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Section Number ONE: Reading comprehension (25 Points)

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below : (15 points)

Along with President Arafat, other prominent representatives of this Palestinian generation in exile played a vital role in bringing the cause to the world's attention. One of these was the great writer and academic Edward Said, originally from Jerusalem, who fought with all the strength of his great mind for freedom, equality and justice in general, and for the future of Palestine in particular. On **his** death, the poet Mahmoud Darwish, **himself** an important and well-known international figure, wrote: "I cannot say goodbye to Edward Said, so present is he among and within us, and so alive around the world."

Another great Palestinian intellectual was Hisham Sharabi (1927–2005), originally from Jaffa, and later an important professor at Georgetown University near Washington. Like Said and other Palestinians, he worked all his life to improve western understanding of Arab and Palestinian issues. He was editor of the Journal of Palestine Studies, and wrote many books, including his famous *Introduction to the Study of Arab Society* (1975). He also became well known for his television appearances and his journalism, as well as creating the Arab-American Cultural Foundation, which builds American understanding of Arab and Islamic culture, and setting up the Jerusalem Fund, a foundation that provides scholarships for students from Palestine.

Sharabi wrote about his 'bitterness and anger' when, in 1993, he returned to Jaffa, his home town, to make a documentary: 'As I stood there, I could hear people speaking Russian, probably recent immigrants from the old Soviet Union. They were full citizens in my **country**, and I was there only on a limited Israeli tourist visa'. However, he went on to say that the only way forward was a political compromise founded on justice and international law and UN Security Council resolutions. For him, this compromise had to include the Right of Return.

Sadly, none of these great Palestinians lived to see the end of the Diaspora. **They** did, however, inspire a new generation to follow in their footsteps. Motivated by love of country and highly educated, they have risen, often from poor beginnings to importance and success across the arts and sciences. Today, they continue to build bridges of understanding that will one day carry the Palestinian nation home.

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1. **Decide whether each of the following statements is True or False: (3pts):**
   a. Darwish couldn't say goodbye to Edward Said because he didn't have a good relationship with him. (.....)
   b. According to the text, Edward Said was working as a poet. (.....)
   c. Hisham Sharabi was about 78 years old when he died. (.....)

2. **Answer the following Questions: (6pts)**

A. Why was Mahmoud Darwish unable to say goodbye to Edward Said?

_____

_____

b. Why did Sharabi return to Jaffa?

_____

_____

C. According to Sharabi, what should the political compromise be based on?

1. _____ **2.** _____

3. _____

3. Complete the table with notes about these foundations' aims: (1pt)

The Foundation	Aims
Arab-American Cultural Foundation	
Jerusalem Fund	

4. What do these pronouns & phrases highlighted in the text refer to: (2pts)

1. his (line 5): _____ **2. himself (line 6):** _____

3. country (line 20): _____ **4. They (line 24):** _____

5. Complete the following sentences: (1pts)

1. Sharabi wrote the famous book _____ **in 1975.**

2. _____ **will one day bring Palestinians back to their homeland.**

6. Circle the correct answer below: (2pts)

A. You can phone me **(whatever / whenever)** you like. I'm free all week.

B. You shouldn't **(undervalue / underpay)** your talent. You are very gifted player.

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Passage Two: **(10 Points)**

Read the following passage about the Palestinian prisoners, then answer the qustions below:

Palestinian prisoners are an important issue in Palestinian society. Many families have a relative in prison, such as a father, a brother, or a friend. People respect their patience and strength, and they are often seen as a symbol of struggle and dignity. Their stories are known among many people.

Life in prison is very difficult. Prisoners live under strict rules and have limited freedom. They may feel lonely, sad, and stressed. Despite these hard conditions, some prisoners try to improve themselves by reading and studying, which gives them hope for a better future.

Families of prisoners also face many challenges. They miss their loved ones and sometimes wait a long time for visits. In some cases, visits are not allowed, which increases the feeling of sadness and separation. However, families stay strong and continue to support their relatives with love and patience.

In conclusion, the story of Palestinian prisoners is both human and emotional. It is a story of patience, hope, and sacrifice. Understanding their situation helps people feel empathy and realize the importance of freedom and resilience.

A. Answer the following questions: (3pts)

1. Explain why are Palestinian prisoners are important issue in Palestinian society?

_____

2. What do prisoners do to improve themselves?

_____

3. How do families feel about their prisoners?

_____

B. Decide whether each of the following statements is True or False: (3pts):

1. Palestinian prisoners have full freedom in prisons. (……..)
2. Families don't care about their prisoners. (……)
3. According to the text, The prisoners' issue is very essential for Palestinians.(……)

C. Complete the following sentences: (4pts)

1. Palestinian prisoners are symbol of _____ and _____.
2. Many Palestinian families have relatives in prison such as _____, _____ or _____.

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Section number two: Literature: Romeo & Juliet : (15 Points)

Question number one: Circle the correct answer: (5pts)

1.William Shakespeare was born and died in :

A. London *B. Stratford* *C. Verona* *D. Paris*

2.The ruler of Verona said that he will punish two families by_____ if they fight again:

A. Prison *B. Exile* *C. death* *D. Poison*

3.Tybalt didn't attack Romeo at the Capulet's Party because:

A. Romeo escape *B. Lord Capulet stops him*

C. He was afraid to fighting *D. Mercutio interferes*

4.Paris is _____.

A. a person Juliet's father wants her to marry. *B. Related to the prince*

C. Romeo's cousin *D. Montague's best friend*

5.After the end of play, the lord Capulet and Lord Montagues decide to:

A. Continue the fight *B. Leave Verona to another place*

C. Kill Prince Esculas *D. Shake hands and put up statues for Romeo& Juliet*

Question number two: (10 Points)

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A. Decide whether each of the following statements is True or False: (5 Points):

1. The first edition of Romeo and Juliet is more important than second one. (....)
2. Juliet drinks the liquid to stop her marriage from Romeo. (....)
3. In Capulet's party, Tybalt recognizes Romeo by his mask. (....)
4. Friar Laurence asks the nurse to help Juliet takes the liquid. (....)
5. Mercutio believes that Romeo has given in to Tybalt calmly and dishonorably.(....)

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B. 1. Match these characters to the way they died: (2 Points)

Character	Answer	The method of Death
1. Tybalt		A. Stabbed herself/himself by a knife.
2. Romeo		B. Stabbed by Tybalt.
3. Juliet		C. Drinking the liquid of poison.
4. Mercutio		D. Killed by Romeo.

2.Read the following quotation then answer the question below: (3 Points)

*'I am hurt. Damn both **your families!**1 I am dying. Has **he** gone? Did I not hurt him at all'*

1. Who said these words?_____2. to whom?_____
3. What did he mean by ***your families***?_____
4. The underlined pronoun "***he***" refers to:_____

C. Answer these questions: (5 Points)

1. How does Romeo describe Juliet when he first sees her in the Capulet's party?

   _____

2. According to the play, explain why the love between Romeo and Juliet was impossible?_____
3. How do the modern theaters differ from the theaters in Shakespeare's time?

   _____

   _____

4. In the end of play, Prince Escalus said that the story of Romeo and Juliet was sad, explain that:

   _____

   _____

5. After her death, who decided to put up a golden statue for Juliet?

   _____

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Section number three: Writing (10Points):

Choose ONE of the following topics: إختر موضوع واحدا من احدى الموضوعين

1. A New Year Resolution is made when one wants to correct the mistakes he/ she made in the past year or do something in more organised manner . Write a three paragraph essay about the resolutions you will make in the coming year. Do the following:

* Paragraph one: state the mistakes, habits or things you want to change.

* Paragraph Two: write about the reasons for doing these changes and how this will help you.

* Paragraph Three: write about the steps that will help you stick to your resolutions.

2. "Money has never made man happy, nor will it. The more of it one has, the more one wants." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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