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Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Question Number One: (20 Points)

Read the following text carefully and then complete the tasks below:

(A) We often hear people say, 'It's a small world, isn't it?' It's usually when they've just experienced one of those strange coincidences that seem to happen in nearly everyone's lives. You know the kind of thing: you're on holiday in another country and you run into a person you know from home, even though neither of you knew that the other was going there too.

(B) People often think experiences like this are evidence of something mysterious happening, some kind of hidden plan outside our knowledge. The scientific explanation is less exciting, and perhaps that's why some people are reluctant to accept it. Coincidences are events that unexpectedly happen at the same time for no clear reason, or finding an unexpected connection between seemingly random things or people. A very common example of the latter is talking to a complete stranger and finding that you have the same birthday. What are the chances of that happening?

(C) Actually, the chances are better than you might think, and there's a mathematical way to prove it. It has been calculated that the number of people you need to have a 50% chance of two of them sharing a birthday is 23. And when there are 48 people in a room, the probability goes up to 95%. To put it another way, if there are only 50 people reading these words (and I hope there are more!), one of them will almost certainly have the same birthday as me.

(D) The other part of the scientific explanation for coincidences is simply that there are so many events in people's lives. Just think of the number of people that you have had any kind of connection with during your life. There are probably over 10,000, and the older you get, the more there will be. If you are the kind of person who talks to strangers, you will definitely come across coincidences. Basically, when you think about how complex our lives are, especially nowadays with the Internet, the only surprising thing is that coincidences don't happen more often.

A: Match the following titles with their suitable paragraphs:

(4 Points)

1. Coincidences and math. Paragraph () 2. The small world feeling. Paragraph ()
3. Coincidences and life connection. Paragraph () 4. Definitions of coincidences. Paragraph ()

B: Answer the following questions:

(6 Points)

1. When do people generally describe the world as small?

2. How do people often explain coincidences that happen in their lives?

3. Why don't some people want to believe the scientific explanation of coincidences?

4. According to the text, what are the two definitions of coincidences?

- a. _____
b. _____

5. What is one condition that leads to experiencing more coincidences?

C: Decide whether each of the following is True or False:

(5 Points)

1. () People's lives are more connected nowadays due to the complexity of modern life.
2. () It's mysterious to find people with the same birthday in real life.
3. () The writer doesn't expect to share his birthday with any reader of his words.
4. () You will find more connections with others as you grow up and talk to strangers.
5. () Coincidences happen more often nowadays as a result of our complex lives.

D: Complete the following sentences:

(3 Points)

1. The scientific explanation of coincidences has two parts: _____ and _____
2. The phrase "the only surprising thing" suggests that coincidences are actually:
a. strange b. very surprising c. not surprising at all

E: What do the following underlined words refer to?

(2 Points)

1. there (line 4) _____
2. you (line 18) _____

Question Number Two: (20 points)

Read the following text carefully and then complete the tasks below:

In many cases, expatriates seem to show their culture more strongly than people who stay in their home country. For example, people living outside their countries may continue to celebrate traditional holidays, follow familiar customs, or keep specific habits that remind them of home. In some cases, these cultural expressions become even more noticeable than in their home country.

There are several reasons for this behavior. Although expatriates get used to their new environment and accept local ways of life, they often feel a deep connection to their homes. Even if they do not plan to return, they still want to keep an important part of their identity. This sense of identity provides comfort and a feeling of belonging, especially when living in a new and unfamiliar place.

Language plays a vital role in this process. It is closely connected to personal and cultural identity, and this becomes clear when we look at how people speak. Even after living in a different place for many years, people often keep their original accent. This suggests that language is not just a tool for communication. It reveals where a person comes from and who they are.

This idea is particularly important in language learning. Many learners struggle with pronunciation because it involves more than just learning sounds—it can also feel like changing part of their identity. For some people, accepting a new accent may seem like losing part of their original culture. As a result, they may keep certain features of their native pronunciation, even if they speak the new language fluently.

A: Circle the best title for the text above:

(1.5 Points)

- a. identity and culture. b. language and accent. c. the challenges of language.

B: Answer the following questions:

(6 Points)

1. What do expatriates often continue to do when they live abroad?

- a. _____ b. _____
c. _____

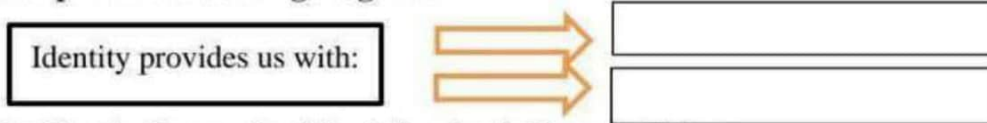
2. What do people use language for?

3. Why do many language learners struggle with pronunciation?

4. Why do people keep certain features of their native pronunciation?

C: Complete the following diagram:

(2 Points)



D: Decide whether each of the following is True or False:

(4.5 Points)

1. () When people live in a new place, they try to hide their identity and culture.
2. () Language is not an important part of an expatriate's identity.
3. () Keeping the original accent is a way to preserve the original culture.

E: Complete the following statements:

(3 Points)

1. For a person's identity, language can show _____ and _____
2. Getting new pronunciation makes expatriates feel _____

F: What do the following underlined words refer to?

(3 Points)

1. their (line 1) _____
2. they (line 16) _____

Vocabulary (25 points)

Question Number Three: (25 points)

A: Replace the underlined parts of the following sentences with words from the box below: (5 points)

stuck hub revealed returns fluent

1. She is able to express herself easily in several languages. _____
2. Capital cities are usually the central point for roads around the country. _____
3. The new statistics have shown how much people are connected to AI. _____
4. High profits are the key factor for all businesses nowadays. _____
5. During the flood, his car was unable to move for many hours. _____

B: Complete the following sentence with words from the box below:

(5 points)

amateur reluctant personal tragedies object

1. The form asks for a lot of _____ details like age and nationality.
2. She was _____ to speak in front of the class because she felt worried.
3. Some specialists are documenting all the _____ that happened during the war on Gaza.
4. You should _____ to people who say untrue things about our culture.
5. Despite playing very well, he was in an _____ team for more than three years.

C: Complete the sentences with the suitable phrasal verbs from the box below:

(5 points)

ruled out put up protect from choose between come across

1. It was amazing to _____ my friend's new car in our city yesterday.
2. When my friend came to visit, I _____ him _____ in a hotel downtown.
3. Firefighters wear special clothes to _____ them _____ hurts and injuries.
4. The coach _____ two players before the match started.
5. Some people find it difficult to _____ the two job offers.

D: Circle the correct answer:**(10 points)**

- Older people are aware (**of/ on**) the negative effects of young people's use of social media.
- Ali has been (**on business/ in business**) since 1995, and he is about to retire soon.
- What makes me angry is that some people (**misbehave/ misuse**) the new AI apps.
- I always have a (**standby/ stand by**) plan if the first doesn't go as expected.
- These teachers are the (**co-writers/co-workers**) of our exam today.
- It's not easy to find job (**application/ opportunities**) due to the current situation in Palestine.
- The chef surely (**over/ under**) cooked the fries. Look, they are black and hard to eat.
- I saw him driving fast while I was (**on the way/ on arrival**) home.
- Students sharing the same interests are often called (**foundation course/ like-minded**) ones.
- People prefer financial (**markets/ marketing**) to exchange one currency for another.

Language (25 points)**Section A: (15 points)****Question Number Four: (15 points)****A. Circle the correct answer:****(5 points)**

- That bag is heavy. I (**will /am going to**) help you with it.
- Just try it. You (**won't / might**) find it easier than you thought. Who knows?
- She (**should have left / must have left**) early, as no one saw her in the office.
- The manager decided **to give / giving** the team a bonus.
- I stopped (**to eat / eating**) junk food to be healthier.

B. Complete the sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets:**(5 points)**

- Lama always _____ coffee in the morning, but she _____ tea today. (**drink / have**)
- Kamal started telling the story, and I realised that I _____ already _____ it. (**hear**)
- I _____ my homework when the power went out. (**do**)
- They _____ on a school project since 9:00, but they _____ it yet. (**work/ not submit**).
- When she spoke, we _____ that she was telling the truth. (**know**)

C. 1. Rewrite the following sentences keeping the same meaning:**(3 points)**

- "You'd better wear a coat; it is very cold outside."

My mother advised me _____

- "Don't spend money on things that you can't really afford."

My friend warned me against _____

- I missed the interview because I was late.

I wish _____

2. Report the following questions:**(2 points)**

- "What time do you usually wake up?"

My brother asked me _____

- "Have you done your assignments?"

The teacher asked the students _____

Section B: (10 points)**Question Number Five: (10 points)**

يتكون هذا السؤال من ثلاثة فروع (A, B, C) اجب فقط عن فرعين . From this section, answer TWO parts ONLY

A. 1. Circle the correct answer**(3 points)**

1. The sky is very clear so it's (going to be / being) a hot day.
2. Despite (analyzing / to analyze) the data carefully, some errors remained.
3. (Who / What) affects the global temperature the most? (Greenhouse gases)

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

(2 points)

1. She needs to clean her house before the guests arrive.

2. They arranged for a technician to repair the computer.

B. 1. Do what is required in brackets:**(2 points)**

1. How often/she/visit/her grandparents? (Write a full question)

2. She might get the job since she meets the required qualifications. (show 100% probability)

2. Add question tags to the sentences below:**(3 points)**

1. The storm hit the city last night, _____?
2. They never arrive late to class, _____?
3. I'd rather eat at home than at a restaurant, _____?

C. Correct the following sentences (there is one mistake in each sentence):**(5 points)**

1. I have been knowing you since I was young. _____
2. I can't find my keys. I should have left them at home. _____
3. After traveling abroad, he got used to eat different types of food. _____
4. She regrets forgot her passport, because she missed her flight. _____
5. I still remember to meet my friend at the party. _____

Writing: (10 points)**Question Number Six: (10 points)**

Choose ONE of the following writing tasks:

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1: You are Sara, the owner of a youth fashion store. You have read an advertisement in a local newspaper about sports shoes supplied by Active Step Company.

Write an enquiry letter to Mr. Khaled, the Export Marketing Manager of Active Step, asking for details about the delivery time, methods of payment, guarantee, available sizes and colors, price lists, and catalogue.

2: You are Yazan, your age is 18. You want to join a course in (Cybersecurity and Network Protection) at a training center. Write a personal statement focusing on the following questions:

- a. Why are you applying? (interest in protecting systems, understanding cyber threats, and securing data)
- b. What have you done? (participated in activities such as basic networking projects or online security challenges)
- c. Why are you suitable for the course? (give evidence that you are the right person)

Paper One Model Answers:(100 Points)

Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Passage One (20 points)

- A. 1. Coincidences and life connection → Paragraph (D)
2. Definitions of coincidences → Paragraph (B)
3. Coincidences and math → Paragraph (C)
4. The small world feeling → Paragraph (A)

- B. 1. People describe the world as small when they experience an unexpected coincidence, such as meeting someone they know in an unlikely place.
2. People often explain coincidences as mysterious events caused by hidden forces or a secret plan beyond human knowledge.
3. Some people reject the scientific explanation because it seems less exciting and removes the sense of mystery.
4. a. Events that happen at the same time unexpectedly for no clear reason.
b. Finding an unexpected connection between seemingly unrelated people or things.
5. Talking to strangers and having many social connections.

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

D.

1. Mathematical probability and the large number of events in people's lives.
2. b. not surprising at all

- E. 1. "there" → another country 2. "you" → people in general / the reader

Passage Two: (20 points)

- A. a. identity and culture
- B. 1. a. Celebrate traditional holidays b. Follow familiar customs
c. Keep habits that remind them of home
2. People use language for communication and to express personal and cultural identity.
3. Learners struggle with pronunciation because it feels like changing part of their identity.
4. They keep native pronunciation features to avoid feeling that they are losing their original culture.
- C. Identity provides comfort and a feeling of belonging
- D. 1. False 2. False 3. True

- E. 1. Language can show where a person comes from and who they are.
2. Getting a new pronunciation makes expatriates feel that they are losing part of their identity.

F: 1. "their" → expatriates 2. "they" → Many learners /language learners

Vocabulary: (25 points)

A: 1. revealed 2. returns 3. stuck 4. fluent 5. hub

B: 1. tragedies 2. object 3. amateur 4. personal 5. reluctant

C: 1. come across 2. put / up 3. protect / from 4. ruled out 5. choose between

D: 1. of 2. over 3. on the way 4. like-minded 5. markets
6. in business 7. misuse 8. standby 9. co-workers 10. opportunities

Language: (25 points)

Section A (15 points)

A: 1. drinks / is having 2. had / heard 3. was doing
4. have been working / haven't submitted 5. knew

B: 1. will 2. might 3. must have left 4. to give 5. eating

C.1.

1. My brother asked me what time I usually woke up.
2. The teacher asked the students whether/if they had done their assignments.

C.2

1. My mother advised me to wear a coat because it was very cold.
2. My friend warned me against spending money on things I couldn't afford.
3. I wish I hadn't been late.

Section B:

A.1

1. is going to be
2. analyzing
3. What

A.2. 1. She needs to have her house cleaned.
2. They had their computer repaired.

B. 1.

1. How often does she visit her grandparents?
2. She will get the job.

B.2.1. ,didn't it? 2. ,do they? 3. ,wouldn't I?

C:

1. I have known you since I was young.
2. I **must** have left them at home.
3. He got used to eating different types of food.
4. She regrets forgetting her passport.
5. I still remember meeting my friend at the party.

Writing: (10 points)

Teacher's evaluation

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