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الفرع: الأدبي

المبحث: اللغة الإنجليزية

الورقة: الثانية

الجلسة: ---

Reading Comprehension (25 points)

Question Number One: (15 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

Building bridges to the world

After the 1948 disaster, over 700,000 Palestinians lost everything and were forced into a Diaspora that spread round the planet. For many years afterwards, the Palestinian cause received little attention or understanding from the world.

That changed dramatically in 1974, when the late national leader, President Yassir Arafat, stepped onto the world's political stage to speak to the United Nations. His famous words rang out: 'Today, I have come bearing an olive branch and a freedom fighter's gun. Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand.'

This landmark speech showed the world two things: first that the Palestinian cause could not be forgotten, and secondly that there really could be a peaceful way forward. Arafat's words also affected Palestinians deeply. They made many realise that it was necessary to build bridges between Palestine and the West. This was the way to create international understanding and, one day, a free and independent Palestine.

The years since the national leader President Arafat's speech to the UN have not been easy, and there have been many setbacks. Yet there are also reasons for optimism. In recent years, as a result of the continuous diplomatic struggle of the present Palestinian leadership, under their representative President Mahmoud Abbas, more and more countries have officially recognised Palestine as an independent state, and in 2012 the United Nations General Assembly voted to upgrade the status of the Palestinians to that of a 'non-member observer state'. There is hope that at last, thanks to the efforts of Palestinians around the world, the tide has finally turned.

A. Answer the following questions:

(4 points)

1. How did Arafat's speech influence the world?

- a.
b.

2. What have been major diplomatic achievements for Palestine in recent years?

- a.
b.

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

(4.5 points)

1. The Palestinian cause was widely recognized immediately after the 1948 disaster. ()
2. Since Arafat's speech, Palestine has faced no difficulties. ()
3. Due to the perseverance of Palestinians worldwide, the situation has finally begun to change. ()

C. Choose the correct answer:**(4.5 points)**

1. **The impact of the 1948 disaster on Palestinians was that they**
 - a) gained more land.
 - b) lost everything and were obliged to leave.
 - c) formed a new country.
 - d) received international attention immediately.
2. **The olive branch in Arafat's speech symbolizes**
 - a) peace.
 - b) war.
 - c) wealth.
 - d) knowledge.
3. **After Arafat's speech many Palestinians realized that**
 - a) violence was the only option.
 - b) the UN had no role in their struggle.
 - c) independence was impossible.
 - d) building bridges with the West was essential.

D. Write what these pronouns refer to:**(2 points)**

1. **my** (line 7):
2. **this** (line 11):

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

Money has long been a subject of debate when it comes to its role in happiness. While some argue that money can buy happiness, others believe that true happiness comes from non-materialistic sources. This text will explore the complex relationship between money and happiness.

1.....: At its core, money serves to fulfill basic needs—food, shelter, and health care. Research has shown that individuals who struggle to meet these basic needs often report lower levels of happiness. Once these essential requirements are met, however, the direct connection between additional income and happiness begins to decrease.

2.: Studies suggest that people often get more happiness from experiences (travel, social events, hobbies) than from material possessions (cars, electronics). Investing in experiences tends to strengthen social connections and create lasting memories, which contribute to overall well-being.

3.: Money can also play a role in how individuals recognize their own happiness relative to others. The phenomenon of social comparison can lead to dissatisfaction if one's wealth or possessions are seen as lower compared to peers, despite having sufficient resources for a comfortable life.

4.: Interestingly, spending money on others—whether through gifts, charity, or helping friends in need—has been shown to significantly develop personal happiness. Acts of kindness can create a sense of belonging and purpose, supporting the idea that happiness isn't just linked to personal gain.

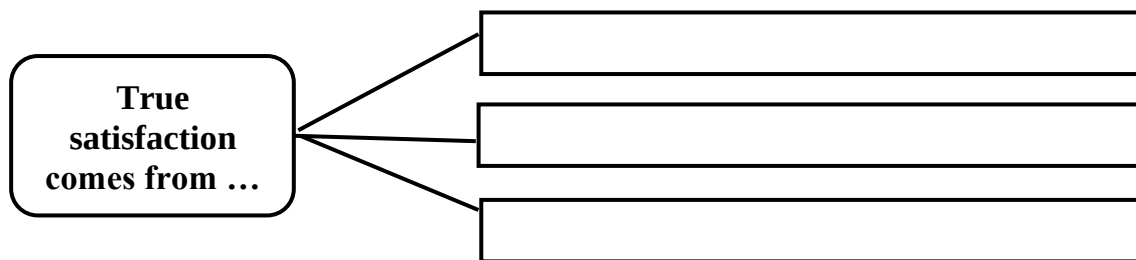
Relationship between money and happiness is complex. While money can provide a foundation for happiness by ensuring basic needs are met, true satisfaction often comes from deeper connections, achieving experiences, and acts of kindness. Finally, understanding the role of money in our lives can help individuals make more informed decisions about how they set their resources for maximum happiness.

A. Match the following titles with their suitable paragraphs:**(2 points)**

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| 1. Generosity. | Paragraph |
| 2. Experiences vs Material Goods | Paragraph |
| 3. Social Comparison | Paragraph |
| 4. Basic needs and Security | Paragraph |

B. Complete the following sentences:**(5 points)**

1. This text aims to examine the connection between and
2. Studies show that people who suffer to afford essential needs often experience
3. Experiences lead to greater happiness than material items because they tend to and
4. Social comparison between people can lead to especially if their wealth isn't the same.

C. Complete the following diagram from the text above:**(3 points)****Literature: (15 points)**

Choose ONE of the two stories and answer its questions.

اختر واحدة من القصتين وأجب عن أسئلتها

Romeo & Juliet (15 points)**Question Number Three: (5 points)**

Circle the correct answer:

1. **Romeo and Benvolio decide to go to the Capulet party to**
 - a) attend in disguise and have fun
 - b) find food
 - c) fight with Tybalt
 - d) meet Lord Capulet
2. **Capulet describes Romeo as**
 - a) a rude troublemaker
 - b) a polite and well-behaved young man.
 - c) someone unworthy of respect
 - d) a brave warrior
3. **Juliet asks the Nurse to find out**
 - a) the name of Tybalt
 - b) if Romeo is interested in her
 - c) the name of the man who wouldn't dance
 - d) if the party is over.
4. **Tybalt after stabbing Mercutio.**
 - a) apologizes and runs away
 - b) tries to fight Romeo again
 - c) quickly leaves the scene
 - d) stands over Mercutio and mocks him
5. **What is Friar Laurence's plan to help Juliet avoid marrying Paris?**
 - a) Send her away to Verona
 - b) Ask her to tell her father about her love for Romeo
 - c) Arrange for Romeo to kill Paris
 - d) Give her liquid that will make her appear dead

Question Number Four: (10 points)

يتكون هذا السؤال من ثلاثة فروع (A,B,C) أجب عن فرعين منها فقط From this section, answer two parts only

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

1. The Duke of Burgundy marries Cordelia after she loses her inheritance. ()
2. Regan and Goneril are kind and caring toward their father. ()
3. Lear holds a mock trial for his daughters in the hut. ()
4. Regan becomes a widow after the death of Cornwall. ()
5. Goneril kills herself after realising her husband knows about her letter to Edmund. ()

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

“Come, let’s away to prison: We two will sing like birds in the cage.”

1. Who says these words? To whom?
3. When does the speaker say these words?
4. What does Edmund give one of his soldiers?
5. The French army wins the battle. (True / False)

C. Answer the following questions: (5 points)

1. How does Edmund deceive his father, Gloucester?
.....
2. Why do Regan and the Duke of Cornwall imprison Kent?
.....
3. What does Cornwall do to Gloucester when he refuses to follow orders?
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4. How does Albany react to Goneril’s behavior?
.....
5. What news does Edgar bring about Gloucester’s death?
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Writing: (10 points)**Question Number Five: (10 points)**

Choose one of the following topics

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1. When you decide to take up something new, are you the kind of person that sticks to it, or the kind of person that might give up after a time? **Write a three-paragraph essay explaining the best time to make new resolutions and how to make them last.**
2. "The history of money is a fascinating journey that reflects the development of human civilization".
Write **a three-paragraph essay** about this topic, these notes may help you:
a. The origin of money.
b. Benefits of coins and paper money.
c. Role of money in modern economics.

The End