



Reading Comprehension (25 points)

Question Number One: (15 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below:

Generally speaking, rich people aren't happier than poor people. Admittedly, this may seem to be a controversial statement to some, but there is enough evidence to be able to state this as a fact. Developments in biology and psychology now allow us to measure happiness more accurately than ever before, and the results are clear. Levels of stress and depression in the richer countries are rising, with people reporting less, not more, satisfaction with their lives.

A recent study in the UK shows that overall happiness peaked in the mid-1970s and has been declining **ever since**. The researchers reached the conclusion that over a certain level (about: £20,000 per person), "extra income is not associated with increased happiness." Put simply, once basic human needs have been met, there is simply no point in getting richer.

It seems that a lot of people have forgotten something that nearly everyone used to think was obvious: money and happiness are not the same thing. I hesitate to write **this**, because someone will say that I am romanticising poverty. I am not. But I have lived in poor countries, and it was impossible not to notice that people there smile and laugh more, socialise more easily and complain less than people in richer nations.

Obviously, I am not saying that poverty causes happiness, but there does seem to be a lot of evidence that wealth causes unhappiness. Why, then, do people still spend so much time and effort on getting richer, even when they already have far more than they could ever need? Various theories have been suggested. To be honest, though, I am still unsure. Personally, I can't understand why anyone would need to buy another luxury car when they already have three or four. The only explanation I can come up with is that it is a kind of addiction: when your life has been all about making money, that becomes your purpose, the reason you get up in the morning.

A. Answer the following questions:

(6 points)

1. Which statement is considered to be controversial to some people?

2. What did the writer notice about people in poor countries?

- a. _____ b. _____
c. _____

3. What evidence does the writer talk about?

B. Read the text. Then choose the best title for the article.

(2 points)

- a. Poor but happy b. The true meaning of happiness c. How much is enough?

C. Complete the following sentences:

(3 points)

1. Happiness is measured more precisely than before due to _____.
2. The writer hesitates to say that "money and happiness are not the same thing" because _____.
3. The writer sums the article up saying that making money is a kind of _____.

D. Decide if the statements are True or False according to the text:

(2 points)

1. Being rich is no guarantee that you will have a happy life. ()
2. The writer believes that poverty causes happiness. ()
3. Levels of stress and depression in the richer countries are going up. ()
4. The writer encourages people to search for money even though they don't need any more. ()

E. What do these words refer to?**(2 points)**

1. **ever since** (line 7): _____ 2. **this** (line 11): _____

Question Number Two: (10 points)**Read the text and do the tasks below:**

The explosion in mobile phones use around the world has made some health professionals worried. Some doctors are concerned that in the future, people may suffer health problems from using mobile phones. Even now, there are people who claim that their mobile phones are making them sick.

In one case, a young salesman had to stop working because of serious memory loss. He couldn't remember even simple things. He would often forget the name of his own child. The man used to talk on his mobile phone for six hours a day, every day of his working week, for a couple of years. His family's doctor blamed his mobile phone use, but his employer disagreed.

Of course, mobile phone companies are worried about the negative publicity of such stories. They say that there is no proof that mobile phones are bad for your health. While there still isn't any proof that mobile phones are bad for your health, neither is there any proof that mobile phones aren't bad for your health. Research has shown that using mobile phones affects brain activity, but it isn't clear what effect **it** might have over the long term. What is it that makes mobile phones potentially harmful? The answer is radiation.

Radiation happens when one object sends heat or energy to another object. Heat radiation from the sun, for example, is heat sent from the sun to the earth. High-tech machines can detect very small amounts of radiation from mobile phones. The amount of radiation from mobile phones falls between the lower amount that radio waves produce and the higher amount that microwaves make. It's a fact that some radiation comes from mobile phones. While mobile phone companies agree with **this fact**, they say the amount is too small to worry about. Some scientists, however, disagree. They say we still don't know if small amounts of radiation over a long period of time can cause health problems.

As the debate about the safety of mobile phones continues, you might want to take some advice from scientists. Use your mobile phone only when you really need to. Keep your telephone calls short. Turn your phone off when you aren't using it. When you do use it for long calls, try using ear buds (very small headphone, worn inside the ear) instead of holding the phone to your ear. In the future, mobile phones may have a warning label that says they are bad for your health. So for now, be careful.

A. Answer the following questions:**(4 points)**

1. What are the doctors' worries about the use of mobile phones?

2. How did the mobile affect the salesman's health?

3. Mention two pieces of advice that scientists give to mobile users

- a. _____
b. _____

B. Decide whether these statements are true or false:**(3 points)**

1. The salesman's doctor agreed with his employer on the cause of his sickness . ()
2. Companies say there is no evidence that mobile phones are bad for your health. ()
3. Scientists are sure that small amounts of radiation over a long period of time can cause health problems. ()

D. What do the following pronouns refer to?**(3 points)**

- a. **it** (line 12) _____ b. **this fact** (line 18) _____

Literature (15 points)

اختر واحدة من القصتين وأجب عن جميع أسئلتها Choose one of the two stories and answer all the questions

Romeo and Juliet (15 points)**Question Number Three: (15 points)****A: Choose the correct answer:****(4 points)**

- One of the following tries to join in the fighting:
 - Benvolio
 - Prince Escalus
 - Old Capulet
 - Lady Capulet
- Tybalt seems to be:
 - Understanding
 - aggressive
 - friendly
 - smart and funny
- Before they fight, Tybalt calls Romeo a:
 - rat-catcher
 - coward
 - good Montague
 - villain
- Lord Capulet decides that his daughter should marry:
 - Mercutio
 - Romeo
 - Tybalt
 - Paris

B: Decide whether the following are true or false:**(4 points)**

- The story of the lovers was well-known before Shakespeare wrote his play *Romeo and Juliet* ()
- Tybalt thinks Romeo has come to the party to see Juliet. ()
- Juliet is worried that Romeo might think that she has fallen in love too quickly. ()
- Lord Capulet decides to punish Romeo with death. ()

C: Read the following quotation and answer the question below:**(3 points)**

"I have a reason to love you" and "your name is as important to me as my own."

- Who says these words? _____.
- To whom? _____.
- When does the speaker say these words? _____.

D: Answer the following questions:**(4 points)**

- Mention two differences between modern theatres and the old ones:
 - _____
 - _____
- How do Romeo and Juliet react when they are told who they have been talking to?

- Why does Friar Laurence agree to marry Romeo and Juliet?

- How does Tybalt kill Mercutio?

Literature (King Lear): (15 points)**Question Number Three: (15 points)****A: Decide whether the following statements are True or False:****(3 points)**

1. Edmund cut his arm because he wanted his father to feel sorry for him. ()
2. According to Regan, her father is the only one to blame for his suffering. ()
3. King of France's plan is to rescue King Lear from his daughters. ()

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

1. Cornwall called Gloucester as _____.
2. Lear felt that he couldn't stay with either daughter, so he _____.
3. Edgar pretended to be _____.

C: Read the following quotation then answer the questions below:**(4 points)****" I love you as much as a daughter should love her father, no more no less."**

1. Who said this? _____ To whom? _____
2. Why did the speaker say this? _____
3. What was the addressee's reaction after these words? _____

D: Answer the following questions:**(5 points)**

1. Why did Edmund plan to turn his father against his brother?

2. What did Cordelia ask her sisters to do as she was leaving with the king of France? why?

3. Why did Regan and her husband decide to blind Gloucester?

4. Who told Gloucester that Edmond betrayed him?

5. What did Lear realize after giving everything to his daughters?

Writing: (10 points)**Question Number Four: (10 points)****Choose one of the following topics:****اكتب موضوعا واحدا من الموضوعين****1. " Life-changing decisions are decisions that can change your life."****Think of a decision you have taken that has changed something in your life. Write a well-organized essay using the following ideas:**

- Paragraph 1: Introduction \ What is that decision?
- Paragraph 2: How has it affected your life?
- Paragraph 3: Do you regret taking that decision?
- Paragraph 4: conclusion \ Would you recommend this decision to a friend?

2. Write a short essay about the following topic:**Has the internet made the world happier? Or has it actually turned it into a place of crime and hatred? Use the following ideas:**

- What aspects of life does the internet affect?
- What benefits has it brought to the world?
- How could the internet harm people and societies?
- Your conclusion

The End



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