany arrests Edmund because he doesn't lead the army well. ()

C: Read the following quotation then answer the questions that follows: (5 points)

" Love you as a daughter should love her father, no more and no less "

1. Who says these words? _____
2. To whom? _____
3. When does the speaker say that? _____
4. What are the results of these _____

Writing: (20 points)**Question Number Six: (20 points)****Part A : (10 points)**

هذا القسم اجباري

1. Your friend **Amir** is facing a problem in organizing his time and studying for his final exams. Write a short email to your friend giving him some advice on how to organise his time effectively and be ready for his exams.

Part B: (10 points)**Choose one of the following topics:**

اكتب موضوعا واحدا من احد الموضوعين

1. A New Year Resolution is made when one wants to correct the mistakes he/ she made in the past year or do something in more organised manner . **Write a three paragraph essay about the resolutions you will make in the coming year.** Do the following:

- * Paragraph one: state the mistakes, habits or things you want to change.
- * Paragraph Two: write about the reasons for doing these changes and how this will help you.
- * Paragraph Three: write about the steps that will help you stick to your resolutions.

2. Money and happiness can often be related, but they're not synonyms. While money can provide comfort and opportunities, true happiness often come from other sources like relationships, personal growth and experiences.

Write a three paragraph essay discussing this saying and give your opinion about it.

The End