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Reading Comprehension: (25 points)

Passage One (15 points)

Read the text carefully then answer the questions.

From cowries to contactless: a short history of money

1. …… : On its own, money has little or no meaning. It only gains meaning when a group of people all accept that it has a certain value when used for the exchange of goods or services. To understand this, we need to look at what happened before money was invented.

2. ……: In early societies, trade was carried out by bartering: the exchange of one thing or service for another. If one person had a bag of salt and another was good at making shoes, they could agree to exchange the salt for a pair of shoes. But this only worked on two conditions. Firstly, they each had to want what the other person was offering, and secondly, they had to agree that the two things were of equal value.

3. ……: To solve this problem, people started to base their trade on items that nearly everyone wanted, like salt, chocolate or cows. It didn't have to be something that they needed, just something desirable. Cowrie shells are a well-known example of this, and a step towards what we recognize as money, because they are easier to carry around than cows or bags of salt.

4. …… : The Lydians, who lived in what is now Turkey, are thought to be the first people to use coins, over 2,500 years ago, although pieces of metal had been used for centuries before. Other countries soon followed, making their own coins with agreed values. The earliest paper money was probably in common use in China around the year 960.

5. …… : In this form, money itself doesn't need to be made of something valuable; it is only important because of what it represents or stands for. This is why it is known as representative money. Until quite recently, for example, the British pound (£) was based on a promise that the bank would exchange it for one pound in weight (lb.) of silver.

6 …… : Nowadays, methods of exchange are moving away from real coins and notes that need to be carried around. First, there were cheques, which have now been more or less replaced by plastic credit or debit cards. More recent developments have moved even further in this direction. One example is "contactless" bracelets that you wear on your wrist and pass in front of a machine. Another is the growing popularity of "bitcoins", a digital currency that can only be used on the Internet.

1. Answer these questions.(4 points)

1. What is bartering?

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2. Why were cowrie shells easier to use than cows or salt?

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2. Match the following titles with their suitable paragraphs. (2 points)

a. Towards unreality . [Paragraph……] **b**. Different examples of "money" . [Paragraph……]

c. Before money . [Paragraph……] **d**. The beginning of money as we know it. [Paragraph……]

3. Decide whether each of the following statements is True or False. (3 points)

1. Money gets its importance for what it signifies. (……)

2. According to the text, real coins and notes are no longer used these days. (……)

4. Complete the table with missing information from the text. (3 points)

Methods of Exchanging

	Early societies	**Lydian & Chinese**	**Nowadays**
Methods of Exchanging	**1. ……**	**1. -……** **2. ……**	**1. ……** **2. ……** **3. ……**

5. Complete these sentences from the text. (4 points)

1. Bartering is described as a trading system with the following problems:

a. ……

b. ……

2. Contactless bracelets are worn……, and……

Passage Two (10 points)

Read the text about New Year and complete the tasks below:

The country of Denmark is geographically located in the northern part of Europe. Celebrations of New Year as observed by people in Denmark are seen as occasions to promote Danish cultures, traditions, and rich heritage, and as well as pass them on to the next generations.

Special dishes are served, including boiled fish. Serving them to the people during New Year's time is considered to give good luck, success, and happiness in the coming time of New Years.

There is another well-known tradition of saving food and throwing. As a part of it, people save some food throughout the year and then throw it on the ground of near and dear ones on the occasion on New Year. If one gets to find many old broken dishes at their yards, it is considered to be an optimistic indication that one has too many good friends and well-wishes, and the coming year will have pleasant and successful relationships with people.

Fireworks is a very important part in the New Year's celebration in Denmark. At the mark of twelve, a show of fireworks is carried out, which lights the entire sky and skyline of the town. The shining shows of noisy fireworks are most awaited and enjoyed by young children. It is done with an old belief in concern that loud noises of fireworks take away all the evil spirits and negative energies.

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A: Complete the following sentences with words or phrases from the text. (9 points)

1. Danish people see New Year celebrations as a way to:

   a. ……

   b. ……

2. Dishes eaten in New Year's Eve symbolize ……, ……

   and ……

3. …… is considered as a famous tradition in New Year.

4. Finding …… indicates that ……

   and that the ……

5. The lights of fireworks are enjoyed by ……

B: Decide whether the statements are true or false. (4 points)

1. People in Denmark threw some old food and dishes as a tradition to celebrate the New Year.( )
2. At the mark of 10 o'clock, fireworks show is carried out. ( )
3. The lights of fireworks can be seen all over the town. ( )
4. Fireworks is believed to take away evil spirits and remove negative energy. ( )

C: Replace the underlined parts of the sentences with words from the text: (2 points)

1. I'll never forget the **special event** when we won the final match. ……
2. When the company started the new project, its employers felt **that everything would be fine**. ……

Literature (15 points)

Choose one of the plays and answer its questions اختر واحدة من المسرحيتين و أجب عن أسئلتها

Romeo and Juliet : (15 points)

Section A: Circle the correct answer: (5 points)

1. Who proposes that a gold statue of Juliet should be built?

a. Montague b. Lady Capulet c. Paris d. Romeo

2. Romeo and Juliet agree to marry after getting to know each other for

a. a few hours b. a few months c. a few days d. a few years

3. To whom does Mercutio curse as he lies dying after a fight?

a. Romeo and Tybalt b. Romeo c. Tybalt d. The Montague and Capulet

4. Theatres and plays at the time of Shakespeare were different from now so:

a. women are allowed to act in plays b. women characters are acted by boys

c. women wear masks while acting d. men aren't allowed to act

5. The Capulets and Montagues agree to end their fights and…….

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a. have a double funeral for Romeo and Juliet. b. raise statues of their children.

c. move to another town. d. give a donation to the Friar's church.

Section B: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts question يتكون هذا القسم من ثلاثة فروع A,B,C أجب عن اثنين فقط

A: Decide whether the following sentences are true or false : (5 points)

1- Friar Lawrance helps Romeo and Juliet get married in secret. ( )
2- Romeo knows about Juliet's death plan from Friar Lawrance. ( )
3- Juliet is better at hiding her feeling than other women. ( )
4- Mercutio was Friar's Lawrance own family. ( )

5- Romeo Predicts his early death . ( )

B: 1 - Write the name of the character that matches the given description : (2 points)

[Lady Capulet – Paris – Romeo – Benvolio - Mercutio]

Description	Character
A peaceful character who tries to stop the fight between the servants.	
Is invited to the party so that a marriage plan can be started.	
Despite being insulted by Tybalt , doesn't encourage Mercutio to fight him	
Wants the prince to kill Tybalt's killer because Tybalt is a family member	

2- Read the following quotation then answer the questions below: (3 points)

"Ask for me tomorrow and you will find me a grave man. Damn both your families!

Why did you stand between us?"

1. Who says these words? ……2. To whom? ……

3. The pronoun (us) in the quotation refers to: ……

4. How does the speaker die? ……

C. Answer the following questions: (5 points)

1. What was strange about the Globe theatre?

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2. How does Prince Escalus punish Romeo?

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3. Why do Tybalt and Lord Capulet argue about Romeo at the party?

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4. What are Friar Laurence's important roles in the story?

a. ……

b. ……

5. What makes Romeo change his mind and decide to fight?

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King Lear (15 points)

Section A: Circle the correct answer: (5 points)

1. Lear didn't know about Kent's return because……..

a- nobody told him about it
b-Kent avoided to stay with him
c- Kent disguised himself as a poor man
d-Kent became his servant

2. Goneril warned her sister Regan that……

a- Lear's men are noisy and expensive
b- Lear has become fierce.
c- Kent will be sent to her by Lear
d- Oswald will be hit by Kent

3. Lear is sure that Poor Tom has gone mad because he……..

a- Has been tortured by Regan and Goneril
b- lives alone with nobody to look after him
c. Is poor and homeless
d- has given everything to his daughters

4. Lear goes mad because . ….. .

a- he likes the noise and violence of the storm and wants the wind to blow even harder.
b- his daughters have treated him so badly that his mind cannot bear his feelings of anger and sorrow.
c- he knows that he has brought disaster on himself by giving everything away.
d- he feels that the world does not make sense anymore and people do not behave as they ought to.

5. What happens to Lear and Cordelia during the battle?

a- They are separated from one another.
b- Edmund takes them captive.
c- They are both killed
d- Cordelia is killed and Lear is taken captive.

Section B: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts question أجب عن اثنين فقط يتكون هذا السؤال من ثلاثة فروع A,B,C

A: Decide whether the following sentences are true or false : (5 points)

1- Goneril warned her sister Regan that Oswald will be hit by Kent ( )
2- The Duke of Albany arrested Edmund for treason. ( )
3- Lear didn't know about Kent's return because nobody told him about it . ( )
4- Goneril poisoned her sister Regan. ( )
5- When Cornwall tells Edmund that he will punish his father, Edmund decides to leave. ( )

B: 1 - write the name of the character that matches the given description : (2 points)

[Cordelia- Gloucester - Edmund -Lear - Kent - Albany -Edgar]

Description	Character
He disguised himself as a poor man to stay with Lear as his servant.	
At the end of the play, this character is the king of England	
In the battle with the French, he is in charge of the English army	
He was blinded by Cornwall.	

2- Read the following quotation then answer the questions below: (3 points)

" I love you as much as a daughter should love her father , no more and no less "

1. Who says these words? ……

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2. To whom? ……
3. What was the reaction of the listener to these words?
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C. Answer the following questions: (5 points)

1. Why did Goneril send her sister Regan a letter ?

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2. Why did Regan and her husband order their men to make Kent a prisoner?

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3.How did the old Earl of Gloucester feel for Lear ?

……

4. What evil plan does Edmund start to carry out in act 1?
……

5. Why did Goneril want Edmund to kill Albany?
……

Writing (10 points)

Write an essay on *one* of the following topics:

1) You have made a resolution to take up a new hobby or learn a new skill.

Write a essay of 100 words using the following idea:

- What you decide to do.- The goal of this resolution.- The steps towards this goal.
- Possible difficulties/ what could go wrong.

2) New year's habits are part of many cultures and societies. Islamic countries often celebrate new Hijra year with different customs and traditions.

Talk about these in a three- paragraph essay using these ideas:

- public holiday - prayers and rituals / mosques - visit extended families / exchange wishes

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Paper 2 - Model answer
Reading Comprehension: (25 points)

Passage One (15 points) 1. Answer these questions.

1. Bartering is exchanging goods or services without using money.
2. Because they are small, light, and easy to carry.

2. a. Towards unreality (6) b. Different examples of "money" (3)
c. Before money (2) d. The beginning of money as we know it (4)

3. Decide whether each of the following statements is True or False.

1. (True) 2. (False)

4. Complete …

	Early societies	Lydian & Chinese	Nowadays
Methods of Exchanging	Bartering	1. Coins 2. Paper money	1. Cards, 2. contactless bracelets 3. bitcoin

5. Complete these sentences from the text.

1. a. People must want what the other person has. b. They must agree on equal value.

2. Contactless …… **on the wrist** and **passed in front of a machine.**

Passage Two - A:

1	a. to promote Danish cultures, traditions, and rich heritage b. …to pass them on to the next generations.
2	…… good luck…,… success, and happiness
3	Food saving and throwing …… and coming year will have pleasant and successful relationships with people
4	Finding old broken dishes indicates that one has too many good friends and well-wishes
5	young children

B: Decide whether the statements are true or false. (4 points)

1- T	2- F	3 -T	4 -T

C: Replace the underlined parts of the sentences with words from the text:

1. Occasion. 2. Optimistic

Literature (15 points)

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Romeo and Juliet : (15 points)

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

Section B: (10 points)

A: decide whether the following sentences are true or false : (5 points)

1	2	3	4	5
T	F	F	F	T

B1: write the name of the character that matches the given description

Benvolio- Paris- Romeo -Lady Capulet

B2 : Read the following quotation then answer the questions below:

1. Mercutio 2. Romeo 3. Mercutio and Tybalt 4. He was stabbed by Tybalt under Romeo's arm

C. Answer

1. It had a round shape 2. He exiled him to Mantua

3. because Tybalt wants to start a fight with Romeo at the party and Lord Capulet won't allow him
4. a. He marries Romeo to Juliet
   b. He has a plan to stop the marriage between Juliet and Paris

5. Because his friend Mercutio was killed because of him

King Lear (15 points)

Section A:(5 points)

1- Circle the correct answer:

1- c	2 -a	3 --D	4 -B	5 -b

Section B: (10 points)

A: decide whether the following sentences are true or false :

1 -F	2 -T	3 -F	4 -T	5 -T

B:1 - write the name of the character that matches the given description : (2 points)

Kent- Albany- Edmund - Gloucester

B:2- 1.Cordelia . 2. King Lear 3. He got angry and said she was no longer his daughter.

C. Answer the following questions: (5 points)

1. Goneril sent her sister Regan a letter to warn her that the King Lear and his men were noisy
2. They ordered the men to make Kent a prisoner because he hit Oswald who disrespected the king.
3. Gloucester felt sorry for Lear because he lost his power and his mind.
4. Edmund tried to convince his father that edger plans to kill him.
5. Goneril wanted Edmund to kill Albany so that they can get married.

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