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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.

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A. _____

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.

B. _____

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.

C. _____

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)**

1. Enjoy yourself:_____ 2. Share it:_____ 3. Set clear goals:_____

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B. Answer these questions: **(4 points)**

1. Why is New Year considered a bad time to make life-changing decisions according to the text?

_____

2. Why is it important to enjoy the new experience?

_____

3. How can involving other people help someone stick to his goals?

a. _____

b. _____



C. Decide whether each of the following statements is True or False: **(3 points)**

1. The writer suggests that New Year is the best time to make changes. ( )
2. Having exact and measurable aims increases the chance of success. ( )
3. Thinking only about results helps you enjoy learning better. ( )

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mplete these sentences from the text: (3 points)

oing something new brings benefits to your life whenever _____.

. Many people break their New Year's resolutions after _____.

3. _____ and _____ are examples of new activities people might learn anytime.

E. Write what the following pronouns refer to:

1. them (line 4): _____.
2. it (line 18): _____.

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Question Number Two: (10 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

Wealthy people often become famous not only because they have money, but also because of how they earn and use it. Two well-known examples are Bill Gates and Prince Alwaleed bin Talal.

Prince Alwaleed bin Talal

Prince Alwaleed from Saudi Arabia has an estimated total wealth of $19.5 billion (2026). He became rich mainly through investment. He is the founder of Kingdom Holding Company, which invests in hotels, media and real properties. His success comes from investing in many different industries and countries. He is also known as one of the most effective Arab investors.

Bill Gates

Bill Gates from the United States has an estimated total wealth of $106 billion (2026). He became rich through technology and software. He co-founded Microsoft, one of the world's largest software companies. His success is seen in his charity work, where he gives money to improve health and education around the world. He is considered one of the most important figures in modern technology.

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A. Complete the table with the missing information about the two billionaires: (6 points)

Item	Prince Alwaleed bin Talal	Bill Gates
Country		
Estimated wealth (2026)		
Main company		
How he became rich		



B. Decide whether the following sentences are True or False: (4 points)

1. Rich people become famous for how they earn and use money, not just for having it. ( )
2. Prince Alwaleed's success comes from creating new products in the technology sector. ( )
3. Bill Gates' charity work is considered part of his overall success. ( )
4. Both billionaires spread their wealth and influence in more than one country. ( )

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Literature (15 points)

Choose One of the two stories and answer its questions. اختر واحدا من القصتين واجب عن اسئلتها 30/15

Romeo & Juliet (15 points)

Question Number Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer:

1. What is Benvolio trying to do at the beginning of the scene?
   a) Stop the servants from fighting b) Kill Tybalt
   c) Start a fight d) Call the Prince
2. What does Juliet fear when she asks about Romeo at the party?
   a) That he is poor b) That he is her cousin
   c) That he is married d) That he is leaving Verona
3. Where will Juliet be taken when people think she is dead?
   a) To Paris's house b) To the Capulets' tomb
   c) To a church d) To Mantua
4. What is Juliet's attitude toward the knife in the tomb?
   a) She fears it b) She gives it to Romeo
   c) She hides it from the servants d) She calls it "happy knife"
5. How does Prince Escalus describe the morning after the tragedy?
   a) Bright and cheerful b) Full of sorrow
   c) Ordinary d) Calm and peaceful

Question Number Four: (10 points)

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

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

1. "Romeo & Juliet" play shows how difficult it's to be idealistic in the real world. ( )
2. Prince Escalus says this is the first time such fighting has happened. ( )
3. Romeo discovers Juliet is a Capulet after speaking to the Nurse. ( )
4. Benvolio explains the events honestly to Prince Escalus. ( )
5. Juliet hesitates for a long time before stabbing herself. ( )

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

"If you are honorable with your love, and want to marry me, I will send a ....."

1. Who says these words? _____
2. To whom? _____
3. Where does this conversation take place? _____
4. What will the speaker send to the listener? _____
5. What message will the listener send the next day? _____

C. Match the following characters to their descriptions below: (5 points)

Tybalt / Lord Capulet / Benvolio / Paris / Friar Laurence

The description	The character
1. Romeo's cousin and friend. He is calm, peaceful and reasonable.	
2. A wise priest but his risky plans and poor decisions contribute to the tragic ending.	
3. A nobleman who wishes to marry Juliet and believes it will bring honor.	
4. He is strict, believing that parents should choose their daughters' partners.	
5. He is aggressive, proud, and quick to anger. His hatred of the Montagues leads to violence and death.	

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King Lear (15 points)

Question Number Three: (5 points)

Circle the correct answer:

1. **How does Lear decide how much land each daughter receives?**
   a) By how much they say they love him
   b) By their husbands' power
   c) By their age
   d) By chance
2. **Why is Kent punished by Regan and Cornwall?**
   a) He insults Regan
   b) He disobeys Lear
   c) He hits Oswald
   d) He refuses to deliver a letter
3. **Where does Lear take shelter during the storm?**
   a) In Gloucester's castle
   b) In a small, dirty hut
   c) In a church
   d) In Dover
4. **How does Edgar trick Gloucester when he "jumps"?**
   a) He saves him with a rope
   b) He calls for help
   c) He stops him with his hands
   d) He pretends Gloucester survives by a miracle
5. **How does Goneril die?**
   a) She is executed by Albany
   b) She kills herself with a knife
   c) She poisons herself
   d) She is killed by Edmund



Question Number Four: (10 points)

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

A. Decide whether the following statements are true or false: (5 points)

1. Burgundy agrees to marry Cordelia without land. ( )
2. Goneril warns Regan about Lear's noisy knights. ( )
3. Lear challenges the storm while he is going mad. ( )
4. Gloucester doesn't recognize Lear immediately when he arrives at Dover. ( )
5. Edmund admits all his crimes before he dies. ( )

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

"We are like flies and the gods are like cruel little boys; they torment and kill us for fun."

Who says these words? _____
To whom? _____
Where do the speaker and the listener meet? _____
Why is the speaker so upset and desperate? _____
Why can't the listener speak? _____



C. Match the following characters to their descriptions below: (5 poi

Kent / King Lear / The Fool / Edmund / Albany

The description	The charact
. Intelligent but selfish. Before his death, he shows regret and tries to do good.	
. By the end, he learns that true love is shown through actions not words.	
. He's basically good but weak at first, then becomes firm and just when he sees his wife's evil nature.	
. A loyal friend and adviser. Always speaks the truth and remains faithful even after being sent away.	
. He uses jokes and riddles to tell the truth and stays with Lear during his madness.	

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Writing: (10 points)

Question Number Five: 10/10

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

1. "Al-Hijra New Year marks the Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) migration from Mecca to Medina. In Palestine, the day is marked [illegible] respect rather than large celebrations". Write a three-paragraph essay about the celebration of Al-Hijra New Year in Palestine. **These ideas may help you:**

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Paragraph 1: Introduction: Start of the Islamic (Hijri) calendar, meaning and the importance of Al - Hijra in Islam.

Paragraph 2: How Palestinians observe it, including prayers, family gatherings, greetings, school talks, and other religious, cultural, and social activities.

Paragraph 3: Values and lessons of Al-Hijra (unity, perseverance, hope) and personal feelings or observations.

2. Write a brief first-person autobiography, including memories of life b  Nakba, either from your imagination or family stories.

- Describe how your family left their home and where they went.
- Explain how the Nakba affected you and your family.
- Conclude by sharing how your family preserved these memories and maintained hope for the Right of Return.

The End



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