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Part One : Reading Comprehension **(25 points)**

Question Number One : **(15 points)**

Read the text and answer the questions below :

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*.

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

1- How did Edward Said support the Palestinian cause ?

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2- What should the political compromise be founded on?

_____

B:Decide whether the following sentences are True or False: **(6 points)**

1- ( ) President Arafat and other Palestinian representatives helped bring the Palestinian cause to the world's attention.

2- ( ) Sharabi worked to improve Arab understanding of Western issues.

3- ( ) Hisham built American understanding of Arab and Islamic culture through his Arab-American Cultural Foundation .

4- ( ) Sharabi believed that the only way forward was through violence.

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C-Choose the correct answer : **(2 points)**

1- Edward Said fought for

a) wealth and power b) freedom, equality, and justice

c) political control d) military strength

2- When Sharabi returned to Jaffa, he was there on

a) a work visa b) a student visa

c) a full citizenship permit d) a limited Israeli tourist visa

D-Complete the following sentences : **(2 points)**

1- After Edward Said's death, _____wrote about him and his presence within us.

2- Sharabi set up the_____

E:Write what the following refer to : **(2 points)**

1-**These** L.2 _____ 2-This compromise L.21:_____

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

Read the text and answer the questions:

New Year is celebrated around the world with many exciting traditions that mark the beginning of a fresh year. On New Year's Eve, families and friends often gather to share meals, enjoy music, and watch fireworks. In many countries, people count down the final seconds of the old year and cheer when the clock strikes twelve. Some cultures have unique customs, such as eating special foods for good luck, lighting lanterns, or making noise to chase away bad spirits. These traditions are often meant to celebrate the past year while welcoming the opportunities of the new one.

New Year celebrations are closely connected to the idea of New Year resolutions. A resolution is a personal goal or promise that a person makes to improve his life in some way. The start of a new year provides a growth. natural moment for reflection and motivation. Teenagers, for example, may set goals to study harder, develop new skills, spend more time with family, or be kinder to others. Adults often make resolutions to exercise regularly, save money, or focus on personal things.

Traditions and resolutions work together to give the New Year meaning. Traditions allow people to honor cultural values and spend time with loved ones, while resolutions encourage self-improvement and planning for the future. Writing down resolutions, sharing them with friends, or tracking progress can make them more effective. Even small changes, when followed consistently, can lead to significant improvements over time. In this way, the New Year becomes not just a celebration but a meaningful chance to reflect, grow, and start fresh with hope and determination.

A:Decide whether the following sentences are True or False: **(2 points)**

1- ( ) New Year is celebrated in the same way in every country around the world .

2- ( ) New Year resolutions are promises to improve something in one's life.

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B-Choose the best answer: **(2 points)**

1-Why do people in some cultures eat special food during New Year?

a) To celebrate only with friends
b) To bring good luck and success
c) To make cooking competitions
d) To avoid traditions.

2-What is the New Year a good time to?

a) Reflect, plan, and start fresh
b) Only party and have fun
c) Forget the past completely
d) Travel abroad only

C-Answer the questions : **(2 points)**

1-How are the New Year traditions and resolutions connected?

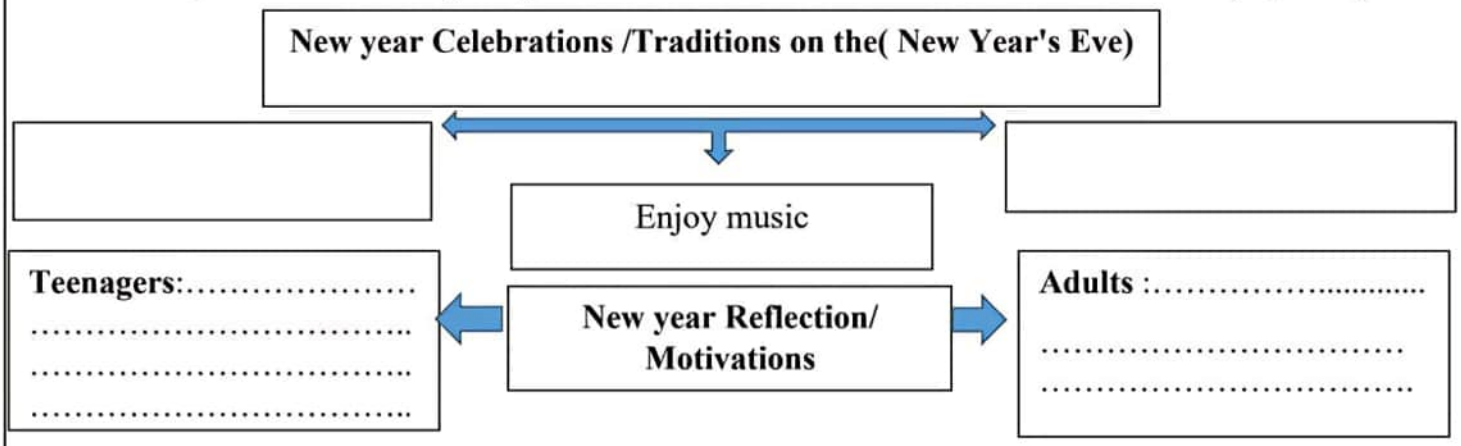
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2-What effects do small changes in resolutions have on a person over time?

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D-Complete the following diagram with correct information from the text : **(4 points)**



Part Two: Literature **(15 points)**

Question Number One : **(5 points)**

Choose the correct answer :

1-Why are Shakespeare's plays today probably not exactly the same as the ones he first wrote?

A) Because Shakespeare changed them before he died.
B) Because actors forgot their lines.
C) Because people did not think of keeping plays for reading.
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2- Lord Capulet is angry with Tybalt because…..

A .He thinks the argument between the families should stop.
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3-. What does Friar Laurence tell Juliet to do the next day he gives her the plan?

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4- Why is Romeo able to enter the Capulet party without being recognized at first?

A) Because he is invisible

B) Because he is wearing a mask

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5- When Juliet knows Romeo's name, she is upset about his name?

A) Because she doesn't like the sound of it

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Question Number Two (10 points): يتكون هذا السؤال من ثلاثة فروع أجب/ي عن فرعين فقط

A:1-Complete the sentences: (5 points)

1-Romeo and Juliet is a _____ play in which people die in the end.

2-Lord Capulet invited Paris to the party because_____

3-When Romeo hears from a friend that Juliet has died, he decides to_____

2- Decide whether the following sentences True / False:

1-. ( ) The second edition was probably created from the actors' lines and people's memories

2- ( ) Juliet thinks they should wait, but then she changes her mind and decides they should marry next morning.

B- Answer the questions: (5 points)

1-What was strange about globe theatre?

_____

2-Why does the Prince decide not to punish Romeo with death?

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3-What will happen to Romeo if he is found in Verona after the exile?

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4-Where does Romeo and Juliet first meet?

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5-How does Juliet die?

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C-Read the quotations below then answer the following questions : (5 points)

*"Morning has brought with it **a sad peace**. The sun is too full of sorrow to shine. Go and we will talk more about these sad things. There has never been a sadder story than **this story**"*

1-Who is the speaker ?.....
2-Whom does the speaker say these words to?.....
3-When are these words said?.....
4-What does the speaker mean by "**sad peace** "?.....
5-Which story does the speaker mean by **"this story**"?.....

Part Three : Writing (10 points)

Write about ONE of the following topics :

1- ' Money can't buy happiness but it can buy comfort, which is close enough' Do you agree with this statement? Why? Or why not? .

Use specific reasons and examples to support your position in a well formed essay.

Your essay should include these ideas:

Paragraph one: **(Introduction**) why is this topic important in today's world?
Paragraph two: (**The relationship between money and happiness**) Can money solve all problems? Why? Or why not?
Paragraph three **:** (**Conclusion)** Is it better to have a lot of money or a simple happy life? What is your personal opinion ?

2-Imagine you are a Palestinian who lived through the events of 1948. Write a **short first-person autobiography** telling your story.

In your writing:

- Describe your life before the Nakba, based on your imagination or stories you have heard from your family.
- Explain what happened when your family was forced to leave and where you went.
- Describe how these events affected you and your family's life.
- End your autobiography by explaining how people preserved their memories and kept hope alive for the Right of Return.

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Reading plus answers

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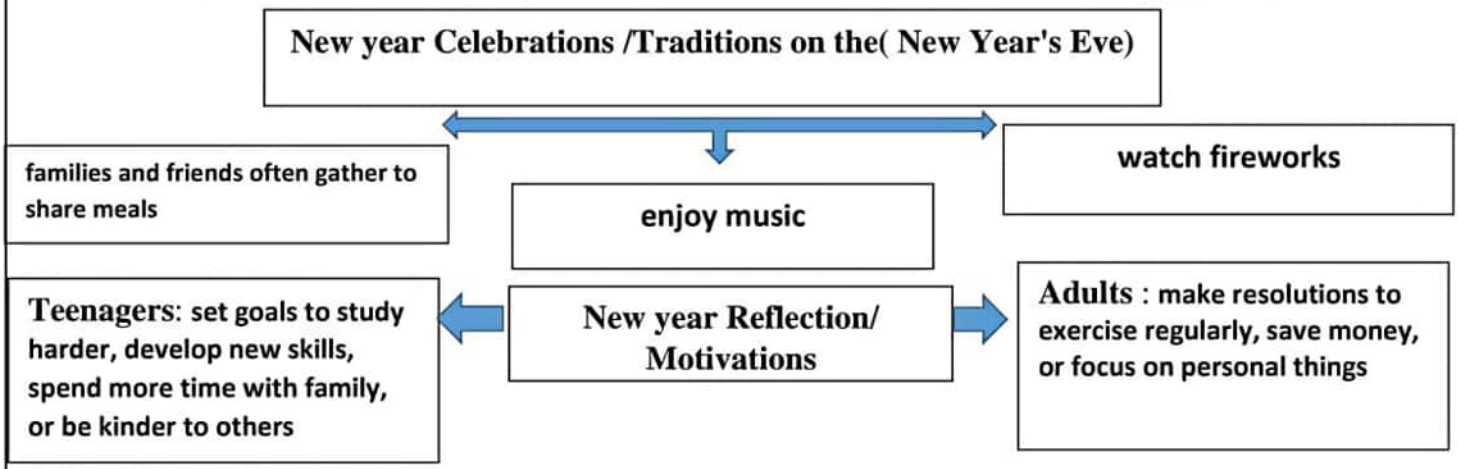
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3-When Romeo hears from a friend that Juliet has died, he decides to **buy some poison and go back to the tomb in Verona .**

2- Decide whether the sentences True / False?

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2-Juliet thinks they should wait, but then she changes her mind and decides they should marry next morning.**(T)**

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1- What was strange about globe theatre?

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Because Romeo was trying to avenge Mercutio's death.

3-What will happen to Romeo if he is found in Verona after the exile?

He will be killed

4-Where does Romeo and Juliet first meet ?

In the party at the Capulet's house.

5- How does Juliet die?**she stabs herself with a knife**

C-Read and answer the following questions : **(5 points)**

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