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Section:

Name:

Section	Question	points	Student's point
1	Reading Comprehension Section A	30	
2	Section B	20	
3	Vocabulary	30	
4	Language	30	
5	Literature	25	
	Writing	15	
6	Total	150	

Comprehension: (50 Points)

Text 1 (30 Points)

Read the following text, then answer the questions that follow:

_____ We often hear people say 'It's a small world, isn't it?' It's usually when they've just experienced one of those strange coincidences that seem to happen in nearly everyone's lives. You know the kind of thing: you're on holiday in another country and you run into a person you know from home, even though neither of you knew that the other was going there too.

_____ People often think experiences like this are evidence of something mysterious happening, some kind of hidden plan outside our knowledge. The scientific explanation is less exciting, and perhaps that's why some people are reluctant to accept it. Coincidences are events that unexpectedly happen at the same time for no clear reason, or finding an unexpected connection between seemingly random things or people. A very common example of *the latter* is talking to a complete stranger and finding that you have the same birthday. What are the chances of *that* happening?

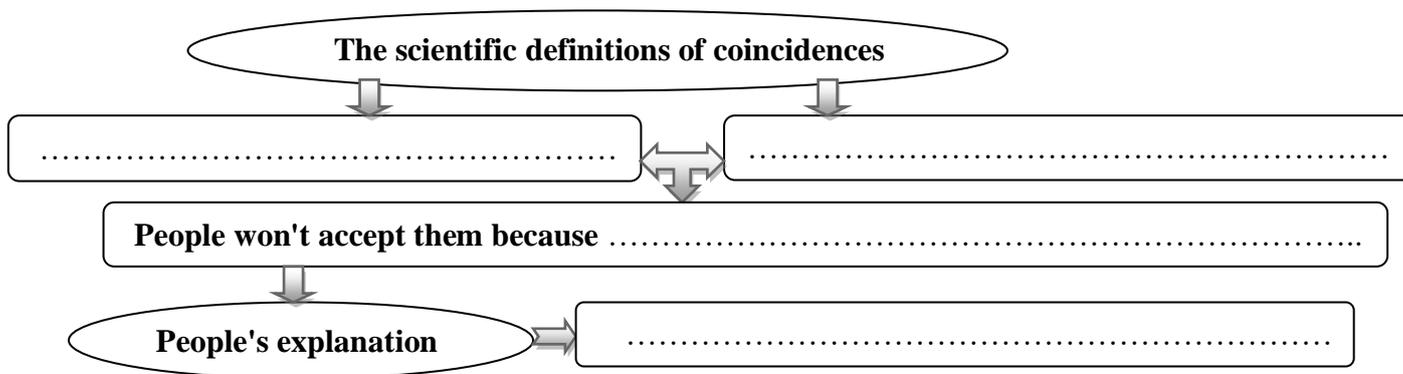
_____ Actually, the chances are better than you might think, and there's a mathematical way to prove it. It has been calculated that the number of people you need to have a **50%** chance of two of them sharing a birthday is 23. And when there are 48 people in a room, the probability goes up to 95%. To put it another way, if there are only 50 people reading these words, (and I hope there are **more!**) one of them will almost certainly have the same birthday as me.

_____ The other part of the scientific explanation for coincidences is simply that there are so many events in people's lives. Just think of the number of people that you have had any kind of connection with during your life. There are probably over 10,000, and the older you get, the more there will be. If you are the kind of person who talks to strangers, you will definitely come across coincidences. Basically, when you think about how complex our lives are, especially nowadays with the internet, the only surprising thing is that coincidences don't happen more often.

A: Read the text then choose the best heading for each paragraph: (6points)

- 1. How science defines coincidences
- 2. What increases coincidences in people's lives
- 3. Chances of sharing a birthday
- 4. Coincidences as normal parts of nearly everyone's lives

B: Complete the diagram with information from the text: (6points)



C: What do the following refer to: (4.5points)

- 1. 'that' line 10: _____
- 2. '50%' line 12: _____
- 3. 'more' line 14: _____

D: Answer these questions fully: (4.5points)

- 1. When is running into a person you know in another country considered a strange coincidence?

- 2. As for the writer, what is the other part of the scientific explanation for coincidences?

- 3. What kind of person comes across more coincidences?

E: Decide whether the following statements are True or False: (6points)

1. When people say 'It's a small world', they mean their lives get more connected than before. (True / False)
2. Having more people in a room decreases the chance of two of them sharing a birthday. (True / False)
3. The writer's conclusion about coincidences is that they are really surprising. (True / False)
4. Due to the internet, people's lives are becoming more complex nowadays. (True / False)

F : Circle the letter of the correct answer: (3points)

1. The phrase '*the latter*' line 9 means:
(a) the unexpected connections (b) the random things (c) the last one mentioned
2. The older you get, the more there will be. The underlined phrase refers to :
(a) people you've had connection with (b) coincidences (c) strangers

Text 2 Read the following text, then answer the questions that follow: (20 Points)

The start of a New Year is the perfect time to turn a new page. Regardless of what resolution you commit to, the goal is to improve life in the coming year. Resolutions can come in many forms. Some people make a promise to change a bad habit, such as quitting smoking or eating less junk food. Other people make a promise to develop a positive habit, such as starting an exercise program or volunteering in their community. Of course, resolutions are much easier to make than to keep, so what can you do to make it more likely that you will keep your next resolution? The following tips may help you:

Focus on one goal at a time. Achieving even one small goal can increase your belief in yourself. For larger goals, consider breaking them into adaptable pieces to work on one at a time. Focusing yourself on one specific goal makes keeping a resolution much more achievable.

Make a detailed plan. Creating a written plan can help you stick to your goal. You can start by writing down your goal, making a list of things you might do to achieve that goal, and noting any obstacles that might stand in your way. By knowing exactly what the difficulties you might face, you'll be better prepared to stick to your resolution and overcome anything that might sidetrack you.

Better together. Instead of going to the gym by yourself, ask friends if they want to get active together. This way you can motivate each other and spend time with the people you love most. Achieving goals together is much more fun anyways.

Start with small steps. Taking on too much too quickly is a common reason why so many New Year's resolutions fail. Instead, focus on taking tiny steps that will ultimately help you reach your larger goal. While it may seem like a slow start, these small changes make it easier increase the likelihood of long-term success.

A: Answer the following Questions: (7points)

1. How can you create a helpful written plan and stick to it?
a- _____ b- _____
c- _____
2. What benefits do you get from involving another person in your resolution?

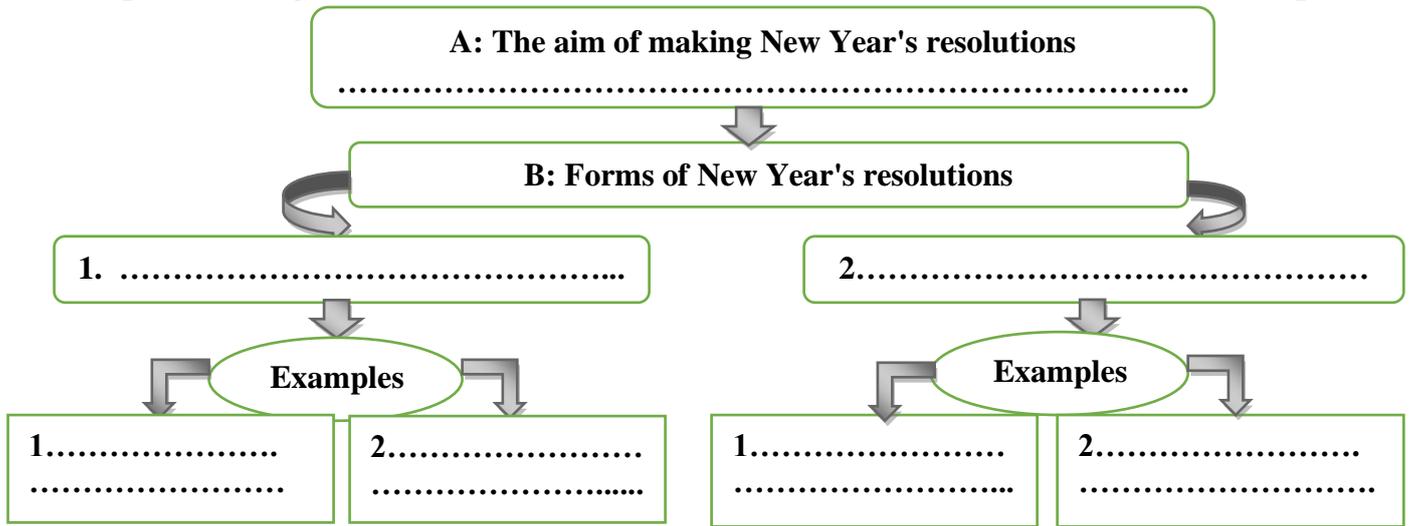
3. What should you do instead of doing something too quickly?

B: Decide if the statements are True or False according to the text: (6points)

1. Keeping to new resolutions isn't as easy as making them. (True / False)
2. There is a better chance of success in your resolution if you do things alone. (True / False)
3. If people want to improve their life in the coming year, they will definitely face challenges. (True / False)

C: Complete the diagram from the text:

(7points)



Vocabulary: (30 Points)

A: Choose words from the box and match them with their meanings:

(6points)

on show – outweighs – bald – on demand

1. _____ : is more important than
2. _____ : able to be seen
3. _____ : whenever one wants
4. _____ : without hair

B: Complete the following sentences with suitable words from the box:

(6points)

vary – stuck – controversial – boasts

1. Tamer _____ of owning the most expensive car in the neighbourhood.
2. They were _____ in traffic and missed their flight.
3. Social customs _____ from country to country.
4. Sometimes it's just best to avoid topics that might be _____.

C: a. Complete the following sentences using the words in the box with (co- or mis-):

(3points)

use – ordinated

1. He has lots of different ideas about what to do, but no _____ plan.
2. _____ of the equipment could endanger the lives of staff.

b. Complete the following sentences with the prepositions [of / for / in] as needed:

(4points)

1. For more success, we need an expert _____ economics.
2. They advise students to become aware _____ their own excuses.

D: Complete the sentences with the suitable phrasal verbs from the box:

(6points)

addicted to – catch up – stand out – came across

1. Sorry! I'll _____ with you another time, Rania.
2. She _____ some old photos in a drawer.
3. Most of the young are _____ junk food.
4. You have to do things exceptionally well to _____ from the crowd.

E: Circle the correct answer:

(5points)

1. The prosperity of a country depends upon its citizens. The underlined word means _____
(people who live in a country / people who you know but not very well)
2. He's currently abroad on _____. (purpose / business)
3. The report _____ that there's a decrease in the number of the population in this area. (convinced / revealed)
4. It's funny to hear children say things with _____. (unintended meanings / comfort zone)
5. Competition has created many new job _____. (description / opportunities)

Section A: (20 Points)

From this section answer all the questions. (في هذا القسم اجب عن جميع الأسئلة)

A: Put the verbs in brackets in their correct forms: (5points)

1. I _____ to call the internet company all morning. (try)
2. He didn't hear the phone ring, because he _____ to really loud music. (listen)
3. Rana _____ what this word really means. (not know)
4. He _____ shocked when he saw the bill. (be)
5. We _____ all the water before we were halfway up the mountain. (finish)

B: Circle the correct answer: (5points)

1. Huda's mother put some nice flowers in the vase, _____?
(a) does she (b) doesn't she (c) didn't she (d) did she
2. How many English tests _____ this month?
(a) have you had (b) are you having (c) did you have (d) do you have
3. He _____ a strange sound, but he didn't know what it was.
(a) has just heard (b) had just heard (c) just heard (d) will hear
4. Would you _____ waiting for more five minutes?
(a) offer (b) promise (c) agree (d) mind
5. Please be quiet! The children _____.
(a) are sleeping (b) were sleeping (c) slept (d) had slept

C: 1- Report the following: (3points)

1. 'Did you meet each other at school?'
He asked them _____
2. 'Why are you wearing sunglasses?'
She asked me _____
3. 'What time will the plane arrive?'
I questioned _____

2- Circle the correct verb forms (to+infinitive or -ing): (2points)

1. You've definitely got the keys. I remember _____ them to you in the café this morning. (to give / giving)
2. If you decide _____ our offer, let me know. (not to accept / to not accept)

D: 1- Rewrite the sentence using reduced relative clauses: (2points)

1. The students who will be selected tomorrow will be offered a scholarship.

2. Trees which fell in the storm have resulted in several accidents.

2- Add the suitable question tag: (3points)

1. They're still working, _____?
2. Hadi never comes on time, _____?
3. Money isn't everything, _____?

Section B: (10 Points)

From this section answer Two questions only: (في هذا القسم اجب عن سؤالين فقط)

A: 1- Rewrite the sentences using the provided words, (Change the tense if necessary): (2points)

1. Rami listened to the news and wrote a short report. (after)

2. He broke his leg. He climbed the ladder. (while)

2- Complete these sentences with (could well, probably won't, or might): (3points)

1. I. _____ go shopping today, but I'm not sure yet.
2. He's an extremely talented football player. He _____ be a future captain of England.
3. This idea _____ work, but let's try it anyway.

B: Correct the mistakes in these sentences (*There is one mistake in each sentence*): (5points)

1. Have you visited your grandma last Friday? _____
2. Lessons with our English teacher are never bored. _____
3. Who did pay the university fees? / My father did. _____
4. This cake is tasting wonderful. _____
5. He hasn't studied much, so he could not pass the exam. _____

C: 1- Circle the correct verb forms (*-ing or past participle*) to complete the sentences: (2points)

1. You look really _____. Why don't you go to bed?. (**tired / tiring**)
2. The directions were _____ and we got lost. (**confused / confusing**)

2- Complete the sentences using (*will, present continuous or be going to*) with the verbs in brackets:

1. What _____ when you finish university? (**you / do**) (3points)
2. Salwa _____ her friend at 4 p.m. today. (**meet**)
3. People _____ definitely _____ from home more in the future. (**work**)

Literature: (25 Points)

Romeo & Juliet:

A: Decide whether the following are True or False: (6points)

1. There's a common agreement that Shakespeare worked as a teacher before moving to London. (**True/False**)
2. Before going to the Capulet's party, Romeo had a nice feeling about falling in love. (**True/False**)
3. Both Romeo and Juliet asked the nurse about each other's identity. (**True/False**)
4. Like all other women, Juliet is good at hiding her feelings. (**True/False**)

B: Complete the sentences with the correct information: (4points)

1. Lord Capulet likes watching the young people dancing because _____
2. The Globe theatre was unusual because _____
3. Juliet describes their love as _____ which goes before you notice it.
4. According to Romeo, _____ helped him fly over the walls.

C: Circle the correct answers: (6points)

1. Boys used to act female characters because:
a- women refused to act b- women weren't allowed to act c- boys were better at acting
2. Rich educated people used to sit :
a- in front of the stage b- on the stage c- in the high parts of the theatre
3. Romeo says he hates his name and offers to :
a- give up his name b- be called a rose c- be called a capulet
4. The tragedy of Romeo and Juliet is about:
a- the fighting between the Capulets and the Montagues
b- the difficulty of being idealistic. c- beautiful love poetry.

D: Answer these questions fully: (6points)

1. How does the nurse try to impress Romeo to win Juliet's love?

2. What punishment will the Capulets and Montagues get if they fight again?

3. Why were plays during Shakespeare's time shown only during daylight?

E: Read this quotation correctly then answer the questions that follow: (3points)

"Oh, don't swear by the moon."

1. Who is the speaker? Who is the addressed?

2. What swear does the speaker mean?

3. Why doesn't the speaker accept this swear?

Model Answers

Text 1: (30 Points)

A: $4 \times 1.5 = 6$

parag.1 Coincidences as normal parts of nearly everyone's lives **parag.2** How science defines coincidences

parag.3 Chances of sharing a birthday

parag.4 What increases coincidences in people's lives

B: $4 \times 1.5 = 6$

The two parts are: Coincidences are events that unexpectedly happen at the same time for no clear reason.

Finding an unexpected connection between seemingly random things or people.

People won't accept them because: the scientific explanation is less exciting. (They want a more exciting one)

People's explanation: They are evidences of something mysterious happening, some kind of hidden plan outside our knowledge.

C: $3 \times 1.5 = 4.5$

1. Talking to a complete stranger and finding that you have the same birthday.
2. The percentage of chance of two people sharing a birthday if there are 23 people in a room.
3. Than 50 people reading the writer's words

D: $3 \times 1.5 = 4.5$

1. When neither of you knew that the other was going there too.
2. The other part of the scientific explanation for coincidences is simply that there are so many events in people's lives.
3. The person who talks to strangers.

E: $1.5 \times 4 = 6$ 1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T

F: $2 \times 1.5 = 3$ 1. c 2. a

Text 2: (20 Points)

A: 1. $3 \times 1 = 3$ a. Writing down your goal. b. Making a list of things you might do to achieve that goal.

c. Noting any obstacles that might stand in your way.

2. **2pts** This way you can motivate each other and spend time with the people you love most. Achieving goals together is much more fun anyways.

3. **2pts** Instead, focus on taking tiny steps that will ultimately help you reach your larger goal.

B: $2 \times 3 = 6$ 1. T 2. F 3. T

C: $7 \times 1 = 7$ Aim: to improve life in the coming year.

Forms: 1. Making a promise to change a bad habit. Examples: 1- quitting smoking 2- eating less junk food.

2. make a promise to develop a positive habit. Examples: 1. starting an exercise program
2. volunteering in their community.

Vocabulary: (30 Points)

- A: $4 \times 1.5 = 6$ 1. outweighs 2. on show 3. on demand 4. bald
- B: $4 \times 1.5 = 6$ 1. boasts 2. stuck 3. vary 4. controversial
- C: a. $2 \times 1.5 = 3$ 1. co-ordinated 2. Misuse
- b. $2 \times 2 = 4$ 1. in 2. of
- D: $4 \times 1.5 = 6$ 1. catch up 2. came across 3. addicted to 4. stand out
- E: $1 \times 5 = 5$ 1. people who live in a country 2. business 3. revealed
4. unintended meanings 5. opportunities

Language: (30 Points)

Section A:

A: $5 \times 1 = 5$ 1. have been trying 2. was listening 3. doesn't know 4. was 5. had finished

B: $5 \times 1 = 5$ 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. a

C: 1- $3 \times 1 = 3$ 1. if they had met each other at school 2. why I was wearing sunglasses
3. what time the plane would arrive

2- $2 \times 1 = 2$ 1. giving 2. not to accept

D: 1- $2 \times 1 = 2$ 1. The students **selected** tomorrow will be offered a scholarship.

2. Trees **falling** in the storm have resulted in several accidents.

2- 3X1=3 1. aren't they 2. does he 3. is it

Section B:

A: 1- 2X1=2 1. After Rami had listened to the news, he wrote a short report.
2. He broke his leg while he was climbing the ladder.

2- 3X1=3 1. might 2. could well 3. probably won't

B: 5X1=5 1. Did you visit 2. boring 3. paid 4. tastes 5. might not / may not

C: 1- 2X1=2 1. tired 2. confusing

2- 3X1=3 1. are you going to do 2. is meeting 3. will definitely work

Literature: (25 Points)

Romeo & Juliet

A: 4X1.5=6 1. F 2. F 3. T 4. F

B: 4X1=4 1. it reminds him of when he was young 2. it had a round shape
3. lightning 4. love's light wings

C: 4X1.5=6 1. b 2. c 3. a 4. b

D: 3X2=6 1. By saying that the man who wins her love will have plenty of money.
2. They will be punished by death / (be executed)
3. Because most of the theatres did not have roofs.

E: 3X1=3 1. speaker: Juliet addressed: Romeo
2. To swear about his love by the moon.

3. Because the moon changes all through the month. She doesn't want his love to be changeable like the moon.

King Lear

A: 3X2=6 1. T 2. F 3. F

B: 1. 1pt In order to decide how to share the country between them
2. 1pt Because he wanted his father to believe that Edgar has tried to kill him.
3. 3X1=3 a- to go home with Goneril b- to ask Goneril to forgive him
c- to send away fifty of his men

C: 2X2=4 1. b 2. a

D: 1- 3X1=3 France / Cordelia / told the truth
2- 1X1=1 Edgar

E: 2X3=6 1. speaker: Cordelia addressed: King Lear
2. She wants to tell the truth and has no care for money and land.
3. He gave her share of land to her sisters. He said to her that she isn't his daughter and he married her to the King of France.

The End