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English Language / Paper Two / 12th Grade

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Reading Comprehension: 25 points

Question Number One: **15 Points**

Read the following text and answer the questions below:

———It's estimated that, as a result of the *Nakba*, over 700,000 Palestinians were forced to leave their homes in 1948 and 1949 (about 80% of the original population), with more to follow. Today, there are more Palestinians living abroad than in Palestine itself, mostly in Jordan or other Arab states but also in the USA, Europe and other non-Arab countries.

———At the time, I don't think we completely realized the full scale of this Diaspora, but I do remember our home in New York became a meeting place for many displaced Palestinians, mostly young men. My aunt would cook them Palestinian food and it became a 'home from home' for them. In return, **they** would have to suffer her insistent questioning about their backgrounds. What town or village were they from? Who were their relatives?

———These kinds of questions have always been part of normal conversation among Palestinians, but I now realize the deeper importance that they had after 1948. It was a way to reassure ourselves that these places had not disappeared, as if simply by naming **them** they could be preserved in reality. The constant discussions about people's origins and backgrounds were a way of returning to their homeland, at least in imagination.

———What people sometimes forget is that for us, the idea of return was a very real one. 'It's our home,' people would say, 'so how is it possible that we won't be going back soon? Surely the rest of the world can see how unfairly we've been treated, and won't allow it to continue.'

1. Match the following titles with the suitable paragraphs of the above text: **4 points**

a. Strong hope of return.
b. Keeping memories of home alive.
c. Hospitality and belonging in Diaspora.
d. life after displacement.

2. Answer the following questions: **3 points**

1. Why were the questions about origins and backgrounds important after 1948?

_____.

2. How does the writer's aunt's behavior reveal her deep love for Palestine?

_____.

3. Why do many Palestinians believe they would eventually return to their homeland?

_____.

3. Choose the correct answer: **3 points**

1. The writer wrote the article to describe the period .....

a. post-1948 war. b. before 1948 catastrophe. c. pre -1948 war. d. during 1948 war.

2. Most Palestinians living abroad settle in .....

a. Palestine. b. USA. c. Jordan. d. non - Arab countries.

3. After leaving his country, the writer still remembers his .... as a meeting place for displaced Palestinians

a. home in Palestine. b. home in New York. c. village or hometown. d. homeland.

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4. Decide whether the following statements are True or False: **3 points**

1. The number of Palestinians in Diaspora is less than that inside Palestine. T / F
2. Displaced Palestinians often recalled their homeland through conversations. T / F
3. The writer feels that the world has done enough to stop injustice against Palestinians. T / F

5. What do these pronouns refer to: **2 points**

1. Line (7) "they" _____.
2. Line (12) "them : _____.

Question Number Two: **10 Points**

Read the text and find answers to the questions below:

Money is one of the most important part of human history. Its invention allowed our ancestors to break out of constrains of the barter system based on exchanging goods and services, and various items with inherent value were used such as salt, whale teeth, and tea for trade, as societies became larger and arranging trades between three or more made it difficult for them to trade.

Around 3,000 years ago, the Chinese used cowrie shells, which were prized for their beauty as materials for jewels. However, it was gold that gradually became a universal currency due to its stability and ease of shaping. Forming the basis for the first coins in Lydia (Turkey) about 2,700 years ago. These coins indicated weight and value through stamped images rather than inscriptions.

By the 1700s, transporting and managing bulky coins became inconvenient, leading to the shift toward paper currency. It is believed Chinese were the first people to begin using it. Paper use made it easier for merchants to carry their money when making large payment or when traveling.

Modern money has value because governments control its supply and maintain its purchasing power, rather than relying on the amount of gold available. In the 20th century, new payment methods appeared, such as credit and debit cards issued by oil companies and hotels in the 1920s.

In 2009, a new digital form of money emerged: Bitcoin, a virtual currency not controlled by governments and existing only online, representing the growing role of technology in the future of money.

A: Answer the following questions: **4 points**

1- What was the problem with barter system?

_____.

2- Why did gold become a universal currency?

_____.

3- How does modern money get its value today?

_____.

4- Name three items that were used as early forms of money

_____, _____and _____

B: Choose the correct answer: **2 points**

- Cowrie shells were used in early societies because of their _____

a- value b- weight c- beauty d- stability

Paper money were first created by_____

a- Lydians b- Chinese c- governments d- oil companies

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

1- Images had been stamped on early coins to show their value. T / F

2- Bitcoin is a digital currency controlled by governments. T / F

3- Oil companies issued the first paper money to be used as modern money. T / F

D: What does this pronoun refer to? **1 point**

1. Line (6) "its" _____.

Question Number Three: **Literature** **15 Points**

Circle the correct answer: **5 points**

1. What feeling did Romeo have before attending the party?

a. excitement b. indifference to the party c. confidence d. a terrible feeling of something bad starting

2. When Paris asked Lord Capulet to marry Juliet, Lord Capulet's reply was:

a. Paris had to pay money to marry her.
b. Juliet didn't want to marry anyone.
c. Paris was supposed to wait because Juliet was less than 14.
d. Juliet's mother didn't approve of Paris.

3. The turning point of the story occurred when:

a. Romeo killed Tybalt.
b. Servants fought in the streets.
c. Romeo and Juliet got married.
d. Romeo and Juliet met for the first time.

4. Mercutio blamed ———— for his death:

a. Friar Laurence b. Romeo c. Juliet d. Tybalt

5. Prince Escalus was punished at the end of the play by:

a. putting in a prison.
b. death.
c. losing his people.
d..exile.

Question Number Four: **10 points**

From this section answer TWO questions only:

A: Decide whether the following statements True or False: **5 points**

1. Lord Capulet was angry with Tybalt because Tybalt wanted to fight Romeo in his house. T / F
2. By the end of balcony scene Romeo and Juliet decided to end the argument between their families. T / F
3. Mercutio was killed in an unfair fight. T / F
4. Friar Laurence said that anyone who fought in the future will be exiled. T / F
5. The story of Romeo and Juliet was well known before Shakespeare. T / F

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B: Read the Quotation then answer the questions: **5points**

"I have a reason to love you "

a. Who said these words? ——————————. b. "you" refers to ——————————.

c. When did the speaker say that? ——————————————————————————.

d. What was the reason that made the speaker love the listener? ——————————————————.

C: Answer the following questions: **5 points**

1. How did Lord Capulet describe Romeo?

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2. Why did Romeo go to see Friar Laurence after falling in love with Juliet?

   ——————————————————————————————.

3. How did Romeo describe Juliet when he first saw her at the party?

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4. What was strange about the Globe theatre?

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Writing 10 points

Question Number Five:

Choose ONE of the following topics:

: "Nowadays, many young people tend to make resolutions that are related to their future".

Write a three- paragraph essay, do the following:

Paragraph one: Write about the goal of making resolutions.

Paragraph Two: Write about the problems that they may face.

Paragraph Three: offer some useful tips for young people to help them stick to their resolution

: "Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness Do you agree with this statement? Why? Why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

Good Luck

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