



Reading Comprehension (25 points)

Question Number one

(15points)

Read the text then answer the questions below:

Around this time of year, lots of people make resolutions to change their lives. Of course, it's natural to associate a new year with new beginnings, but doing something new brings benefits to your life whenever you choose to do it. In fact, New Year is possibly one of the worst times of the year to make life-changing decisions if you want to stick to **them**: in Europe and North America, it coincides with the middle of winter. With **its** long 5 hours of darkness and cold wet weather, this is definitely not a season to be optimistic. This may well be why, as many studies have shown, most people who make New Year's resolutions usually break them after five weeks. So, whatever time of year it is, you might decide to learn to speak Chinese, take up long-distance running, become a poet, or whatever. How do you make sure you don't start with great enthusiasm, but then give up soon afterwards? We're sure following the three steps in this article will make success a lot more likely.

10 Set clear goals

When you're thinking about aims, there's one rule you should follow above all others: don't be too general. Just thinking that you 'want to be a bit healthier' is very unlikely to get you anywhere. Instead, you need to express your aim as something exact and practical that can be measured.

Enjoy yourself

15 Don't spend all your time worrying about how successful you're going to be. Remember to enjoy the new experience for what it is. That way there's a far better chance that you'll keep going. If you're learning something, you'll make much better progress if you enjoy the learning rather than thinking about what score you might get at the end.

Share it

20 Including other people can have various benefits. Firstly, the more people you tell about what you're doing, the less likely you are to give up, simply because you don't want to have to admit it to them. Secondly, if you do something with other people, it will be more fun (see above) and you won't want to let them down.

A-What two things, according to the article, are wrong with the idea of 'New year's resolutions'?

(2points)

- a-
- b-

B-Decide whether the following sentences are True or False:

(4points)

- 1- You can achieve much success in tasks if you focus attention on the targeted result. ()
- 2- The writer recommends to tell the large number of people you can while accomplishing a certain task ()
- 3- New Year time is perfect for new dramatic changes in life. ()
- 4- Following the right tips to stick to your resolutions is more important than time of taking them. ()

C- Complete the following sentences with information from the text above:

(3 Points)

- 1- People in Europe and North America always new year's resolutions they take afterwards.
- 2- To stick to our aims and resolutions, we should
- 3- is the most essential tip to take into consideration.

D- Give the right tip for the following situations:

(3 Points)

1- " I always dream of being a millionaire and a well-known business man. "

2- " I do well when my friends encourage me to complete my graduation project. "

3- " I can't do anything except how I would be like after getting fit at the end of the year."

E - Write what these pronouns might refer to:

(3points)

1- them (line 4): -----

2- its (line 4): -----

Question Number Two: (10 points)

Read the text carefully then answer the questions below

New Year's Day is celebrated in various ways across the globe, each culture has brought its unique customs and traditions throughout history . Even in Palestine: **"The Cradle of monotheistic religions"** New Year traditions are as diverse as its rich history and cultural landscape.

The Islamic New Year, known as Hijri New Year, is marked by reflection, prayer, and communal gatherings. The first day of Muharram, the first month in the Islamic calendar, is a time for Muslims to reflect on the past year while looking forward to the coming one. That's why ,this day is considered sacred, and **many** attend mosque services to pray for peace and prosperity .Celebrating the New Year of Al-Hijra in Nablus, for instance, involves a mix of cultural and religious practices among the Muslim society. Families come together to share meals, exchange gifts, and engage in preparing **various** kinds of sweets . Sharing in a traditional feasting like **maqluba** (upside-down rice dish), which symbolizes unity and hospitality ,is very common among both Muslims and Christians in such an occasion .

In Gaza, despite the challenges, families still find ways to celebrate with intimate gatherings and shared meals. The resilience(صمود) of the Palestinian people shines through their ability to celebrate life and heritage, making New Year traditions a powerful reflection of their identity and aspirations for peace

On the other hand , the Christian communities in Palestine celebrate the New Year on January the 1st, every year. This occasion is often marked with festive gatherings, church services, and traditional meals. For many Christians, the New Year is a time to celebrate with family and friends, reflecting on the past year and making resolutions for the future. In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, celebrations can be particularly vibrant, with fireworks and public festivities drawing visitors from around the world.

Christians light candles and pray for blessings in the new year which symbolizes hope and guidance.

Despite the differences in traditions, a common theme unites the people of Palestine during the New Year: the emphasis on family, community, and hope for a better future.

A_ Circle the correct answer (3points)

1- The first day of Muharram in the Islamic calendar is very significant because it is -----

- A) a day for family gatherings
- B) time for reflection and prayer
- C) a celebration with fireworks

2- ----- is the traditional meal mentioned in the text as a common dish among both Muslims and Christians on the New Year

- A) Pizza
- B) Hummus
- C) Maqluba

3- How do the New Year traditions in Gaza differ from those in other regions of Palestine, according to the text?

- A) They involve large public celebrations
- B) They are full of challenges
- C) They focus only on religious practices

B_ Complete (2 points)

- 1- ----- is the theme that unites people of Palestine during the New Year celebrations.
- 2- In Beitlehem celebrating the New Year involves -----

C_ Answer the question below (2points)

1. What does the New Year signify (mark) for both Muslims and Christians?

D_ Decide whether each of the following is True or False(2 points)

- 1- Traditional meals shared on the New Year in both communities, include maqluba, symbolize unity and hospitality. ()
- 2- The New Year Day is celebrate on the same date for both Muslims and Christians. ()

E_ What do these words or expressions refer to

1. " The cradle of monotheistic religions" (L.2) refers to -----
2. many (L. 6) refers to -----

Literature (15 points)

Choose one of the two stories and answer its questions اختر واحدة من القصتين واجب ع اسئلتها

Romeo & Juliet

Section A:

Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

- 1- Romeo and Juliet couldn't announce their marriage in public due to -----
- a. Friar Laurence b. Prince Escalus c. Paris d. their names
- 2- Prince Escalus threatened the Capulets and the Montagues with -----
- a. execution b. exile c. arguments d. fighting
- 3- Tybalt was stabbed by -----
- a. Mercutio b. Benvolio c. Romeo d. Paris
- 4- ----- is very rude and always ready to fight.
- a. Mercutio b. Benvolio c. Romeo d. Tybalt
- 5- The ----- edition of Romeo and Juliet was written by Shakespeare himself.
- a. first b. second c. third d. Tragical Historie

Section B: From this section, answer two questions only. (A, B, C) اجب عن قسمين من هذا السؤال (10 Points)

A. Decide whether the following statements are True or False:

(5 points)

- 1- Benvolio was described as a rat-catcher. ()
- 2- Mercutio damns both families at the end of the play ()
- 3- Frair Laurance's mixture makes Juliet sick and dizzy. ()
- 4- Mercutio started the fighting in which he died. ()
- 5- Romeo describes Juliet as a snowy crow in a group of doves. ()

B. Answer the following questions:

(5 points)

1- Why did Mercutio damn both families?

2- How did the Capulets and the Montagues plan to honor their dead children ?

3- Why are Shakespear's plays that we read today not the same as they were first written ?

4- Why does Lord Capulet want to let Romeo stay at their party?

5- How did both Romeo and Juliet die ?

C- Answer the following questions ?

(5 points)

1- Read this quotation and answer the questions:

(3 points)

" You joined our hands in marriage and I shall kill my hand and my heart than give them to another man ."

1. Who said these words? -----

2. To whom? -----

3. When ? -----

2- Put these events in the correct order as they happened ?

(2points)

a- ----- Lord Capulet invited so many people into his party.

b- ----- Mercutio was killed.

c- ----- Romeo and Juliet got married secretly.

d- ----- Juliet and Romeo talked to each other at her balcony .

King Lear

Section A: Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

1- Who said that she loves her father as much as a daughter should love her parent ?

a. Regan

b. Cordelia

c. Goneril

d. Rosalinda

2- Lear finds poor Tom in .

a. jail

b. dirty hut

c. Regan's castle

d. Goneril castle

3- Edmund cuts his arm because

a. he wants his father to feel sorry for him.

b. he does not want to do any work that day.

c. he is a great fighter.

d. he wants his father to believe that Edgar has tried to kill him.

4- During the battle, Lear and Cordelia are

a. taken captive

b. wounded

c. killed

d. poisoned

5- Goneril wants Edmund to murder her husband because

a. she cannot afford to pay someone else to do it.

b. she hates her husband

c. she wants to be the Countess of Gloucester.

d. she cannot marry Edmund while her husband was still alive

Section B: From this section, answer two questions only. (A, B, C) أجب عن قسمين من هذا السؤال (10 Points)

A. Decide whether the following statements are True or False.

(5 points)

- 1- Goneril orders her servant to respect her father's men. ()
- 2- Edgar tells his father who he is before his death. ()
- 3- King Lear expects Cordelia to be gentle with him ()
- 4- Lear cursed Cordelia and wished that her children would torment her. ()
- 5- Lear feels ashamed of Cordelia for what he has done to her. ()

B. 1- Read this quotation and answer the questions:

(5 points)

"I've got to think quickly. How am I to stop her from getting him now that her husband is dead" (3 points)

- 1- Who said these words? -----
- 2- When? -----
- 3- What did the speaker do as a result of this? -----

2- Complete the following sentences :

(2 points)

- 1- Regan was married to -----
- 2- Regan and Cornwall punished Gloucester by -----

C. Answer the following questions:

(5 points)

- 1- How did Edgar plan his escape?

- 2- Why did the King of France agreed to marry Cordelia?

- 3- Who led the English army? Who won the battle?

- 4- What makes Lear happy to go to prison ?

- 5- Why did Gloucester ask Edgar to take him to Dover?

Writing (10 points)

Choose **ONLY** one of the following topics: اكتب موضوعا واحدا من احد الموضوعين

1- The year 2025 has already started . So, You have made your own resolution to change your life and get new experiences e.g “take up a new hobby \ learn a new skill or even learn a new language ”

Write a well -organized essay using the following :

- What is your resolution
- The steps toward achieving this goal.
- how to overcome the difficulties
- The goals of this resolution.
- Possible difficulties / what could go wrong

2- Celebrating the beginning of Ramadan is widely common in many Arab countries. Write a well -organized essay talking about how do people enjoy themselves in such an occasion.

You can use the following

- Importance or the significance of such an occasion
- Reasons to celebrate
- Traditions to celebrate

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With Best Wishes