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Paper Two / (50) Points

Time: 2:15 Hours

Reading comprehension: (25 points)

Text A: Read the following newspaper article then do the tasks below: (15 pts)

It seems that people in the UK are turning away from traditional New Year's resolutions, like giving up smoking, in favor of more modern ones. A website has just published a list of the top resolutions for this year, showing that giving up smoking has dropped from first place to eighth. Health-based resolutions like getting more exercise (second place) and eating more healthily (third place) remain popular, but the top choice, spending less money, probably says a lot about the economic situation. This year's fifth most popular resolution, wasting less time on social media sites like Facebook, also reflects modern times.

Instead, people are resolving to spend more time with family and friends (sixth place), and to improve **themselves** by reading more (fourth place) or learning a language or musical instrument (seventh and ninth). Trying to find a better job just makes it into the top ten. The website's director said that people were moving away from negative decisions like stopping bad habits towards more positive **ones**. 'They want to change their lives by doing something new,' he said, and there's a definite feeling that this kind of resolution has a better chance of success.'

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Q1) Answer the following questions: (2 pts)

1. How are British new year's resolutions changing?
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2. What is the idea of the article according to the website's director?
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Q2) Complete the following sentences: (3 pts)

1. The most popular traditional resolution is …….. while the top modern one is ……
2. Health-based resolutions include: a …….. b ……..……..
3. One way people improve themselves is by ……
4. According to the article, people consider 'stop smoking' a .....resolution.

Q3) Decide whether each of the following is True or False: (2 pts)

1. Spending less time on sites like Facebook takes tenth place. ( )
2. The change in young people's concerns reflects economic situation. ( )

Q4) What do the following words refer to: (2 pts)

1. **themselves** "line 8": ……..…….. 2. **ones** "line 10": ……

Q5) Complete the diagram: Write the suitable resolution next to its ordinal number: (4 pts)



Q6) Choose the best answer: (2 pts)

1. I take my mobile with me …… I go. (**wherever / whatever**)
2. The film's first scene was so frightening that I couldn't watch and had to .....(**look away / take away**).
3. I think I'm **underpaid** for all the work I do for my company .'Underpaid' means (**below the level / not enough).**
4. The dove carrying an olive branch symbolizes..... (**nationalism / peace**).

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Text B: Read the following passage then do the tasks below: (10 pts)

Money and the meaning of happiness

In today's world, many people measure success by the amount of money they earn. As a result, money has become closely linked to the idea of happiness. It is true that money is necessary to provide a decent standard of living. It helps people afford education, healthcare, and a comfortable lifestyle, which reduces stress and insecurity.

However, happiness cannot be achieved through money alone. Research suggests that once basic needs are met, the emotional benefits of earning more money begin to decline. People who spend most of their lives chasing wealth often experience loneliness, pressure, and a lack of satisfaction. **They** may lose valuable moments with family and friends while focusing on material gain.

Furthermore, true happiness is connected to inner peace, positive relationships, and a sense of purpose. Helping others, achieving personal goals, and feeling appreciated give people deeper satisfaction than material possessions. While money can support happiness, **it** does not create emotional stability or long- term fulfillment.

In conclusion, money should serve as a means to live well, not as the ultimate goal in life. A balanced life that combines financial security with emotional and moral values is the key to genuine happiness.

Q1) Answer the following questions: (4 pts)

1. Why do many people connect money with happiness?

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2. Mention two negative effects of focusing only on wealth.

A- ……

B- ……

3. According to the writer, what creates true happiness?

……

Q2) What do these words and pronouns refer to? (2 pts)

1. **They** "line" 7: ……
2. **It** "line" 11: ……

Q3) Choose the Correct Answer. (2 pts)

1. According to the passage, money…….

a) guarantees happiness.
b) is unnecessary for happiness.
c) supports happiness but is not enough alone.
d) causes emotional stability.

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2. The main purpose of the passage is to show that……..

a) balance in life leads to happiness.
b) happiness depends on wealth.
c) money brings success.
d) rich people are unhappy.

Q4) Complete the sentences: (2pts)

1. True happiness is related to inner peace and positive……..……...……...
2. Money reduces stress by providing a decent standard of ……..……..……

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Literature (15 points)

Choose one of the two stories and answer its questions اختر واحدة من القصتين وأجب عن أسئلتها

Part A: Romeo & Juliet (15 points)

Section one: Circle the correct answer : (5 pts)

1. In Shakespeare's time, female characters were acted by……..

a- old men b- young girls c- boys d- women

2.....was trying to stop the fighting in the street.

a- Benvolio b-Tybalt c- Romeo d- Old Montague

3. Romeo discovers that Juliet is a Capulet from …….

a- Benvolio b- Nurse c- Tybalt d- Lady Capulet

4. One of the following tries to join in the fighting: …….

a- Prince Escalus b- Friar Laurance c- Old Capulet d- Mercutio

5. Shakespeare died in ……..

a- 1595 b- 1607 c- 1616 d-1661

Section Two: (10 points)

-From this section , answer two questions only : يتكون هذا السؤال من ثلاثة فروع ، اجب عن فرعين منها فقط

Q1) Decide whether the following are True or False: (5 pts)

a) Romeo and Juliet is a romantic play. ( )

b) Romeo first saw Juliet in the party. ( )

c) Romeo and Juliet takes place in the Italian city of Venice. ( )

d) Juliet hated Romeo because of his name. ( )

e) Tybalt recognized Romeo in the party from his voice. ( )

Q2) Read the following quotation and answer the questions: (5 pts)

"The villain has come here to scorn our celebration"

a) Who said these words? ……..

b) To whom? ……..……

c) Where did the speaker say these words? ……..,……..……..

d) Whom has been described as a villain? Why……

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Q3) Answer the questions below: (5 pts)

a) How did Romeo and his friend go to the party?

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b) How were theatres in Shakespeare's time different from modern ones? (Mention two)

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c) How does prince Escalus describe the two families in their fighting in the street?

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d) Why did Lord Capulet want to let Romeo stay in the party?

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Part B: King Lear (15 points)

Section One: Choose the most suitable answer: (5 pts)

1. When Lear stays with Goneril, she tries to……

a) send away twenty-five of his knights b) send away some fifty of his knights
c) send away Regan d) send away the Fool

2. Cordelia was punished by Lear as ……

a) she didn't respect him. b) she was in love with king of France.
c) she didn't love her sisters. d) she didn't express a lot of love to him.

3. After he curses both Goneril and Regan, what does Lear do?

a) He went in the storm with the Fool.
b) He sent away all his knights.
c) He left and started to search for Cordelia.
d) He died.

4. Lear realized that giving away his kingdom has been a mistake because …… .

a) he discovered that his daughters loved him.
b) he had lost all his power and his two older daughters felt no love for him.
c) he was old and tired.
d) he doesn't have shelter.

5. Edgar hides himself from his father's men by ……

a) staying in the castle.
b) pretending to be a homeless person.
c) staying in Regan's house.
d) living among Lear's men.

- Section Two: From this section, answer only two questions. (10points)

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Q1) Decide whether the following statements are True or False: (5 pts)

1. After Lear's cruel action against Cordelia, everyone told him that he was mistaken. ( )
2. The Duke of Burgundy changed his mind about Cordelia after she had lost everything. ( )
3. Lear divided the country between his daughters according to his love to them. ( )
4. Gloucester had two legitimate sons. ( )
5. Goneril told her servants to be polite and obey Lear's men. ( )

Q2) Answer the following questions: (5 pts)

1. How did Edmund turn his father against his half- brother? why?

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2. Why did Kent hit Goneril's servant Oswald?

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3. What did the fool joke about Lear?

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4. What evil plan does Edmund start to carry out in Act 1 and continue to do in Act 2?

……Q3)

Read the following quotation then answer the questions that follow: (5 pts)

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"It's right for a child to return the love it's parents had given"

1. Who said this? To whom?(2points)

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2. When did the speaker say these words?(1 point)

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3. What was the result of the speaker's answer?(2 points)

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Writing (10 points)

Choose **one** of the following subjects and write about it: اكتب موضوعا **واحدا** من أحد المواضيع التالية

1- You have recently decided to take up a new hobby or learn a new skill and you have joined a club or group of people who are doing the same thing.

Make use of these ideas:

- What is the new hobby you have recently started?
- Why did you choose your new activity?
- What are the benefits of doing it with other people?
- Talk about the people that share the new hobby with you.

2- Think about a resolution you want to take in the New Year, then make a plan you might take in future.

Make use of these ideas:

- What is the resolution?
- What are your goals?
- What are the steps of achieving the resolution?
- What could go wrong?
- What are your chances of success?

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Key Answers-Paper Two - الاجابات النموذجية

Text A

Q1) Answer the following questions: (2 pts)

1- It seems that people in the UK are turning away from traditional New Year's resolutions, like giving up smoking, in favor of more modern ones.

2- People were moving away from negative decisions towards positive ones.

Q2) Complete the following sentences: (3 pts)

1- Giving up smoking / spending less money (1 point)

2- Getting more exercise / eating more healthily (1 point)

3- Reading more or learning a language or musical instrument. (any one of these three is right) (0.5 point)

4- negative (0.5 point)

Q3) Decide whether each of the following is True or False: (2 pts)

1- F 2- T

Q4) What do the following words refer to: (2 pts)

1- people 2- resolutions or decisions

Q5) Complete the diagram: Write the suitable resolution next to its ordinal number: (4 pts)

10^{th} :Finding a better job 1^{st}: Spending less money

6^{th}: Spending more time with family and friends.

5^{th}: Wasting less time on social media.

Q6) Choose the best answer: (2 pts) (4x0.5)

1- wherever 2- look away 3- not enough 4- peace

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Text B

Q1) Answer the following questions: (4 pts)

1- Because many people measure success by the amount of money they earn.

2- A-Loneliness b- pressure c - lack of satisfaction d- loss of family time.(Any 2 that apply) .

3- A balanced life that combines financial security with emotional and moral values.

Q2) What do these words and pronouns refer to? (2 pts)

1- "They" refers to people who spend most of their lives chasing wealth.

2- "It" refers to money.

Q3) Choose the Correct Answer: (2 pts)

1. c) supports happiness but is not enough alone
2. a) balance in life leads to happiness

Q4) Complete the sentences: (2pts)

1. relationships
2. living

Literature: Romeo & Juliet

Section one: Circle the correct answer : (5 pts)

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1. c- boys 2. a- Benvolio 3. b- Nurse 4. C- Old Capulet 5. c- 1616

Section Two (10 points)

Q1) Decide whether the following are True or False: (5 pts)

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. False

Q2) Read the following quotation and answer the questions: (5 pts)

1. Tybalt (1 pt)
2. Lord Capulet. (1 pt)
3. At Lord Capulet's house. (party) (1 pt)
4. Romeo, because he is a Montague and came to a Capulet party without invitation (2 pts)

Q3) Answer the questions below: (5 pts)

1. They went to the party wearing masks. (1pt)
2. There was very little scenery. There were no curtains. There were no breaks between scenes. Women were not allowed to act, so boys played female roles. Most theatres did not have roofs. Plays were performed only in daylight and good weather. (any 2) (2pts)
3. He describes the two families as peace breakers in Verona, enemies of peace, animals (1pt)
4. Because Romeo was polite and Lord Capulet did not want trouble. (1pt)

King Lear

Section one: **1.b 2.d 3.a 4.b 5.b 1 point each**

Section Two:

Question No.1: **a.F b.T c.F d.F e. T 1 point each**

Question No.2: (5pts)

1. He persuades his father that Edgar wants to kill him. He does this because he wants to take his brother's place and be Gloucester's only son (1.5 pts).
2. Because of speaking disrespectfully to Lear. (1 pt)
3. The fool joked that Lear had become a fool because he had given away all his power to his daughters. (1 pt)
4. He injured himself with a sword and told his father that Edgar did this because he refused to help him in killing their father, then he advised Edgar to run and hide because their father was angry with him. (1.5 pts)

Question No.3: (5 pts)

1. Cordelia to her father Lear. (2 pts)
2. When her father told her to think again and give a better answer. (1 pt)
3. He said she was no longer his daughter and gave her share to her sisters. (2 pts)

Writing:

9 points: Clear and accurate
7-8 points: very good but with some errors
5-6 points: a number of errors but the overall meaning is still clear
3-4 points: not really clear / numerous errors affect the meaning
1-2 points: very poor control of language

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