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Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Question Number One: (20 points)

Read the following text carefully and complete the tasks below:

Your comfort zone is, as the name suggests, the area where you feel comfortable. We all have **one**, whether we know it or not: it's the set of routines and known abilities that make us feel safe because we're confident that we can manage and are unlikely to be challenged by anything unexpected or worrying. Obviously, staying inside your comfort zone has many benefits, especially at times when you're feeling under stress.

On the other hand, we're often told in 'self-help' books that it's a good idea to do things that are outside our comfort zones. In fact, many studies have shown that an important factor in helping people feel positive about themselves is the feeling that they are developing and making progress in **their** lives. You won't reach your full potential if you only do what you know you are able to do. We all want to improve ourselves, for example by learning something new, becoming more creative or getting fit.

Unfortunately, people often get stuck in their comfort zones and don't feel able to try different things. There are various possible reasons for **this**. They may be afraid of failing or unsure how to begin. Many people think 'This is the way I am and I'll never change', using this as an excuse for not trying something new. Whatever the reason may be, it's sometimes necessary to force yourself to do something you'd rather not do. Once you've made the effort, though, the door to new experiences will be open and you'll probably wonder why you thought it was a problem.

A. Complete the table with the reasons for each statement: **(5 points)**

The statement	The reasons
1. Feeling safe inside comfort zones.	a. We are confident that we can manage. b. We are unlikely to be challenged by anything unexpected or worrying.
2. People avoid trying new experiences.	a. They may be afraid of failing. b. They may be unsure how to begin. c. They think 'This is the way I am and I'll never change'.

B. Decide whether each of the following is True or False: **(6 points)**

1. Everyone has a comfort zone, whether they realize it or not. (True)
2. Comfort zones provide many benefits, especially in case of being stressed. (True)
3. People who never leave their comfort zones will reach their full potential. (False)
4. According to the text, most people find it easy to step outside their comfort zones. (False)

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C. Choose the correct answer: **(6 points)**

1. **Self-help books encourage stepping outside the comfort zone because this helps with .....**
   a) staying in familiar routines b) avoiding personal growth
   c) self-improvement and progress d) ignoring new experiences
2. **.....are some examples of self-improvement mentioned in the text.**
   a) Learning something new, becoming more creative, and getting fit
   b) Avoiding all forms of learning and making progress
   c) Staying in one place and refusing to try new things
   d) Ignoring personal development and reading self-help books
3. **When people try something new, they will most likely.....**
   a) never do it again b) feel lost
   c) stay inside their comfort zones forever d) open the door to new experiences
4. **After doing something different, people may feel it wasn't a problem because.....**
   a) it wasn't as hard as they expected. b) trying new things is boring.
   c) they should avoid new experiences. d) it's better to do daily routines.

D. Write what the following words refer to: **(3 points)**

1. **one** (line 2): .....comfort zone.....
2. **their** (line 8): .....people.....
3. **this** (line 13): .....getting stuck in their comfort zones.....

Question Number Two(20 points)

Read the text about (The world of work) and do the tasks below:

Many young people have a dream job that they hope to achieve in the future. In today's world of work, some of the most popular career choices include becoming an IT programmer, a doctor, or a graphic designer. These careers attract young people because they offer good career prospects, opportunities for creativity, and financial stability. At the same time, each job comes with its own disadvantages, which must also be considered.

One of the most in-demand careers today is that of an IT programmer, who creates software, websites, and applications. This job is highly rewarding, as technology continues to grow, making IT programming a job with strong employment opportunities. However, being an IT programmer means spending long hours in front of screens, some health problems and finally the field requires constant learning.

A doctor is another common career choice, as it allows people to help others while earning a high income. Although becoming a doctor requires many years of study, the effort is worth it due to the respect and stability the job offers. On the other hand, doctors face high levels of responsibility and must handle stressful situations, such as life-and-death decisions.

A graphic designer, on the other hand, is perfect for creative individuals who enjoy working on artistic projects. Even though some graphic designers may have a low income when starting, their earnings can increase as they gain experience. However, the field is highly competitive, and many designers struggle to find stable jobs.

Choosing a career is not just about passion but also about being able to make a living. Some people follow their fantasy jobs without considering financial stability, which may lead to disappointment. Others neglect their true interests and choose jobs only for the money. The best option is to find a balance between passion, job security, and financial success. With careful planning and dedication, young people can achieve their dream job and build a successful future.

A. Answer the following questions: **(3 points)**

1. What is an IT programmer required to create?
   a. .....Software..... b. .....Websites..... c. .....Applications.....
2. Who is a graphic designer's career perfect for?
   .....
   Creative individuals who enjoy working on artistic projects.

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B. Decide whether each of the following is True or False: **(6 points)**

1. IT programming has low employment opportunities. (False)
2. The effort of being a doctor deserves the respect the job offers. (True)
3. Graphic designers always earn a high income from the beginning. (False)
4. Some people neglect their true interests and choose jobs only for money. (True)

C. Complete the following sentences: **(5 points)**

1. The three jobs mentioned in the text attract young people because they offer good career prospects, opportunities for creativity, and financial stability.
2. IT programming is a highly rewarding job because technology continues to grow.
3. A well-planned career choice can help young people to build a successful future.

D. Complete the following diagram with jobs' disadvantages: **(6 points)**

Disadvantages of an IT programmer job	
1. Spending long hours in front of screens	2. Some health problems and constant learning

Disadvantages of a doctor job	
1. High levels of responsibility	2. Stressful situations

Disadvantages of a graphic designer job	
1. A low income when starting	2. The field is highly competitive and many designers struggle to find stable jobs

Vocabulary: (25 points)

Question Number Three: (25 points)

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

restrictions / attempt / set / patting / astonishing

1. It was **very surprising** to see how much progress the city had made in just a few years. astonishing
2. She was **hitting** the dog **gently** on the head to calm it down. patting
3. The chef prepared a special **complete group** of dishes for the dinner party. set
4. Even though they didn't succeed on their first **try**, they were determined to keep going. attempt
5. Players have always faced significant **limits** on their freedom of movement in sport. restrictions

B. Complete the sentences with words from the box: **(5 points)**

expatriates / amateur / make a living / personal / like-minded

1. After losing his job, he moved to the countryside to make a living by farming.
2. She shared a personal story about her childhood during the meeting.
3. Many expatriates celebrate their national holidays even while living abroad.
4. Luckily, I live in a shared house with like-minded people.
5. The amateur theater group put on a fantastic performance despite having no formal training.

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C. Complete the sentences with the suitable expressions from the box: **(5 points)**

handing over / ruled out / choose between / came across / responsible for

1. She was ..... what happened in the event last weekend.
2. I ....came across..... an interesting article about space travel.
3. The coach ..... the injured player from the next game.
4. .....the company to the next generation was a sad moment for the founder.
5. My friend couldn't .....the two job offers because both positives and negatives are the same.

D. Match prefixes with suitable words then use them to complete the sentences: **(4 points)**

mis- / co- / under / over	worked / charged / writer/ behaving

1. He has edited several books and been a .....co-writer.....of around 50 books.
2. The employees were .....after participating in several projects with definite deadlines.
3. I was always getting in trouble for .....misbehaving..... at school.
4. The mechanic ..... me for the repairs, which I thought was very generous of him.

E. Circle the correct answer: **(6 points)**

1. The train was delayed but luckily, we arrived **(on time / in time)** to catch our trip.
2. **(Job application / Job security)** is the key factor for many employees when deciding whether to stay with a company or look for new opportunities.
3. Did you leave the door open **(on purpose / on demand)** or was it a mistake?
4. The **(breakthrough / break through)** in technology allowed the team to create a distinct new app.
5. The hotel is **(marketing / upmarket)**. It provides five-star exclusive services.
6. **(In / On)** request, the restaurant will prepare vegetarian options for customers with dietary restrictions.

Language: (25 points)

Section A: (15 points)

Question Number Four: (15 points)

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

1. What time .....does..... the train .....leave..... on Sundays? **(leave)**
2. I....am writing.....to you from Canada right now, where everything seems to be going well. **(write)**
3. About four years ago, Ali .....decided..... to become a restaurant manager. **(decide)**
4. They ....had watched..... a movie at a cinema before it was released on DVD. **(watch)**
5. We .....haven't had..... any complaints so far, so we assume everything is going smoothly. **(not/have)**

B. Circle the correct answer: **(5 points)**

1. You can go. I don't mind **(to be / being)** alone.
2. Although, the hikers were exhausted, they stopped **(to take / taking)** some pictures.
3. They don't object **(to pay / paying)** local taxes.
4. You certainly **(won't / may not)** like that film. It's very frightening. Let's choose another one.
5. We are **(going to have / having)** a barbecue tomorrow. It's all planned.

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C. 1. Report the following: **(3 points)**

1. "Have you finished the project yet?"
   My teacher questioned .....
2. "Why is she driving so fast?"
   He asked her neighbor .....
3. "You'd better not buy that house, it's very old."
   Our lawyer advised us against.....

2. Rewrite the following sentences using the words between brackets: **(2 points)**

1. Ali left his job two years ago and felt sorry for that. **(All wishes)**
   .....
2. She didn't go to the meeting and lost the contract. **(She regrets)**
   .....

Section B16/2: (10 points)

Question Number Five: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts only يتكون هذا السؤال من ثلاثة فروع (A,B,C) أجب عن فرعين منها فقط

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

1. Will you lend me some money? I promise I (**will** / **am going to**) give it back to you tomorrow.
2. As soon as he started his speech, everyone (**keep** / **kept**) silent.
3. Look at those dark clouds! It is (**raining** / **going to rain**) soon.

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

1. They **asked the waiter to bring extra napkins.**
   .....
2. You need to **ask your assistant to write the report.**
   .....

B. 1. Rewrite the following sentences keeping the same meaning: **(2 points)**

1. "It's a good idea to prepare your presentation before the lecture."
   My Supervisor told me that .....
2. Julie told the secret, and the speaker is blaming her for it.
   She should .....

2. Add tag questions to the sentences: **(3 points)**

1. She doesn't work hard enough to get promotion, ...?
2. They had had a big dinner before watching the movie, ...?
3. It's never happened before, ...?

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

1. I'm getting used to work from home. I'm getting used to working from home.
2. We were hearing a loud noise while we were sleeping. We heard a loud noise while ...
3. When she got home yesterday, she found some flowers. Her husband must buy them. .....
4. He is looking happy, yet I know he's struggling inside. He looks happy, yet ...
5. They managed getting the tickets, but they didn't find parking. They managed to get the tickets, ...

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Writing: (10 points)

Question Number Six: (10 points)

Choose one of the following topics **اكتب موضوعا واحدا في أحد الموضوعين**

1. Write **a summary of the following questionnaire's results** about (buying smartphones)

Questions	Men	Women
To what extent does price affect your decision to buy a smartphone online?	75% highly affects	65% doesn't affect
Do you feel confident in the quality of the smartphone when buying it online?	40% yes very confident	45% not very confident
How does your past experience in buying smartphone online impact your decision to buy again?	60% it's ok to buy online agpain	55% won't buy smartphone online again
When buying a smartphone online, do you prefer to pay cash in delivery or by credit card?	80% by credit card. 20% cash in delivery.	77% by credit cards. 33% cash in delivery.

2. You are Khalid, you have recently started a new online business. Write **an email** to your friend Moath answering his questions about the qualifications and personal qualities needed to be a successful businessman. The following ideas may help you:
Ability to manage your time, being punctual, working under pressure, keep promises, trust.

The End

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Summarizing Results of Questionnaires

Write a summary of the following questionnaire's results about buying smartphones:

Question	Men	Woman
1. To what extent does price affect your decision to buy a smartphone online?	75% highly affects	65% doesn't affect
2. Do you feel confident in the quality of the smartphone when buying it online?	40% yes very confident	45% not very confident
3. How does your past experience in buying smartphones online impact your decision to buy again?	60% it's ok to buy online again	55% won't buy online again
4. When buying a smartphone online, do you prefer to pay cash on delivery or by credit card?	80% by credit card 20% cash on delivery	77% by credit card 33% cash on delivery

Sample Answer

We asked people about buying smartphones online. We also asked about their gender to see if there was any connection between buying smartphones online and gender. It seemed from the survey results that price strongly affects men's decisions, as 75% say it highly affects them, while 65% of women say price does not affect their decisions. Regarding confidence in quality, 40% of men feel very confident when buying online, whereas 45% of women are not very confident. Past experience also influences future decisions. Specifically, 60% of men think it is ok to buy smartphones online again, but 55% of women say they will not buy online again. In terms of payment methods, most respondents prefer paying by credit cards (80% and 77% of men and women, respectively), while a smaller percentage choose cash on delivery.

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