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Reading Comprehension (15 points)

Question Number One: (15 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

A lot of the New Year 'traditions' in countries like England, Australia and the USA are actually Scottish in origin. These include joining hands and singing the Scottish song *Auld Lang Syne* (which means something like 'for the old times').

Another custom, which is less popular now, is 'first-footing'. To bring good luck to a house, the first person to visit it (entering by the front door and leaving by the back door) should be a tall, dark haired man carrying a piece of coal for the fire, some salt, some bread and something to drink. These symbolise warmth, flavour and of course food. More generally, it is usual, as in China, to clean the whole house on the day before New Year, and to make sure you have paid back any money you owe to others before midnight.

Like other Muslim countries, Egypt uses the Islamic calendar and the New Year marks the migration (*Hijra*) of Prophet Mohammad (ﷺ) from Mecca to Medina. The New *Hijra* Year can't begin until the appearance of the new moon of Muharram is officially announced. Although modern technology now makes it possible to find this out well in advance, the new year moon should be observed with the naked eye.

New Year is widely celebrated with visits to family and friends. In many different parts of the country, special religious chanting troupes organise performances in praise of Prophet Mohammad and in commemoration of his *Hijra*. For many, though, this period is a time for prayer and quiet thought, concentrating on what you have done wrong in the past year and how you need to change in the next.

Whatever culture you look at, there seems to be one idea that underlies many of the New Year customs: the idea of a new beginning, of leaving one period behind and looking forward to the coming one.

A: The best title for this article is:

(1 point)

1. The New Hijra Year
2. The New Year customs
3. The New Year resolution

B: Answer the following questions:

(3 points)

1. What is meant by the phrase "first- footing"?

2. When can the New Hijra year be officially announced?

3. How is the new year marked in many parts of the world?

C: Complete the table with examples from the text that show how customs are celebrated during New Year (7 points)

Country	New Year customs
Scotland	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____
Egypt	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

D: Decide whether the sentences below are True or False: (2 points)

1. Some of the New Year customs are originally Spanish. ()
2. Islamic New Year should be observed without the help of telescope. ()

E: Choose the correct answer: (2 points)

1. Laila works hard to achieve her goals. She is a (**hard-work** / **hard-working**) girl.
2. Her father has a very narrow mind. She has a very (**narrow-minded** / **narrow- mind**) father .
3. (**Wherever** / **Whatever**) he does, he is forgiven.
4. Don't **undervalue** your work; better than you think. The meaning of the prefix **under-** adds to the sentence is (**not enough** / **at the level below**).

Question Number Two: (10 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

All around the world, people seem to think that money equals happiness, and so they pursue financial reward in expectation of a better life. However, there are many people who would argue with this concept, instead claiming that more money leads to more problems, and that happiness can be found without financial gain. I would tend to agree with **the latter** opinion.

Firstly, while many people think of money as solving all their problems, we only need to look at the rich people in this world to see that they are not entirely happy. It seems that while money can get rid of some problems in life, it also creates new problems. People with little money might worry about paying their loans, but people with lots of money also have to deal with taxes and other expenses. The poor certainly envy the rich, but are the rich really happier? I doubt **it**.

If we look at happiness around the world, it seems to exist regardless of wealth. People in poor countries or deprived areas in rich countries are just as capable of happiness as those with big bank accounts. The happiest people on the earth have the support of their families, friends, and feel that there is meaning to their life. There are so many things that give us joy in this world, and these are things that money can't buy.

To conclude, money can reduce some problems in life, but it also creates others. Furthermore, the things that really make us happy are not things that we can pay for with cash or credit cards.

A: Answer the following questions: (4 points)

1. What are the two opinions the text claims about money and happiness?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. According to paragraph **three**, mention the three things that give happiness its true meaning?
 - a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

B: Decide whether the sentences below are True or False: (2 points)

1. The writer thinks that money could bring happiness. ()
2. According to the text, rich people are completely happy. ()

C: What do the following refer to? (2 points)

1. the latter (line 4) _____
2. It (line 9) _____

D: Complete the following sentence. (2 points)

The poor and the rich have their own money concerns. While the poor are concerned about _____, the rich are concerned about _____.

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 Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer:

- Who proposes that a gold statue of Juliet should be built?**
a. Montague b. Lady Capulet c. Paris d. Romeo
- Romeo and Juliet agree to marry after knowing each other for.....**
a. a few hours b. a few days c. a few months d. a few years
- To whom does Mercutio curse as he lies dying after a fight?**
a. Romeo and Tybalt b. Romeo c. Tybalt d. The Montague and Capulet
- Theatres and plays at the time of Shakespeare were different from now so:**
a. women are allowed to act in plays b. women characters are acted by boys
c. women wear masks while acting d. men aren't allowed to act
- One of the play's themes is to show the difficulty of being**
a. ironic b. aggressive c. idealistic d. comic

Question Number Four: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts only. (A, B, C) **اجب عن قسمين من هذا السؤال (A, B, C)**

A: Decide whether the following statements are True or False (5 points)

- People started knowing about Shakespeare after he moved to London. ()
- Tybalt was angry with Romeo at the party because he thinks that he came to see Juliet. ()
- Romeo's and Juliet's love is strong and possible. ()
- Friar Lawrence asks the nurse to help Juliet takes the liquid. ()
- Benvolio persuades Romeo to go to the party. ()

B: Read the quotation then answer the questions below. (5 points)

" Oh, Prince. A member of my family has died. And a Montague must die for this"

- Who says this? _____
- To whom? _____
- The member of family is _____ and the Montague is _____
- Why must a Montague die according to the speaker's opinion? _____

C: Answer the following questions? (5 points)

- What prevents Romeo and Juliet from continuing their love?
a. _____
b. _____
- In order to stop the fight between the two families, what rule was passed by Prince Escalus?

- What does Romeo say about his name?

- Why does Lord Capulet not let Tybalt fight with Romeo at the party?
a. _____
b. _____

King Lear (15 points)

Question Number Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer:

- When Edgar hides from his father, he disguises himself as _____**
a. a fool b. a beggar c. a fighter d. a servant
- The Duke of Albany thinks that his wife is evil because _____**
a. she killed herself b. she blinded Gloucester
c. she treated her father badly d. sided with Lear
- During the battle, Lear and Cordelia are _____**
a. taken captive b. wounded c. killed d. poisoned
- Lear's friend and advisor who disguises as a servant to protect him is _____**
a. Cornwall b. Burgundy c. Kent d. Albany
- Who carries out Goneril's evil plan and finally he is killed by Edgar _____**
a. Kent b. Gloucester c. The fool d. Oswald

Question Number Four: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts only. (A , B, C) من هذا السؤال قسمين اجب عن قسمين

A: Decide whether the following statements are True or False

(5 points)

1. Goneril tells her servant to respect her father's men. ()
2. Edmund cut his arm to let his father believe that Edgar wants to kill him. ()
3. Lear hold a real trial to his daughters in the hut. ()
4. Edmund turns his father against Edgar to take his place. ()
5. In the end, only Edgar and Kent are left to bury the dead and Edgar become the king. ()

B: Read the quotation then answer the question below.

(5 points)

1. "I've got to think quickly. How am I going to stop her from getting him now that her husband is dead".

a. Who says this? _____ b. the pronoun her refers to: _____

c. When does the speaker say this? _____

d. What is the speaker worried about? _____

C: Answer the following questions?

(5 points)

1. What does Goneril complain about in her letter to Regan?

2. Why is Lear ashamed of going to Cordelia?

3. How does Albany know about Goneril's plan to kill him?

4. How does Edmund turn his father against Edgar?

Writing: (10 points)

Question Number Six:

Choose One of the following topics: اكتب موضوعا واحدا في احد الموضوعين

1. Write a short first person autobiography describing your family's memories about the Nakba. You can make use of the following ideas:

- * Include details of life before the Nakba, either from imagination or what your family has told you.
- * Describe the leaving and where the family went.
- * Say what effect the Nakba had on you and your family.
- * Add a conclusion about how people kept the memory alive and their hope for the Right of Return.

2. " Making a resolution should not be a random step rather it must be taken after profound discussions and deliberations. To what extent do you agree with this statement?

You can make use of the following ideas:

- * Name your resolution
- * Motivations beyond this decision
- * Getting advice from others
- * Hopes and expectations

The End