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Part One: Reading Comprehension (25 points)

Question Number One: Read the passage then answer the questions that follow: (15 points)

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 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 afterward? We're sure following these steps in this article will make success a lot more likely.

(1): _____ When you're thinking about aims, there's one rule you should follow above all others: don't be too general. **Instead**, you need to express your aim as something exact and practical that can be measured.

(2): _____ 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.

(3): _____ 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 (see above) and you won't want to let them down.

(4): _____ Yes, you did read that correctly. Of course, the usual advice is to stay positive. But there will almost certainly be a time when everything seems to be going wrong, and you start thinking it's all too hard. Studies show that it's better to think about what could go wrong so that you can have a plan in place when it happens.

A- Match the titles with their tips: (you have more options than needed) (2 points)

a-Think negative_____ **b.** Set clear goals _____**c.** Enjoy yourself _____**d.** Share it_____

B- Answer the questions:

1- What two things, according to the article, are wrong with the idea of 'New Year's resolutions? **(2)**

a- ----------

b- ----------

2- What are the features of a good aim? **(1 point)**

a- ..... b- ..... c- .....

3- Why is it important to think negatively when making decisions? **(1 point)**

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4- How can pleasure from the new experience motivate you in doing something new? **(1 point)**

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C. Decide whether these sentences are " True or False" : (2 points)

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1. If you keep thinking about what score you might get at the end, you'll make much better progress. ( )
2. The more people you tell about your aims, the less you're to give up. ( )

D. What do the underlined phrases and pronouns mean or refer to: **(4 points)**

1. (it) line 3 .... **2. (it)** line 4 .....

3.(Instead) line13 ..... **4. (That way)** line 16.....

E. Complete these sentences: **(2 points)**

1. The middle of winter is famous for **a-** ..... **b-**.....

Question Number Two:

Read the text and do the tasks below: (10 points)

Money, in its simplest form, is a medium of exchange, a unit of account, and a store of value. **Its** journey began in ancient times, evolving alongside human civilization. Early societies relied on bartering, where goods and services were directly exchanged. **This method**, however, was limited by the "double coincidence of wants" – the need for two parties to desire each other's goods at the same time. To solve this, early civilizations turned to commodity money (goods), items with essential value such as grains, cattle, and precious metals. Around 3000 BCE, the Mesopotamians used silver and grain as standardized measures of trade. By 1000 BCE, civilizations like the Chinese began using small bronze and copper objects as early forms of currency. The invention of coins marked a pivotal moment in monetary history. Around 600 BCE, the Lydians in modern-day Turkey are credited with minting the first standardized coins made of electrum, a natural alloy of gold and silver.

Coins quickly spread across the ancient world, facilitating trade and taxation. Paper money emerged in China during the Tang Dynasty (7th century CE) and was further developed during the Song Dynasty. Lighter and easier to transport than coins, **these notes** were initially backed by reserves of gold or silver. By the 13th century, travelers like Marco Polo introduced the concept of paper money to Europe, although **it** would not gain widespread use there until the 17th century. The modern era of money began with the establishment of banks and the creation of banknotes, which could be exchanged for precious metals. This system, known as the gold standard, dominated global finance until the 20th century. Following World War II, fiat money – currency without essential value, backed only by government decree – became the norm, allowing more flexibility in monetary policies. Today, the concept of money continues to evolve with the rise of digital currencies and block chain technology, signaling a potential shift toward a cashless future. From cattle to crypto (digital currency), money's history reflects humanity's innovation in facilitating trade and economic growth.

A. Answer the following questions: **(4 points)**

1- What problem did the barter system face in early societies?

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2- Who is credited with minting the first standardized coins?

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3- Where and when did paper money first appear?

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B. What do the following words and pronouns refer to: **(2 points)**

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1. **It** (Line- 1) .....
2. **This method** (Line- 3) .....
3. **these notes** (Line- 13) .....
4. **it** (Line- 15) .....

C. Complete the following sentence: **(2 points)**

1- Commodity Money was invented by ..... in ..... .

D. Decide whether each of the following sentences is True or False: **(2 points)**

1- Paper money was introduced to Europe by travelers like Marco Polo. ( )
2- Fiat money is backed by reserves of gold or silver. ( )

Part Two: Literature

أجب عن واحدة من المسرحيتين

1- (Romeo & Juliet) (15 points)

Question Number One: **Circle the correct answer** **(5 points)**

1. Shakespeare got the story of " *Romeo and Juliet* " from a/an ..... .
   a. poem **b.** article **c.** magazine **d.** novel
2. The play is about the difficulty of being....., believing in something good, but very difficult to happen. **a.** normal **b.** tragic **c.** rich **d.** idealistic
3. ..... behaves against Tybalt's opinion while noticing Romeo at the party.
   a. The Nurse **b.** Lord Capulet **c-** The Servant **d.** Benvolio
4. According to Romeo, Juliet looks like .....in a group of crows.
   a. the moon **b.** a rose **c.** a snowy dove **d.** a bud of love
5. Juliet will send ..... to Romeo tomorrow to tell him when and where they will be married.
   a. a messenger **b.** Benvolio **c.** the nurse **d.** Paris

Question Number Two: - **(10 points)**

From this section, answer *two* questions only. **(A, B or C)** أجب عن سؤالين من هذا القسم

A. Decide whether each the following sentences is (True) or (False) **(5 points)**

1- The Globe theatre was unusual because it had a round shape. ( )
2- Romeo and Benvolio wear masks at the party to hide their injuries from the fight. ( )
3- Lord Capulet is against Tybalt's desire to behave rudely toward Romeo at the party. ( )
4- Romeo is worried that the Capulets will find him. ( )
5- The events of the play "*Romeo & Juliet* " takes place in the Italian city of Venice. ( )

B. Answer the following questions: - **(5 points)**

1- According to Tybalt, why has Romeo come to the Capulet's party?

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2- According to Romeo, what helps him to climb the high walls of the Capulet's garden ?

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3- **Complete:**

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- Juliet tells Romeo that she will send a messenger to prepare for their marriage **if Romeo is** ....., **and**.....

C) Put the events in the table in their correct order as they take place in the play: (3 points)

Events	Order
1- Romeo climbs the wall around the Capulet's garden.	
2- The argument between Tybalt and his uncle.	
3- Members of the two families fight in the street	
4- Friar Laurence marries Romeo and Juliet	
5- The Capulets are having a big party.	
6- The lovers make a faithful vow of love to each other.	

2. Read the quotation and then answer the questions below: - (2 points)

"Who is that lady dancing with the man over there."

1. Who said these words? .....
2. To whom? .....
3. Who is the lady? .....
4. Where are they? .....

.....

2- (King Lear) (15 points)

Question Number One: (10 points)

A. Answer the questions: (5 points)

1. How does Edmund show that he is evil to his father?

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2. Why does Goneril poison her sister?

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3. How is Cordelia's answer different from the answer her sisters give?

.....

B. Complete the sentences: (2 points)

1. The Earl of Gloucester feels sorry for King Lear because he is out in the storm with ..... and .....
2. Goneril warned her sister that Lear's men are .....and .....

C. Decide whether these sentences are true or false: (3 points)

1. Lear regretted giving away everything to his two daughters because they were weak. ( )

2. Kent disguised himself a poor man to stay with Lear as his servant. ( )

3. Lear goes mad because his daughters have treated him so badly. ( )

Question Number Two: (5 points)

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From this section, answer *one* part only (A or B) أجب عن قسم واحد فقط من هذين القسمين

A. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences: **(5 points)**

1. The illegitimate son of Gloucester is .....
   a. Edgar b. Albany c. Edmund d. Tom
2. At the end of "King Lear", ... becomes the King of England.
   a. Albany b. Tom c. Kent d. Edgar
3. Ling Lear refuses to come back to the castle with Gloucester to be with .....
   a. Kent b. Regan c. himself d. Tom
4. Edgar hid himself from his fathers' men by .....
   a. staying in Regan's house b. pretending to be mad homeless person
   c. talking to the King d. running away to kill Edmund
5. The Duke of Albany arrests Edmund because he wants to .....
   a. revenge from Edmund b. bring Edmund to justice for his treason
   c. kill Edmund and hide him c. let his father kills him

B. Read the two quotations and answer the questions. **(5 points)**

a. "Blow wind and crack your cheeks!"

1. Who said these words? .....
2. In what occasion? .....

b. "O madam, my old heart is cracked, it's cracked"

1. Who is the speaker? To whom? .....
2. Why is the speaker's heart cracked? .....

Part Three: Writing (10 points)

Choose one of the following topics: اكتب في احد الموضوعين

1. Write a short essay about a Resolution you might make in the future.

Make use of the following ideas:

Name of the resolution/ why you choose it/ steps you follow to achieve the goal/ what could go wrong/ your chance of success.

2) Write an essay not more than 120 words on the following topic:

People nowadays seem to think about making money and being successful, for example in sport and business:

There are some things that are more important than money.

- Do you agree that people think too much about money and success?
- Can you give examples?
- What things might be more important? Health, friendship, parents.....

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Question Number One: (القطعة الداخلية)

A- 1- (b) set clear goals 2- (c) enjoy yourself 3- (d) share it 4- (a) think negative

B- Answer the questions:

1. **a-** New Year is possibly one of the worst times of the year to make life-changing decisions
   b- Most people who make New Year's resolutions usually break them after five weeks.

2- **a-** not too general **b-** exact **c-** practical that can be measured.

3- Because things could go wrong so that you can have a plan in place when it happens.

4- You'll make much better progress if you enjoy the learning rather than thinking about what score you might get at the end.

C. Decide whether these sentences are True or false.

1- (False) **2- (True)**

D. What do the underlined phrases and pronouns mean or refer to?

1. doing something new
2. New year.
3. being too general
4. enjoying the experience

F. Complete these sentences:

1. **a-** its long hours of darkness **b-** cold wet weather

Question Number Two:- (القطعة الخارجية)

A: Answer the following questions:

1- The barter system faced the "double coincidence of wants," meaning that both parties had to desire each other's goods at the same time, making trade inefficient.

2- The Lydians, in modern-day Turkey, are credited with minting the first standardized coins around 600 BC.
3- Paper money first appeared in China during the Tang Dynasty (7th century CE) and was further developed during the Song Dynasty.

B: What do these words and pronouns refer to:
1-"it" refers to money
2-"This method" Refers to the barter system, described earlier in the passage.
3-"These notes" Refers to the paper money introduced in China during the Tang Dynasty.
4-"It" Refers to the concept of paper money introduced to Europe by Marco Polo.

C: Complete: Mesopotamians – 3000 BC.

D: True or False:

1- True **2-False**

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Part Two: Literature (*Romeo & Juliet)*

Question Number One: **Circle the correct answer**

1- **a.** poem
2- **d.** idealistic
3- **b.** Lord Capulet
4- **c.** a snowy dove
5- **a.** a messenger

Question Number Two: -

A. **(True) or (False)**

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

B.

1- to scorn their celebrations.

2- Love's light wings helped him to fly over the walls.

.....

3- honourable with Juliet's love and wants to marry her.

.....

C.

Events	Order
a- Romeo climbs the wall around the Capulet's garden.	4
b- The argument between Tybalt and his uncle.	3
c- Members of the two families fight in the street	1
d- Friar Laurence marries Romeo and Juliet	6
e- The Capulets are having a big party.	2
f- The lovers make a faithful vow of love to each other.	5

2.Read the quotation and then answer the questions below:-

"Who is that lady dancing with the man over there."

1. Who said these words? Romeo
2. To whom? A servant
3. Who is the lady? Juliet
4. Where are they? at the Capulet's party

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King Lear (key answers)

A. 1. He betrayed his father.

2. She is jealous and she's afraid that Edmund will marry Regan.

3. It is honest and realistic.

B. Complete the sentences:

1. The Earl of Gloucester feels sorry for King Lear because he is out in the storm with **no shelter** and **nowhere to go** .

2. Goneril warned her sister that Lear's men are **noisy** and **expensive** .

C. Decide whether these sentences are true or false.

1. (false)
2. (True)
3. (false)

D. Circle :

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. b

E. Read the two quotations and answer the questions (5 points)

a. "Blow wind and crack your cheeks!"

1. Who said these words? **Lear**
2. In what occasion? **when the king got out of the house at night during the storm**

b. "O madam, my old heart is cracked, it's cracked"

1. Who is the speaker? **Gloucester** To whom? **Regan**
2. Why is the speaker's heart cracked? **Because his son wants to kill him.**

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