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Reading Comprehension (25 points)

Question Number One: (15 points)

Generally speaking, rich people aren't happier than poor people. Admittedly, **this** may seem to be a controversial statement to some, but there is enough evidence to be able to state this as a fact. Developments in biology and psychology now allow us to measure happiness more accurately than ever before, and the results are clear. Levels of stress and depression in richer countries are rising, with people reporting less, not more, satisfaction with their lives.

A recent study in the UK shows that overall happiness peaked in the mid-1970s and has been declining ever since. The researchers reached the conclusion that over a certain level (about £20,000 per person), 'extra income is not associated with increased happiness'. Put simply, once basic human needs have been met, there is simply no point in getting richer.

It seems that a lot of people have forgotten something that nearly everyone used to think was obvious: money and happiness are not the same thing. I hesitate to write this, because someone will say that I am romanticising poverty. I am not. But I have lived in poor countries, and it was impossible not to notice that people **there** smile and laugh more, socialise more easily and complain less than people in the richer nations.

Obviously, I am not saying that poverty causes happiness, but there does seem to be a lot of evidence that wealth causes unhappiness. Why, then, do people still spend so much time and effort on getting richer, even when they already have far more than they could ever need? Various theories have been suggested. To be honest though, I am still unsure. Personally, I can't understand why anyone would need to buy another luxury car when they already have **three or four**. How many homes can you live in at any one time? The only explanation I can come up with is that it is a kind of addiction: when your life has been all about making money, **that** becomes your purpose, the reason you get up in the morning.

A: Read the text. Then choose the best title for the article:

(1 points)

1. Poor but happy
2. The true meaning of happiness
3. How much is enough
4. Rich but happy

B: Answer all the following questions:

(5 points)

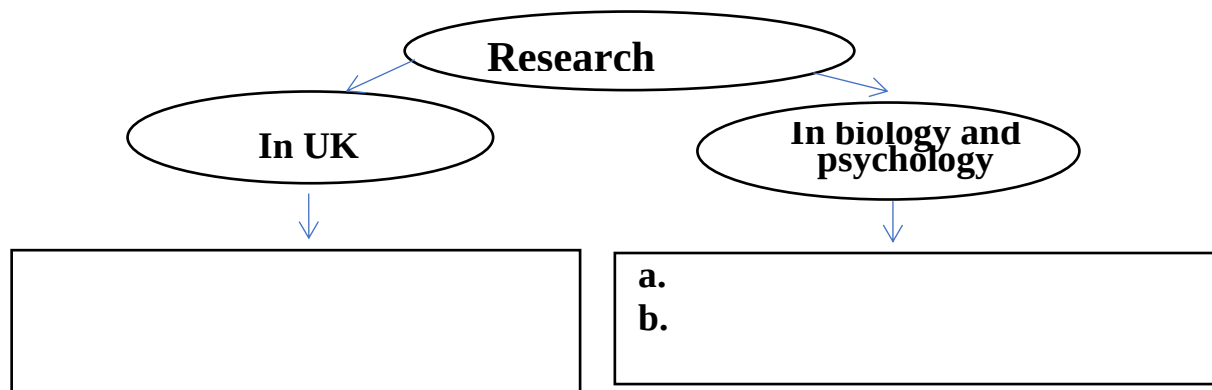
1. Why is it possible to measure the levels of happiness more precisely?

2. Why might the writer be reluctant to point out that there is a difference between money and happiness?

3. What evidences does the writer give to support the idea that the poor in rich countries are not unhappy?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

C: Complete the following web with the missing information from the above passage: (2 points)



D: What do the underlined pronouns and words refer to? (2 points)

1. this (line 1): _____
2. there (line 13): _____
3. three or four (line 20): _____
4. that (line 21): _____

E: Select the correct answer: (5 points)

1. It's up to you to decide, but (**personally** \ **obviously**) I think it's worth considering all possible outcomes before making a decision.
2. The city council implemented new programs to support (**the careless** / **the homeless**) population.
3. He struggled with (**addict** / **addiction**) to internet gaming, spending hours online every day.
4. We're making good progress, (**because** \ **but**) we've still got a long way to go.
5. There are many areas where the problems of (**poverty** \ **wealth**) and unemployment still persist.

Question Number Two: (10 points)

Read the text carefully then do the tasks that follow:

Making New Year's resolutions is a tradition for many people worldwide, symbolizing a fresh start and an opportunity for personal growth. However, the challenge often lies not in setting resolutions but in keeping them throughout the year. Here are some tips to help you make and maintain your New Year's resolutions successfully:

1. _____: Start by setting achievable goals that are specific and measurable. Avoid unclear resolutions like "get in shape" or "eat healthier." Instead, be precise, such as "exercise for 30 minutes three times a week" or "cook at home five days a week."
2. _____: Trying to set too many resolutions at once can be overwhelming and decrease your chances of success. Instead, prioritize a few key areas where you want to make significant changes and focus your efforts there.
3. _____: Develop a clear plan for how you will achieve each resolution. Break down your goals into smaller, manageable steps and create a timeline for accomplishing them. Having a structured plan will help keep you organized and motivated.
4. _____: Keep track of your progress regularly to stay accountable and motivated. You can use a journal, app, or calendar to monitor your daily or weekly activities related to your resolutions. Seeing your progress will encourage you to keep going.

5. _____ : Understand that setbacks and obstacles are a natural part of any journey towards change. Be flexible and willing to adjust your approach if necessary. Instead of giving up entirely, use setbacks as learning opportunities to refine your strategy and keep moving forward.
6. _____: Share your resolutions with friends, family, or a support group who can encourage and hold you accountable. Having a support system can provide motivation, guidance, and understanding during challenging times.
7. _____: Stay positive and maintain a hopeful attitude towards your resolutions. Understand that change takes time, and be patient with yourself throughout the process. Focus on the progress you've made rather than recalling any setbacks.

By following these tips and staying committed to your resolutions, you can increase your chances of making positive changes and achieving your goals in the New Year. Remember that the journey towards self-improvement is ongoing, and every step you take towards your resolutions is a step towards a better and happier you.

A: Write the following titles (a-e) in the above positions (1-7): (3.5 points)

- a. Stay Flexible b. Focus on a Few Resolutions c. Stay Positive and Patient
d. Create a Plan of Action e. Find Support f. Track Your Progress
g. Set Realistic and Specific Goals

B: Complete the sentences with missing information from the text: (4.5 points)

1. You should avoid unclear resolutions like "get in shape" or "eat healthier" because they _____
2. Creating a clear plan of action can help you achieve your resolutions by _____
3. You can use _____ to monitor your daily or weekly activities related to your resolutions to _____
4. It is emphasized that _____, and every step you take towards your resolutions _____

C: Say whether the following sentences are True or False: (2 points)

1. New Year's resolutions are significant for many people worldwide because they symbolize a fresh start and an opportunity for personal growth. ()
2. The main challenge with New Year's resolutions lies in setting them rather than keeping them throughout the year. ()
3. It is not necessary to track progress regularly when working towards resolutions, as it may decrease motivation. ()
4. Maintaining a positive attitude towards resolutions is crucial for staying motivated, according to the tips. ()

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:

1. The turning point of the story occurs when _____
- a. Romeo and Juliet get married. b. Mercutio is killed
c. Romeo kills Tybalt d. Juliet's parents insist she marry Paris

2. **Benvolio draws his sword in the street at the beginning of the play to _____**
 - a. protect himself from Tybalt
 - b. stop the fight before it begins
 - c. attack the servants
 - d. defend Montague's honor
3. **Juliet says that she will _____ if she knows Romeo loves her.**
 - a. give up her Capulet's name
 - b. reject Paris's proposal for marriage
 - c. not marry Romeo
 - d. leave Verona forever
4. _____ **is the person who makes the greatest efforts to help Romeo and Juliet.**
 - a. Lady Capulet
 - b. Friar John
 - c. Prince Escalus
 - d. Friar Laurence
5. **Tybalt conversation with Lord Capulet reveals that he is _____**
 - a. respectful
 - b. pleasant
 - c. aggressive
 - d. fearful

Question Number Four: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts only.

اجب عن قسمين من هذا السؤال (A, B, C)

A: Complete the following sentences:

(5 points)

1. Lord Capulet asks Tybalt _____ and _____
2. Price Escalus orders a hard punishment to Romeo because _____ and wants both Capulets and Montagues _____
3. Romeo and his friends escape being noticed at the party because _____
4. By the end of the balcony scene, Romeo and Juliet make a decision _____
5. Lord Capulet describes Romeo as _____

B: Read the quotation, then answer the questions that follow:

(5 points)

" Oh you have drunk it all and not left a friendly drop to help me too"

- a. Who says these words? _____
- b. to whom? _____
- c. Where? _____
- d. When? _____
- e. What does the person drink? _____
- d. Why does the speaker say that a drop would be friendly? _____

C: Match the character to the correct description by writing the number on the lines provided:

(5 points)

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|-----------------|-------|--|
| 1. Lady Capulet | _____ | Romeo's cousin and best friend, accompanied him to the party |
| 2. Nurse | _____ | blames both Capulets and Montagues for his death |
| 3. Paris | _____ | wants Prince Escalus to kill Romeo because of her nephew |
| 4. Benvolio | _____ | Juliet's servant, messenger and secret keeper |
| 5. Mercutio | _____ | Capulet's favored fiancé for Juliet |

King Lear (15 points)

Question Number Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer:

1. **After Goneril demands Lear to reduce number of his knights Lear curses her that _____**
 - a. she only has ungrateful children
 - b. her husband leaves her
 - c. her sister turns against her
 - d. she one day suffers as Lear is now
2. _____ **refuses to marry Cordelia after her father gives her share to her sisters.**
 - a. The King of France
 - b. Earl of Kent
 - c. The Duke of Burgundy
 - d. Edmund
3. **After being blinded and thrown out of his house, Gloucester remaining wish is _____**
 - a. to take revenge on Cornwall and Regan
 - b. to meet Edgar once more
 - c. to regain his sight and power
 - d. to find a way to restore order in kingdom
4. **During the battle Edgar takes Gloucester to rest _____**
 - a. inside a tent
 - b. in a cave
 - c. beside the river
 - d. under a tree

5. Lear refuses to see Cordelia in Dover because _____
- he is angry with her for leaving
 - he is ashamed of his behaviour
 - he is afraid of Cordelia's reaction
 - he believes Cordelia is against him

Question Number Four: (10 points)

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

A: Complete the following sentences:

(5 points)

- Cordelia asks her two sisters to _____ before she leaves to France.
- Regan blames Lear and his knights for _____
- Lear refuses to go back to the castle with Gloucester because _____
- When Gloucester and Edgar meet Lear in Dover he is _____
- Before his father's death Edgar told him _____

B: Match the character to the correct description by writing the numbers (1-5) on the lines provided:

(5 points)

- Cordelia: _____ Gloucester's younger, illegitimate, son. He is an opportunist whose ambitions lead him to form a union with Goneril and Regan.
- Duke of Burgundy: _____ Loyal member of the king's court. He assumes the role of protector to Lear when Cordelia is exiled.
- Edmund: _____ Lear's youngest daughter. She genuinely loves her father, but her refusal to flatter him leads to her tragic death.
- Earl of Kent: _____ Suitor for Cordelia. He rejects Cordelia when he discovers that she will bring him no money.
- Fool: _____ Lear's loyal friend and supporter. Although banished, he advised Lear to think again and act more sensibly.

C: Answer the following questions:

(5 points)

- What terrible mistake does Lear make as a result of his daughters' words?
a. _____
b. _____
- Why does Regan order her men to make Kent a prisoner?

- What does the Duke of Cornwall tell Gloucester about his two sons?

- What is the first sign that Lear's madness is beginning to disappear?

- Why does Gloucester feel upset?

Writing: (10 points)

Question Number Five:

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

- Write a Three- paragraph** essay about someone that you believe is a great leader. The person can be in any field, for example politics, business or sport.
- People all over the world have different customs and traditions celebrating New Year. **Write a Three- paragraph essay** about the traditions and customs of the New Year in Palestine (whether it's Islamic or Christian).

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