

**Reading Comprehension (65 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: (45 points)**A. Read the following text then answer the questions below:****(25 points)**

So, whatever time of year it is, you might decide to learn to speak Chinese, take up long-distance running, become a poet, or whatever. How do you make sure you don't start with great enthusiasm, but then give up soon afterwards? We're sure following the five steps in this article will make success a lot more likely.

1. Set clear goals

When you're thinking about aims, there's one rule you should follow above all others: don't be too general. Just thinking that you 'want to be a bit healthier' is very unlikely to get you anywhere. Instead, you need to express your aim as something exact and practical that can be measured.

2. _____

Don't spend all your time worrying about how successful you're going to be. Remember to enjoy the new experience for what **it** is. That way there's a far better chance that you'll keep going. If you're learning something, you'll make much better progress if you enjoy the learning rather than thinking about what score you might get at the end.

3. _____

Including other people can have various benefits. Firstly, the more people you tell about what you're doing, the less likely you are to give up, simply because you don't want to have to admit it to **them**. Secondly, if you do something with other people, it will be more fun (see above) and you won't want to let them down.

4. _____

Yes, you did read that correctly. Of course, the usual advice is to stay positive. But there will almost certainly be a time when everything seems to be going wrong and you start thinking it's all too hard. Studies show that it's better to think about what could go wrong so that you can have a plan in place when it happens.

5. _____

Don't try to do everything at once. Divide your final aim into smaller parts so that getting to the end of each part is one small success, and one step nearer to the goal.

A. Write the titles below into the correct position (2–5):**(6 points)**

- A. One step at a time B. Enjoy yourself
C. Think negative D. Share it

B. Decide whether each of the following is True or False:**(8 points)**

1. The tips in the article help people stay enthusiastic towards their resolutions. ()
2. The text suggests that goals should be exact and measurable. ()
3. The best way to succeed is to think only about results and scores. ()
4. It's advisable to do everything at once so that you finish quickly. ()

C. Answer the following questions:**(8 points)**

1. What rule should you think of about aims?

2. Why does telling people about your plan make you less likely to quit?
a. _____
b. _____
3. What should you do when you think about possible problems?

D. Write what the following pronouns refer to:**(3 points)**

1. **it** (line 11): _____
2. **them** (line 16): _____

B. 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. ()

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
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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, _____?

Literature: (15 points)**Choose one of the two stories and answer its questions:** اختر واحدة من القصتين واجب عن اسئلتها**Romeo & Juliet (15 points)****Question Number Five: (15 points)****A. Circle the correct answer:****(5 points)**

1. How do Romeo and Juliet react when they are told who they have been talking to?
 - a) Juliet is more shocked than Romeo.
 - b) Romeo doesn't care but Juliet is sad.
 - c) They both realise there will be problems.
 - d) Juliet doesn't care but Romeo is sad.
2. What punishment does Prince Escalus threaten for anyone who fights again?
 - a) Imprisonment
 - b) Death
 - c) A fine
 - d) Exile

3. What does Capulet say about his own youth?

- a) He used to wear masks and whisper to ladies. b) He hates attending parties.
c) He is not interested in dancing. d) He never attends parties.

4. How does Mercutio react when Romeo refuses to fight Tybalt?

- a) He tries to stop Romeo from fighting. b) He becomes angry and decides to fight Tybalt.
c) He challenges Romeo to a duel. d) He tries to make peace with Tybalt.

5. What does Montague promise to do in honor of Juliet?

- a) He will pay for a great funeral. b) He will build a church in her name.
c) He will write a poem about her life. d) He will place a golden statue of Juliet in Verona.

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

(5 points)

1. The second edition of Romeo and Juliet is more important than the first. ()
2. Lord Capulet thinks Paris is not a good match for Juliet. ()
3. Prince Escalus is angry because the fighting has disturbed the peace of the town. ()
4. Mercutio curses both families because he feels they cause his death. ()
5. Juliet refuses to take the poison Friar Laurence gives her. ()

C. Read the following quotation then answer the questions that follow:

(5 points)

"Oh happy knife, this is where you will stay now. Stay there, and let me die."

1. Who says these words? _____
2. When does the speaker say these words? _____
3. Whose knife is this? _____
4. The speaker calls the knife as "happy" because it's very expensive. (True / False)

King Lear (15 points)

Question Number Five: (15 points)

A. Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. Edmund tells Edgar that his father is looking for him so he advises him to _____.
a) hide from their father b) meet him immediately
c) send him apology letter d) kill himself
2. Lear feels that he cannot stay with either daughter so he _____.
a) stays in his palace b) goes out into the storm
c) asks Gloucester to help him d) travels again with his men
3. Regan and her husband decide to blind the Earl of Gloucester because he _____.
a) takes the Duke of Cornwall's side b) doesn't love Albany
c) tries to help Lear against their order d) loves Cordelia more than her
4. _____ is ordered to find Gloucester and kills him.
a) Poor Tom b) Oswald c) Edgar d) Lear
5. _____ leads the English army and wins the battle.
a) Edgar b) Cornwall c) Albany d) Edmund

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

(5 points)

1. Goneril orders her servant to respect her father's men. ()
2. Lear goes mad because his daughters have treated him so badly. ()
3. Regan orders to throw the blind man into the storm. ()
4. Edgar took his father to the high cliffs. ()
5. Cordelia was not murdered in the play. ()

C. Read the following quotation then answer the questions that follow:

(5 points)

"O madam, my old heart is cracked, it's cracked"

1. Who said this? _____
2. To whom? _____
3. Why is the speaker's heart cracked? _____
4. How does the listener respond? _____

Writing: (20 points)

Question Number Six: (20 points)

Part A : (10 points)

هذا القسم اجباري

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.

Part B: (10 points)

Choose one of the following topics:

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1. "Every country in the world has its own way of celebrating the New Year. In Japan, the New Year is the most important holiday of the year". **Write a three-paragraph essay** about the following notes:
* Clean houses / decorations at doors / eat long noodles = symbol of long life / traditional foods / children receive money / New Year cards / pray for health, success, and happiness.
2. "Money has never made man happy, nor will it. The more of it one has, the more one wants." **Write a three-paragraph essay** discussing this saying and give your opinion about it.

The End