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Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Question Number One: (20 points)

Read the following text carefully and complete the tasks below:

We asked three young business people about their experience of starting up in business. Here is what they said. Three years ago, when he was just fourteen, Pete Finn developed an app that was so popular that he sold it to a major IT company, giving him the money to spend on developing new ideas. His advice: 'I never had any training. I just jumped straight into things. After all, you don't want to spend a long time getting everything perfect and then find the market has disappeared. But my lack of experience meant that I made some expensive mistakes at first. In the end, someone warned me against putting all my profits into developing new ideas instead of keeping some back to pay tax. But before that I'd had some unpleasant moments.'

Seventeen-year-old Anita Simons started out making jewellery for friends and now sells it to top fashion shops and direct to the public via her online company. She says: 'One of the most important things I've had to learn to do is decide the most effective way of spending money. You need to work out the financial figures and have them checked by someone who understands money. Luckily my parents are both in business themselves, so they advised me to spend more on marketing, less on product development, or whatever. Wherever it comes from, getting good advice is very important.'

Hashem Ali is the nineteen-year-old owner of a company that makes online music videos. His top tips: 'I think initially the key thing is to understand the market. Work out who your potential customers are, who your competitors are, what they offer and how you could do it better. It's easy these days to get professional help with this kind of market research. After that, just be determined and don't give up if things get difficult (which they almost certainly will at some point). Starting and running a business is hard work. If you think it's only going to be a nine-to-five job, you should go and do something else.'

A. Answer the following questions:

(6 points)

1. Why did Pete start his business very quickly?

2. What did lack of experience mean to Pete Finn?

3. What did Anita's parents advise her to do?

4. How does Hashem describe running a business?

B. Complete the following diagram from the text above:

(8 points)

1. Pete should divide his profits between

.....

.....

2. Anita sells her products now to

.....

.....

3. The most important thing to do in business according to...

Anita.....
.....

Hashem.....
.....

4. When things get difficult, Hashem advised us to.....

.....

.....

C. Decide whether these statements are True or False:

(4 points)

1. Pete Finn received formal training before starting his business. ()
2. Anita Simons' parents are not involved in any business. ()
3. Hashem Ali owns a company that produces online music videos. ()
4. The three young people agree that advice is important regardless of its source. ()

D. Write what the following words refer to:

(2 points)

1. **some** (line 7): _____
2. **it** (line 14): _____

Question Number Two: (20 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

The world is getting smaller because of communications today. With advancements in technology, transportation, and communication, the world is more connected than ever before. People can easily communicate with others from different countries and cultures, either face-to-face or through electronic means. The internet, in particular, plays an essential role in keeping people connected with their loved ones, whether they are near or far. It has improved connections with friends and family for many people. Young people, especially, use the internet to keep in touch with existing friends and make new contacts.

Improvement in transportation has also contributed to the shrinking of the world. People can now travel to different countries and explore new places more easily and with low-cost. Airlines offer discounted flights, and tour providers serve tourists and student travelers with limited funds. Additionally, agreements between countries support working holiday visas, making it easier for people to work overseas while they travel. This has opened up new opportunities for individuals to experience different cultures and learn from them.

Technology has played a significant role in making the world smaller. Communication tools such as the internet have increased the amount of time people spend working, whether it's from home or the office. Businesses are now operating on a global scale, and small translation businesses have the opportunity to work with people from different countries. Learning a second language and having knowledge of different cultures and languages is becoming highly desirable for potential employees. Students studying international business or learning a second language are preparing themselves for a world that is becoming more connected.

A. Decide whether these statements are True or False:

(6 points)

1. People can communicate with others face-to-face only. ()
2. The internet is very significant in connecting friends and family for many people. ()
3. Advancements in transportation have many benefits for people. ()
4. Flights become more expensive than before which affected travelling badly. ()

B. Choose the correct answer:

(9 points)

1. According to the text, how has technology affected communication?

- a. The world becomes more connected now. b. It's harder to communicate than before
c. It has had no impact on communication. d. It's more expensive to communicate with others

2. How do young people use the internet according to the text?

- a. Primarily for entertainment purposes. b. To keep in touch with friends and family.
c. For medical purposes. d. To search for information and do assignments.

3. Airlines offer_____ to make travel more accessible for tourists and students.

- a. discounted flights to different countries. b. free flights within the same country.
c. discounted flights within the same country. d. free flights to different countries.

4. Agreements between countries provide individuals who want to work overseas with_____.

- a. financial support. b. working holiday visas.
c. free flights. d. discounted flights.

5. Technology has made the world smaller by_____ .

- a. decreasing the amount of time people spend working.
b. increasing the number of small translation businesses.
c. enabling global communication and business operations.
d. reducing the need for learning a second language.

6. Students preparing themselves for a more connected world are advised to study_____.

- a. international business or learn a second language b. medicine and engineering.
c. international law and Human rights d. humanity stream.

C. Complete the following sentences:

(5 points)

1. Developments in _____ and _____ have made our world more connected and smaller than before.
2. Working overseas has resulted in opening new chances for people to: _____ and _____.
3. Learning a _____ and knowing about other cultures increase job opportunities.

Vocabulary: (25 points)

Question Number Three

A. Fill in the following sentences by replacing the words in brackets with words from the box:

(5 points)

amateur / fees / humanitarian / networks / stuck

1. The website lets users post their profiles and interests, so they can form online_____.
(system of connections)
2. The college _____ for the upcoming semester have been increased by ten percent.
(money you pay for a service)
3. He will be forever _____ between the two worlds, the good and the evil. (unable to move)
4. In what way is it a _____ act to kill and wound innocent men, women and children? (connected with helping people)
5. The competition is open to both _____ and professional photographers.
(not professional)

B. Complete the sentences with words from the box:

(5 points)

priority / on show / knowledge / remote / revealed

1. Learning history, according to our teacher, requires _____ of events.
2. A survey of the Arab diet has _____ that a growing number of people are overweight.
3. Teenagers are forced to study subjects that seem _____ from their daily lives.
4. The number one _____ for our family is practicing a safe and healthy eating habit.
5. All the new products were _____ at the exhibition.

C. Complete the sentences with the suitable expressions from the box:

(5 points)

ran into / stand by / positive about / worried about / addicted to

1. Knowing that you are developing helps you feel _____ yourself.
2. I was surprised when I _____ an old friend of mine yesterday.
3. The soldiers were ordered to _____ until further instructions were given.
4. Parents are _____ the negative effect communications technology is having on young people.
5. If you are _____ something, you can't stop yourself from doing it.

D. Complete the sentences using the words in the box with (co- mis – over- under) (5 points)

paid / behave / pilot / founder / charge

1. She only gets angry when students _____ in class.
2. I respect this man because he is the _____ of three international charities.
3. He flew the plane alone, without a _____.
4. Don't buy tickets from strangers outside the stadium. They often _____ you.
5. There is a shortage of childcare places and the staff are _____ and often have few qualifications.

E. Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. He stopped to buy a newspaper (**on the way / on duty**) home.
2. The (**hand over / handover**) period between the old manager and the new one was a difficult time.
3. It's important to do lots of (**marketing / market research**) to see who might buy the new product.
4. The ship had to (**break through/ breakthrough**) thick ice to reach the remote station.
5. Your job (**application / prospects**) will be better if you choose technical subjects.

Language: (25 points)

Section A: (15 points)

Question Number Four: (15 points)

A. Complete the sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets:

(5 points)

1. I _____ since the morning. I'm dead! (**work**)
2. Our teacher is happy because we _____ better quickly in English. (**get**)
3. Clubs and societies _____ a vital part of college life. (**be**)
4. I went to the shop to buy the shirt that I _____ before. (**see**)
5. Someone _____ the door while I was trying to sleep. (**knock**)

B. Choose the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. She hates (**to cook / cooking**) dinner after a long day at work.
2. I (**may / will**) come to the party if I finish my work on time, I'm not sure!
3. I am (**going to attend / attending**) the conference this evening. The ticket is already booked.
4. She wishes (**she had taken / had she taken**) the job offer in another city.
5. She agreed (**meeting / to meet**) her friend for coffee next Saturday.

C. Rewrite the following using the words in brackets:

(5 points)

1. The bus arrived. The passengers rushed to board on it. (as soon as)
2. "How long have you been working in your present job?" (The interviewer asked me)
3. I took no notice during the lecture, so I couldn't study well for the exam. (I regret)
4. "Do you plan to travel during the holidays?" (The house owner asked her)
5. "You should get at least eight hours of sleep every night." (The doctor advised him)

Section B: (10 points)

يتكون هذا القسم من (ثلاثة) أسئلة وعلى المشترك ان يجيب عن (سؤالين) منها فقط

Question Number Five: (10 points)

A. Choose the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. Try this way. That (**will / might**) solve the problem.
2. What (**do you do / have you done**) on Sundays?
3. I (**wasn't seeing / hadn't seen**) snow before I moved to Canada.
4. Please don't stop (**walking / to walk**); we're almost at the destination.
5. I'm sorry. I should (**contact / have contacted**) you before, but I forgot.

B. 1. Add question tag:

(3 points)

1. She's a very confident woman, _____?
2. Sami put too much sugar in the coffee, _____?
3. My mother's sickness wasn't very serious, _____?

2. Rewrite the following sentences replacing the underlined parts with a causative structure using (have/get + the object + p.p):

(2 points)

1. I'd better ask someone to repair my car in the garage.

2. I phoned the secretary and asked her to type the documents before applying for the bid.

C. Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. (There is one mistake in each sentence)

(5points)

1. The computer goes off while I was writing my report. _____
2. Would you like going to the theatre with us? _____
3. She had her nails doing at the salon. _____
4. I shouldn't buy that jacket; it was very expensive. I felt sorry for that _____
5. I'm helping you with your homework if you need assistance. _____

Writing: (10 points)

Question Number Six: (10 points)

اكتب موضوعا واحدا في أحد الموضوعين: Choose one of the following topics:

1. You are Ghada, 18 years old, write an **application form** to (The Future College For Training) about the course: (Healthy Cooking and Nutrition). Explain your reasons for choosing this course, your experience in the field and how you expect your interest in the subject to develop.

These notes may help you:

(Basic cooking skills, understanding of nutrition principles, willingness to adopt healthy eating).

2. Write a short **personal email** to your friend Ameer telling him about bad news that happened to you during the last week. You can make use of the following ideas:

- a. Explaining the event
- b. describing your feeling
- c. what is good or bad about it

The End