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Reading Comprehension (25 Points)

Passage One: (15 Points)

Read the text below, then do the required task:

There are many different customs connected with the New Year, varying from country to country, or from culture to culture.

For Chinese people all over the world, New Year is the more important event in the calendar. It begins on the first day of the moon, which has the darkest night, and continues till the full moon 15 days later. There are many traditions, most of them involving the colour red. During the celebrations, people wear red clothes and children are given red envelops containing ' lucky money'. Red is the symbol of fire, which is believed to drive away bad luck. This also explains the popularity of fireworks, which are supposed to frighten away bad spirits with their combination of noise, fire and brightness.

New Year is a time for families to get together and people often travel distances to be with their families. Food also plays an important part, especially the big family meal on the evening before the New Year begins (New Year's Eve).

On the other hand, a lot of the New Year ' traditions' in countries like England, Australia and USA are actually Scottish in origin. **These** include joining hands and singing the Scottish song Auld Lang Syne (which means something like ' for the old times')

Another custom which is less popular now, is 'first –footing'. To bring good luck to a house, the first person to visit **it** (entering by front door and leaving from back door) should be a tall, dark-haired man carrying a piece of coal for the fire, some salt, some bread and something to drink. These symbolize warmth, flavor and of course food. More generally, it is usual as in China, to clean the whole house on the day before new year, and to make sure you have paid pack any money you owe to others before midnight.

Whatever culture you look at, there seems to be one idea that underlies many of the New Year customs: the idea of a new beginning, of leaving one period behind and looking forward to the coming one.

Q1. Complete the following table about the new year's celebrated traditions : (2points)

Chinese Traditions	a-_____ b-_____
Scottish Traditions	a-_____ b-_____

Q2. Answer each of the following questions: **(5 points)**

1- What beliefs do the Chinese traditions have ?

a._____

b._____

2 – How is the New Year considered as family time according to the Chinese culture ?

_____

3 -How should the first Scottish person visiting the house look like ?

_____

4 – What do Chinese usually do before 12 pm ?

_____

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Q3. Decide whether each of the following is True or False: **(2points)**

1-The traditions of the New Year in the USA came from Scottish customs. (_____)
2-' First-footing' becomes more popular nowadays in the USA. (_____)
3-Auld Lang Syne is a Scottish song which means "for the old times". (_____)
4 – Chinese customs of the New Year exist only in China . (_____)

Q4. What do the underlined words refer to : **(2 points)**

a. These (L.14): _____
b. it (L.17) : _____

Q5. Complete the following sentences : **(2points)**

1- In China, a piece of coal symbolizes _____ while salt and bread symbolize _____ and _____.
2 – To be with their families, Chinese people _____

Q6. Circle the correct answer below : **(2 points)**

a. The balanced scales symbolize (**peace / justice**).
b. The money is yours. You can use it (**however / whatever**) you like.
c. You can phone me (**whatever / whenever**) you like. I'm free all week.
d. You shouldn't (**underpay / undervalue**) your talent. You are a very gifted singer .

Passage Two (10 Points)
Read the following passage about the Islamic calendar, then answer the questions below:

All countries of the world celebrate in their own way on New Year's Eve. Fun is predominant on different peoples on New Year's Eve. The celebration of the New Year is a global, social and cultural event. People revive it with different traditions and customs, so the families gather to establish a wonderful festive atmosphere of fun and play, and many types of food are offered on this occasion, and games about fireworks in cities, where a smile spread on the faces of adults and children , and celebration dates for this occasion vary from one country to another, the Chinese have their own day to celebrate their New Year. And other people celebrate different dates than the New Year, and despite that, this occasion calls everyone to joy Happy New Year.

The reason for the different dates for celebrating New Year's Day is due to the spherical shape of the Earth, where the countries are distributed along the meridians, and the movement of the Earth and its rotation around itself causes a difference in time between the countries of the world, and therefore it precedes midnight in the countries of the east of the globe before the countries located in the west, and accordingly, the timings of the celebration vary by several hours. The Kiritimas and Kamoa' Islands are the first to celebrate the coming of the New Year, while Baker Island and Hawaii are the last countries to celebrate the New Year, and the Australian city of Sedney is the city that witnesses the first welcoming of the New Year and from which the celebrations of the world begin.

A- Answer each of the following questions: **(3 Points)** **1 - Mention two of the traditions and customs of the New Year Eve.**

a-_____
b-_____

2 – What are the names of the last countries to celebrate the New Year ?

_____

B- Complete the following sentences : **(3 points)**

1 – The celebration of the New Year is considered a _____,_____ and _____event.
2- There are different dates for celebrating New Year's Day because of _____
3- The city which witnesses the first welcoming of the New Year is _____ .

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C- Decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) : **(4 Points)**

1- All the countries in the world celebrate with the occasion of New Year in the same date.(___)

2- The shape of the Earth causes the difference in the time between the countries of the world. (_____)

3 – Kiritimas and Kamao Islands are the first to celebrate the coming New Year. (_____)

4 – Midnight in the countries of the west of the globe is before the midnight in countries located in the east. (_____)

Literature : (15 Points)

Question Number One: (6 Points)

A: Choose the correct answer: **(2 Points)**

1- Juliet doesn't want Romeo to swear by the moon about their love because the moon is ____

a. Not a real thing . c. too far away

b. Nor bright enough d. always changing .

2- Shakespeare got the story of Romeo and Juliet from _____.

a. A traditional story c. his mind

b. A poem d. his society

3- At the beginning of the play, the man who is just trying to stop the fighting is _____.

a. Tybalt b. Capulet c. Benvolio d. Montague

4- In the party, Tybalt is able to recognize Romeo from his _____.

a. clothes b. voice c. mask d. politeness.

B: Complete each of the following sentences: **(2 Points)**

1- In their first meeting , Romeo describes Juliet as a shiny _____.

2- If the two families' men fight again, the Prince will punish them by _____.

3- Romeo offers to give up his _____because he now hates it.

4- At Shakespeare's time, boys performed feminine roles because _____

C: Read the following quotation, then answer the questions below: **(2 Points)**

" The villain has come here to scorn our celebrations. "

1. Who is the speaker ?_____
2. Who is the villain ?_____
3. What does the word" **here** " refer to ?_____
4. How does the speaker feel at this moment ? _____

Question Number Two:(9 Points)

A: Answer each of the following questions: **(5 Points)**

1 – How were theaters and plays in Shakespeare's time different from the modern ones ?

a._____.

b._____.

2- How does Prince Escalus describe the men who are fighting?

a._____ b._____

3-What makes it difficult for Romeo and Juliet to continue as lovers ?

_____

4- How does Lord Capulet describe Romeo ?

a._____ b._____

B: Decide whether the following sentences are True (T) or False (F) : **(2 points)**

1- Lord Capulet likes watching young men dancing because they are enjoying the party. (_____)

2- After their first meeting, both Romeo and Juliet realize there will be problems. (_____)

3- Juliet is angry because Romeo thinks she's given in to him so quickly. (_____)

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4- In Shakespear's time , plays were shown both in daylight and during the night. (_____)

: Match each character with the correct description : **(2 points)**

Juliet , Tybalt , Romeo , Prince Escalus

1. Aggressive and childish _____
2. Polite gentleman _____
3. Snowy dove _____
4. Angry _____

Writing : (10 Points)

Choose one of the following subjects and write about it.

1 – You have recently decided to take up a new hobby or learn a new skill and you have joined a club or group of people who are doing the same thing.

Make use of these ideas:

- What is the new hobby you have recently started?
- Why did you choose your new activity?
- What are the benefits of doing it with other people ?
- Talk about the people that share the new hobby with you .

2- Think about a resolution you want to take in the New Year, then make a plan you might follow in future.

Make use of these ideas:

- What is the resolution?
- What are your goals ?
- What are the steps of achieving the resolution ?
- What could go wrong ?
- What are your chances of success ?

The End

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