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الورقة: الثانية
الجلسة: ---

Reading Comprehension (25 points)

Question Number One: (15 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

1. _____
In a speech yesterday, the chief of one of the country's biggest banks said he believed the high bonuses paid to senior bank staff were not excessive. 'If we want to attract highly experienced and qualified employees,' he said, 'we need to be able to offer them a competitive income. Otherwise, they will take their talents elsewhere.' He added that the introduction of a limit on bonuses paid to top bankers would not improve the position of poorer people in society.

2. _____
The Finance Minister has said that the latest prediction for the future of the country's economy is 'extremely good news'. Reacting to the latest industrial production figures and the forecast of 1.5% growth in the coming year, he claimed that it was proof that government spending cuts were working. However, he said that more reductions were still needed.

3. _____
A new study by the Foundation for Economic and Social Research (FESR) has produced evidence that the gap between the richest and poorest in society is still growing. According to the report, the richest 10% of the population now have incomes almost ten times higher than the poorest 10%. One of the report's authors added: 'It's a trend that shows no sign of stopping in the near future.'

4. _____
Stock markets around the world suffered serious losses yesterday, causing fears that the global economy could be moving towards a new crisis. Experts said that there was no single reason for the fall in share prices. Rather, it seemed to be a reaction to the economic uncertainty caused by various recent events.

A. Match the following newspaper headlines with their stories above: (2 points)

- Share prices hit 9-year low.
- High bonus payments 'necessary', says bank boss.
- Rich-poor divide getting wider, says new report.
- Minister welcomes latest economic forecast.

B. Decide whether these statements are True or False: (4 points)

- The bank boss believes that limiting bonuses will benefit poor people a lot. ()
- Finance Minister believes that the government still needs more spending reduction. ()
- FESR's new report indicates that the gap between rich and poor will stop in the future. ()
- International economy could be affected negatively by stock markets losses. ()

C. Complete the following sentences: (2 points)

- According to the Finance Minister, the evidence that the government spending reductions started to achieve its aims is:
a _____
b _____
- The new study by (FESR) uses figures to prove that _____

D. Complete the following table with Reasons for the given statements: (4 points)

statements	Reasons
1. Senior employees should be paid extra money according to the bank chief:	a. _____ b. _____
2. Fall in share prices according to experts and others:	a. _____ b. _____

E. Choose the correct answer: (3 points)

1. (**However / Whenever**) hard she tried, she couldn't convince him.
2. All mistakes had been **underlined** in red ink. The prefix **under** in this sentence means (**not enough / at the level below**)
3. It was a (**heart-stopping / heart-stop**) moment when they rescued the baby from the earthquake in Turkey.

Question Number Two: (10 points)
Read the text and do the tasks below:

For many people in the world, New Year's is considered as a time that brings about a feeling of renewal, optimism and luck. That's why many view the activities that occur on New Year's Eve and Day to be an important part of securing a successful and healthy New Year. So, in different countries people spend their time making sure that their year starts off right. They engage in certain rituals and activities that are designed to bring luck. Here's a look at some practices in some countries:

Philippines

The two most widely celebrated holidays in the Philippines are Christmas and New Year's. Stores and malls get crazy during the Christmas gift-hunting season. As soon as Christmas is over, the attention shifts towards the coming New Year, and the crowds move from the malls to the grocery stores. On New Year's Eve, families in the Philippines traditionally make sure to serve 12 round fruits, like apples, grapes, and plums. Their shape is believed to symbolize prosperity and coins. Their numbers represent the months of the year.

Greece

Not only onions are basic vegetables in kitchens, they can also bring you good luck for the new year ahead. In Greece, it's a tradition to hang an onion outside your door. Believed to symbolize fertility, growth and length of life, the onion is hung on the door after church service on New Year's Day. Onions are viewed as highly fertile because when they are left too long without being used, it seems to want to put down roots and grow once again.

Colombia

On New Year's Eve, Colombian households have a tradition of placing three potatoes under each family member's bed - one peeled (remove its skin), one not, and the last one only partially. At midnight each person selects one with eyes closed. Depending on the potato they choose, it will represent the financial situation for the upcoming year.

The unpeeled potato means you will have a good fortune year, the peeled potato a financial struggle year and the half peeled potato a mix of both.

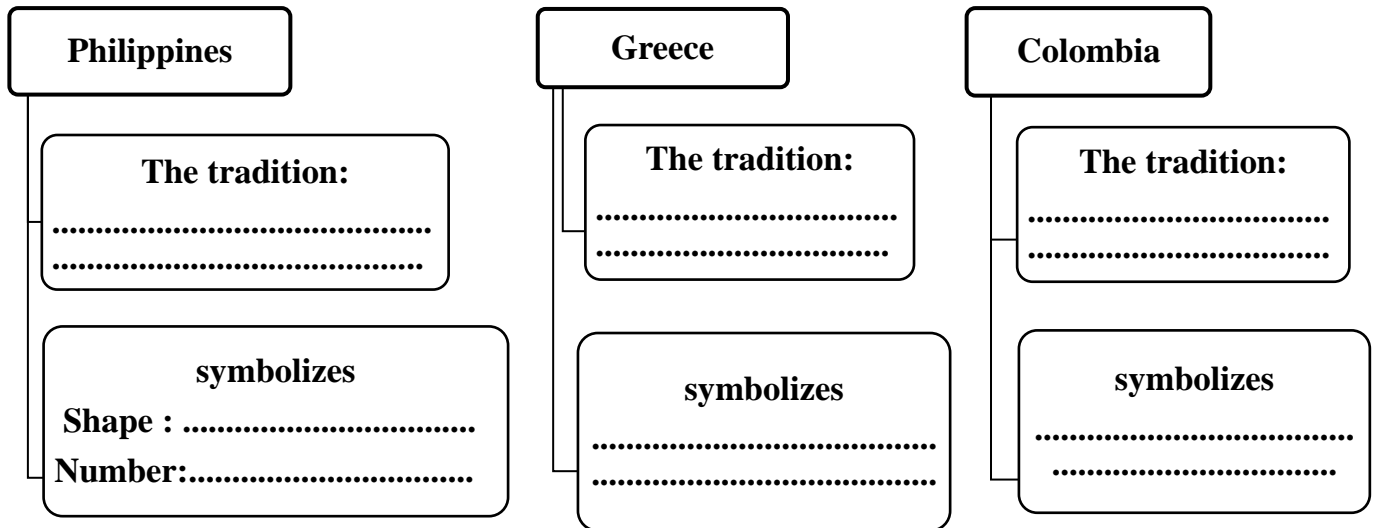
A. Answer the following questions: (2 points)

1. How do a lot of people consider New Year's time?

2. Why do onions represent growth and rebirth?

B. Complete the following diagram about New Year Traditions:

(6 points)



C. Circle the correct answer:

(2 points)

1. Preparing for New Year in Philippines demands most people to visit _____.
a. malls b. gifts stores c. libraries d. grocery stores
2. If parts of the potato's skin are removed, it will be a _____ year according to Colombian beliefs.
a. lucky b. struggling c. combination between good and bad d. long

Literature: (15 points)

Choose one of the two stories and answer its questions.

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Romeo & Juliet (15 points)

Question Number Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer:

1. _____ is against Tybalt's opinion when seeing Romeo in the party.
a. Lord Capulet b. Nurse c. Servant d. Benvolio
2. Friar Laurence thinks that if Romeo and Juliet marry, the fight between their families may _____.
a. continue b. stop c. get worse d. renew
3. Juliet dies as a result of _____.
a. being killed by her cousin b. drinking poison
c. broken-heart about Romeo's death d. killing herself with a knife
4. "She shines like a jewel in the night." In this quotation, Romeo ensures Juliet's _____.
a. richness b. true beauty c. owing much jewelry d. more beautiful during sunshine
5. _____ is related to the Prince and a Montagues' friend.
a. Benvolio b. Tybalt c. Mercutio d. Juliet

Question Number Four: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts only.

اجب عن قسمين من هذا السؤال (A, B, C)

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

(5 points)

1. Prince Escalus blames Friar Laurence for the death of Romeo and Juliet. ()
2. Juliet stops her marriage to Paris by pretending to be dead. ()
3. Before moving to London, Shakespeare was well-known as an actor and a playwright. ()
4. The peace between the two families is a result of long arguments. ()
5. Prince Escalus considers that Romeo and Juliet's story is the most sorrowful. ()

B. 1. Write the name of the character that matches the given description: (2 points)

Lady Capulet - Paris - Romeo - Benvolio

Description	Character
A peaceful character who tries to stop the fight between the servants.	
Is invited to the party so that a marriage plan can be started.	
Despite being insulted by Tybalt , doesn't encourage Mercutio to fight him.	
Wants the prince to kill Tybalt's killer because Tybalt is a family member.	

2. Read the following quotation then answer the questions below: (3 points)

*“Ask for me tomorrow and you will find me a grave man. Damn both your families!
Why did you stand between us?”*

- Who says these words? _____ 2. To whom? _____.
- The pronoun (**us**) in the quotation refers to: _____.
- How does the speaker die? _____.

C. Answer the following questions: (5 points)

- What was strange about the Globe theatre?

- How does Prince Escalus punish Romeo?

- Why do Tybalt and Lord Capulet argue about Romeo at the party?

- What are Friar Laurence's important roles in the story?
a _____ b _____
- What makes Romeo change his mind and decide to fight?

King Lear (15 points)

Question Number Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer:

- Lear decides to keep one hundred knights to _____.**
 - protect him.
 - prove that he is still strong.
 - protect his daughters.
 - travel with him
- Regan blames _____ for Edgar's apparent plan to kill his father.**
 - Gloucester himself
 - Edgar himself
 - the terrible influence of Lear and his men
 - Edmund's lies
- After betraying his father to Cornwall, Edmund leaves his father's castle because he ____.**
 - can't bear the Duke's cruelty
 - doesn't want to be blamed for not protecting the old man.
 - supports his father
 - isn't a traitor.
- Goneril's servant, Oswald, has been ordered to _____.**
 - kill Regan
 - make Kent a prisoner
 - find Lear and kill him
 - find Gloucester and kill him
- Lear's final sorrow at Cordelia's murder is too great that he _____.**
 - goes mad
 - dies with broken-heart
 - goes out in the storm
 - asks Goneril to forgive him

Question Number Four: (10 points)From this section, answer **two parts only**.(A , B, C) من هذا السؤال **اجب عن قسمين**

A. 1. Write the name of the character that matches with the given event:

(2 points)

Kent - Edmund - King of France - Gloucester

Description	Character
Dies of a huge heart attack.	
Though dismissed, he returns disguised as a servant.	
Admits all his crimes when he falls and is close to death.	
Accepts to marry Cordelia though she gets nothing.	

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

(3 points)

"Come, let's away to prison! We two will sing like birds in the cage."

1. Who is the speaker? _____ and to whom? _____

2. What makes the speaker happy? _____

3. Circle: The (**English / French**) army has won the battle in the end.

B. Decide whether the following statements are true or false:

(5 points)

1. Goneril and Regan give a powerful but untrue description of their love of Lear. ()

2. Lear goes out in the storm with Kent, the Fool and one hundred knights. ()

3. Goneril despises her husband the Duke of Albany as a traitor. ()

4. Lear refuses to come back with Gloucester as he refuses to leave poor Tom. ()

5. Regan kills Goneril by poisoning her. ()

C. Answer the following questions:

(5 points)

1. Why does Gloucester ask Edgar to take him to Dover?
_____2. How does Goneril ask her servants to treat Lear and his knights?
_____3. According to Lear, why has poor Tom gone mad?
_____4. Why do King of France and Cordelia come to England with an army?
_____5. When does Edgar tell everyone who he really is?
_____**Writing: (10 points)****Question Number Six:**Choose **One** of the following topics: اكتب موضوعا واحدا في احد الموضوعين

1. " Learning a foreign language is a great resolution for the Palestinian students."

Discuss this statement in terms of:

a. Causes for this resolution (more chances of finding a job, communicate with new people...etc.)

b. Difficulties you may face (difficult words, lack of confidence...etc.)

c. Suggest steps to achieve it. (join a course, watch movies... etc.)

2. Some people say that 'Money makes the world go round', while others believe that 'Money is the root of all evil'. Write an essay about these different points of view.

These ideas may help you:

Paragraph 1: The importance of money in our life.

Paragraph 2: Good things come from money, e.g. (security, good education, essential needs,...etc.)

Paragraph 3: Bad things come from money, e.g. (greed, pride, addiction and crime, debt....etc.)

Paragraph 4: Which point of view is more correct? Why?

The End