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Reading Comprehension (25 points)

Question Number One: (15 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

Around this time of year, lots of people make resolutions to change their lives. Of course, it's natural to associate a new year with new beginnings, but doing something new brings benefits to your life whenever you choose to do it. In fact, New Year is possibly one of the worst times of the year to make life-changing decisions if you want to stick to **them**: in Europe and North America, it coincides with the middle of winter. With its long hours of darkness and cold wet weather, this is definitely not a season to be optimistic. This may well be why, as many studies have shown, most people who make New Year's resolutions usually break them after five weeks. 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 three steps in this article will make success a lot more likely.

1. _____

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 and you won't want to let them down.

A. Match the titles with their correct steps:

(3 points)

a. Enjoy yourself

b. Share it

c. Set clear goals

B. Decide whether these statements are True or False:

(3 points)

1. Making resolutions is only beneficial when decided at New Year. ()

2. Most New Year's resolutions can't be achieved due to bad winter weather. ()

3. The tips were offered to keep people who make New Year's resolutions highly motivated. ()

C. Complete the following sentences from the text above:

(5 points)

1. Goals shouldn't be very wide, they'd better be _____ and _____ to be more realistic.

2. Having pleasure while doing new things can lead to more positive results than _____.

3. Involving other people in your resolutions can bring many advantages such as:

a. _____.

b. _____.

D. Write what the following pronouns might refer to:

(2 points)

1. **them** (line 4): _____
2. **it** (line 17): _____

E. Circle the correct answer:

(2 points)

1. Being **underpaid** with high prices all around is certainly stressful. The prefix **under** in this sentence means **(not enough / at the level below)**.
2. **(Wherever / Whatever)** you do, don't lose your sense of humour.
3. The roof leaks **(whenever / however)** it rains.
4. Mr. Miller was a serious **(red-face / red-faced)** man who always looked worried.

Question Number Two: (10 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

Money is the most important thing in our lives. Without money we would not be able to buy food, water, clothing, shelter or get education. Money can be considered as anything commonly accepted by a group of people for the exchange of goods, services or resources. Every country has its own arrangement of coins and paper money.

At the beginning, people used to barter. Bartering is a way to exchange goods and services for other goods and services, like a bag of rice for a bag of beans. However, people should accept that something was worth in exchange. Besides, they should want what the other person had. To solve these problems, people used another way to buy stuff which was called commodity money.

A commodity is a simple item or production such as seeds, cattle, tobacco, tea and salt and many other things that are meant to have a value and to be used as money. But, using commodities as money also had some obstacles. Holding bags of salt and other commodities was hard, and they were difficult to store or would expire.

Around 5000 B. C metal objects were introduced as money. From early times, people usually favored metal for the use of money. The Lydians (old Turkish) became the first people in the world to produce coins in gold and silver.

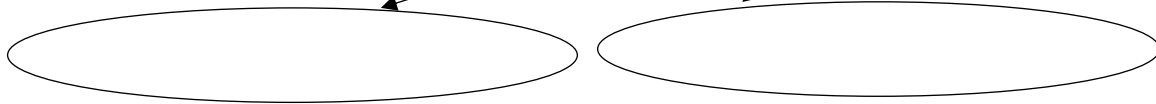
Finally, the paper currencies were developed in China during the 7th century. Paper money was introduced in two forms: drafts and bills. Later on, countries around the world started making **their** own order of coins with specific values. Since coins were given a certain value, it became easier to compare the cost of items people wanted.

A. Complete the following diagram from the text above:

(6 points)

1. Money can be defined as

Its importance:



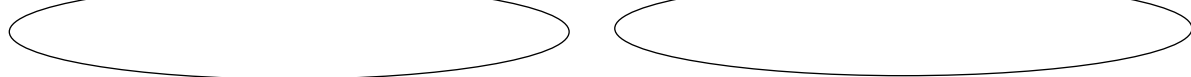
2. Bartering is.....

Its problems:



3. Commodity money is

Its problems:



B. Choose the correct answer:

(4 points)

1. Metal coins and paper money were firstly used by _____
a. Lydians and Chinese b. Lydians and Turkish c. people from all countries
2. What helps people to evaluate the prices of goods they buy correctly is that _____
a. bartering becomes easier b. gold and silver are heavy to hold c. coins get a special value
3. The most suitable title for the above text is _____
a. Problems of Bartering b. What is commodity money? c. History of money
4. The underlined pronoun **(their)** refers to _____
a. coins b. countries around the world c. drafts and bills

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 Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. In Shakespeare's time women characters were acted by _____
a. old women b. young girls c. boys d. young ladies
2. Despite wearing a mask, Romeo is recognized by Tybalt from his _____.
a. sword b. voice c. clothes d. friend Benvolio
3. Mercutio is killed in _____ fight.
a. the servants' b. a very fair c. face to face d. an unfair
4. Romeo and Juliet's love happens very quickly, just like _____ which is gone without being noticed.
a. lightning b. jewel c. a story d. a white dove
5. Tybalt calls Romeo as a "villain" and is eager to fight him because Romeo _____.
a. marries Juliet b. attends Capulet's party c. is aggressive d. is Mercutio's friend

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 are True or False:

(5 points)

1. We know very little about Shakespeare's early life. ()
2. Lord Capulet invites Romeo to the party so that he can meet Juliet. ()
3. Romeo asks Juliet to make a faithful vow of love to each other. ()
4. Juliet disagrees on Friar Laurence's plan as it seems risky. ()
5. Mercutio is angry with Romeo's calm response to Tybalt. ()

B. Complete the following sentences:

(5 points)

1. Juliet will send a messenger to Romeo to arrange their _____.
2. Juliet is worried that Romeo will think she has fallen in love _____.
3. When Juliet drinks the mixture, the Nurse finds her and believes she is _____.
4. Juliet's body is taken to the _____ to be buried.
5. Mercutio blames Romeo because he has _____ in the second fight.

C. Read the following quotation then answer the question: (5 points)

"I have a terrible feeling that something will happen tonight. Something will begin at this party and bring my useless life to an early death."

1. Who says these words? _____
2. To whom? _____
3. What is the thing that began at the party? _____
4. How is the speaker's life ended? _____
5. The party takes place at the Montagues' garden. This sentence is: **True** **False**

King Lear (15 points)

Question Number Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer: (5 points)

1. Cordelia says she loves her father as much as a daughter should love her father because she _____
 a. hates her father
 b. doesn't want to compete with her sisters
 c. is sad that she will take a third of the country
 d. wants to boast about her love
2. Goneril asks her servants to treat Lear and his knights _____
 a. rudely
 b. respectfully
 c. well
 d. wisely
3. The King of France and Cordelia come to England to _____
 a. save Gloucester
 b. take their share
 c. kill her sisters
 d. rescue King Lear
4. Lear holds a mock trial of his evil daughters with the Fool, Tom and Kent as _____.
 a. audience
 b. listeners
 c. judges
 d. friends
5. Lear feels _____ of Cordelia for what he has done to her.
 a. happy
 b. proud
 c. ashamed
 d. mad

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 are True or False: (5 points)

1. Kent disguises himself as a poor man and returned as a servant. ()
2. Edmund tells Edgar to run away because he wants to protect him from his father's anger. ()
3. Cornwall tells Gloucester the truth about his sons. ()
4. Edgar takes his father Gloucester to the middle of a field. ()
5. Albany arrests Edmund and brings him to justice for his bad leading to the army. ()

B. Complete the following sentences: (5 points)

1. Both Regan and Goneril think that Lear doesn't need _____.
2. Regan orders to throw Gloucester into the _____.
3. Cordelia's doctor gives Lear _____ to make him well again.
4. Edmund could not make up his mind which sister to _____.
5. Goneril wants Edmund to kill Albany because she _____.

C. Read the following quotation then answer the questions:**(5 points)**

‘I can’t bear to see my poor father like this. How could anyone have hurt him physically like this and treated him so cruelly?’

1. Who might have said or thought the following? _____
2. Who treats the speaker’s father so cruelly? _____
3. How has the speaker’s father been hurt? _____
4. Why is the speaker’s father been hurt? _____
5. The pronoun him refers to: _____

Writing: (10 points)**Question Number Five:**

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

1. **“Muslims celebrate Al-Hijra New Year when they see the moon of Muharram”. Write an essay describing how Muslims celebrate this occasion in Palestine.** These notes may help you:
 Paragraph 1: New Hijra Year relates to Prophet Mohammad’s journey.
 Paragraph 2: Muslims recite Quran, hold prayers at mosques, spend time with family, some of them fast during daylight.
 Paragraph 3: It’s a time of reflection and good beginnings.
2. **“Money has never made man happy, nor will it. The more of it one has, the more one wants.”** To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The End