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English Language Grade 12

Literary Stream \ Paper Two

الفرع: الادبي \ الجلسة الثانية

Time: 2:15 Hours

Total Marks (50)

Date: \ 2023

Name: _____

Section: _____

Section	Question	Points	Students points
1	Reading comprehension	25	
2	Literature	15	
3	writing	10	
Total		50	

Reading Comprehension. (25 points)

Question Number One: (15 points)

Read the following text about resolutions then complete the tasks 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. As many studies have shown, most people who make New Year's resolutions usually break them after five weeks. We're sure the following four steps in the article will make success more likely.

1: _____

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.

2: _____

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.

3: _____

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.

4: _____

Don't try to do everything at once. Divide your final aim into smaller parts so that getting to the end of each part is one small success, and one step nearer to the goal.

A: Match the titles below to the above paragraphs. (4 points)

- a. One step at a time b. Enjoy yourself c. Share it d. Set clear goals.

B. Complete the following statements from the above passage. (7 points)

1. The two wrong things about New Year's resolutions are:

a. _____

b. _____

2. If you are passionate about what you do , you will, _____

and _____

3. You are recommended to inform others about what you are doing because:

a. _____

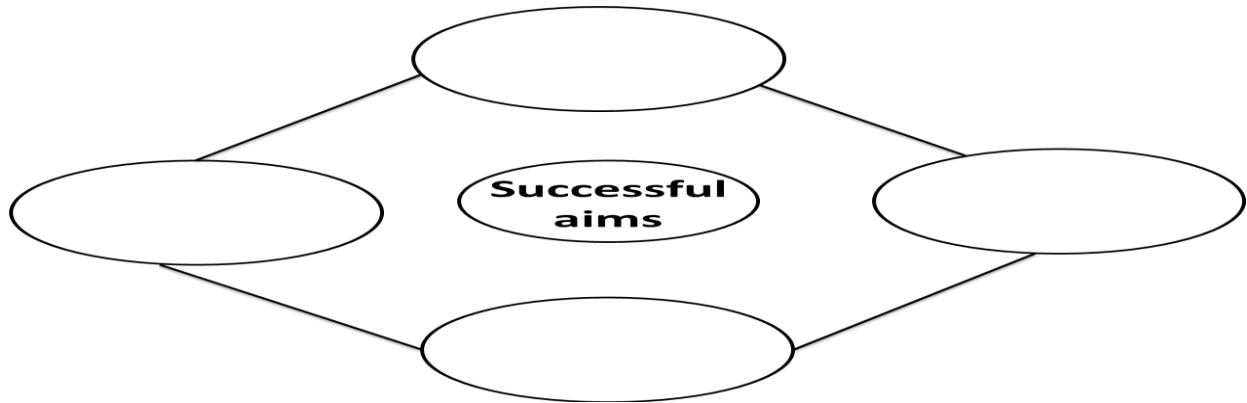
b. _____

c. _____

4. To get closer to your final aim, you should avoid _____

and _____

C: Complete the following shape with the qualities of successful aims. (2 points)



D: Choose the correct answer. (2points)

1. (**However\ Whenever**) hard I try, I couldn't find a job.
2. I found some great (**time - saved \time-saving**) recipes on YouTube.
3. (**Of course/To be honest**) , television has both advantages and disadvantages.
4. I'll work hard. I don't want to _____ him _____ (**give up /let down**).

Question Number Two: (10 points)

Read the following text then do the tasks below.

The human brain remembers negative experiences more easily than positive ones. Our brains have developed this way because threats, like dangerous animals, had a more immediate effect on our ancestors' survival than positive things like food or shelter. As a result, you likely know what makes you unhappy, but do you know what makes you happy?

Research shows that our level of happiness depends on various factors. Some of these are innate which we cannot control such as our genes and our life circumstances. Our level of happiness is also shaped by the choices we make. If you've been chasing wealth, fame, good looks, material things, and power, you may be looking for happiness in all the wrong places.

Psychologists suggest that introducing new habits and practices plays a key role in increasing one's state of happiness. People who form close relationships tend to be happier than those who do not. Relationships that bring happiness usually involve sharing of feelings, mutual respect, acceptance, trust, and fun. Happier people are more likely to have better jobs. The nature of one's work also determines the level of happiness. Freedom to make decisions and a sense of control greatly increase work-related happiness. Those who are more optimistic and have positive attitudes usually lead a happy life. People who make a habit of caring for the well-being of others tend to be happier. This might involve volunteering for an organization or reaching out to support friends and family on a regular basis.

We should decide what we want to do with our lives and try our best to be as happy as possible. We shouldn't try to judge whether other people are happy or not as their goals in life are likely to be different from ours.

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

1. Why do negative experiences stay with us longer than positive ones?

2. What are the two main types of factors that influence our level of happiness?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. Where do unhappy people typically look for happiness?

B: Complete the table with the missing information from the passage. (4 points)

Habits and practices that might increase your level of happiness in	
Social life	
Working environment	
Thoughts and beliefs	
Looking after others	

C: Choose the correct answer. (2 points)

- The suitable title for the above passage is :
a. Money and happiness. b. How to be happy. c. Threats and unhappiness.
- The writer's conclusion about happiness is that _____
a. our life goals determine our happiness.
b. we are happier when we compare ourselves to others.
c. people have similar points of view on happiness.

Literature (15 points)

Question Three: (5 points)

Section A:

Circle the correct answer .

- How does the opening of the play start?
a. with a flashback b. with a conversation between Lord Capulet and Lord Montague
c. with a fight d. with a narrator
- What message does the Nurse take to Juliet?
a. Romeo is ill and will not be able to meet her .
b. They should wait a month and talk to their parents .
c. She should go to Friar Laurence that afternoon to be married.
d. Romeo will meet her in the garden again that night.
- Friar Laurence tells Juliet that his liquid will _____
a. make her feel sick for 42 hours b. fall into a deep sleep
c. look older d. die in her bed
- What does Juliet say she would do if Romeo loved her?
a. give up her Capulet's name b. reject Paris proposal
c. tell her parents d. leave Verona forever
- Who is worried about the fight breaking out between Mercutio and Tybalt ?
a. Romeo b. Benvolio c. Prince Escalus d. Friar Laurence

Question Number Four: (10 points)

Section B: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts only. (1 , 2, 3) اجب عن قسمين من هذا السؤال

1: A. Say whether the following sentences are True or False: (2 points)

- The story of Romeo and Juliet was quite famous in England before Shakespeare. ()
- Romeo has a strange feeling that something will happen at the party. ()

B. Complete the following sentences: (3 points)

- Prince Escalus orders a hard punishment to both Capulets and Montagues because _____
_____ and wants both to _____
- Romeo hates his name because _____

2: Read the quotation then answer the questions: (5 points)

" Peace! I hate that word. I hate it as much as I hate the Montagues -and you".

1. Who says these words? _____
2. To whom? _____
3. When? _____
4. What does this saying indicate about the speaker?

3. Answer the following questions: (5 points)

- a. What is strange about the Globe theatre?

- b. Where does Shakespeare get the story of Romeo and Juliet from?

- c. Why does Capulet want Paris to wait before marrying Juliet?

- d. Why does Romeo think what has happened to him is a dream?

- e. What does Juliet tell Friar Laurence she would do to be faithful to Romeo?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Writing : (10 points)

Question Number Five :

Write on one of the following topics:

أكتب في أحد المواضيع التالية

1. Most countries around the world eagerly await the celebrations of the New Year.

Write a three- paragraph essay, do the following.

Paragraph One: Write about traditions and customs of new year in different cultures. (Chinese culture, English - speaking cultures)

Paragraph Two: Write about how Muslim countries celebrate New Hijra Year.

Paragraph Three: Discuss the ideas that underlie the customs of new year.

2. Throughout history, people have used different examples of money to carry out trade.

Do the following in a three- paragraph essay:

Paragraph One: Write about meaning and importance of money.

Paragraph Two: Write about different forms of money in the earliest societies.

Paragraph Three: Discuss the current and future forms of money.

The End

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Key Answers.

Question Number One: (15 points)

A: Match the titles below with the above paragraphs. (4 points, 1 point each)

1. D

2. B

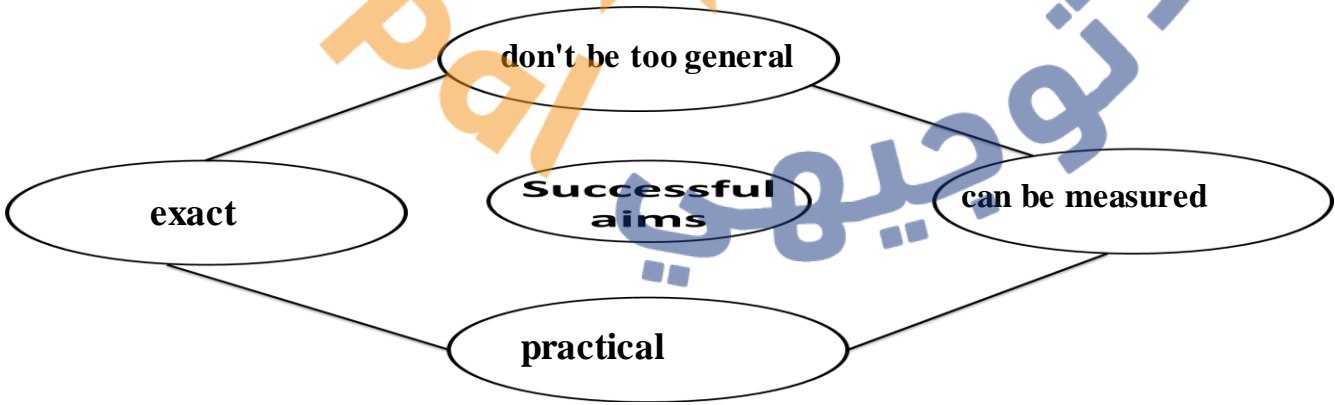
3. C

4. A

B. Complete the following statements from the above passage. (7 points)

1. a. New Year is possibly the worst time of year to make life-changing decision. (2 points, 1 each)
b. most people who make New Year's resolutions usually break them after five week.
2. a. you'll keep going **and** you'll make much better progress. (1 point , half each)
3. a. the less likely you are to give up. (3 points, 1 each)
b. it will be more fun.
c. you won't want to let them down.
4. trying to do everything at once **and** divide your final aim into smaller parts. (1 point , half each)

C: Complete the following shape with the qualities of successful aims. (2 points , half each)



D: Choose the correct answer. (2points, half each)

1. however 2. time-saving 3. Of course 4. let down.

Question Number Two: (10 points)

A: Answer all the following questions. (4 points, 1 point each)

1. because threats, like dangerous animals, had a more immediate effect on our ancestors' survival compared to positive things like food or shelter.
2. a. innate which we cannot control b. shaped by the choices we make
3. wealth, fame, good looks, material things, and power.

B: Complete the table with the missing information from the passage. (4 points, 1 point each)

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Thoughts and beliefs	more optimistic and have positive attitudes
Looking after others	volunteering for an organization or reaching out to support friends and family on a regular basis.

C: Choose the correct answer. (2 points, 1 point each)

1. B

2. A

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Question Three: (5 points)

Section A:

Circle the correct answer. (5 points , 1 point each)

1. C

2. C

3. B

4. A

5. A

Question Number Four: (10 points)

Section B: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts only. (1 , 2, 3) من هذا السؤال اجب عن قسمين

1: A. Say whether the following sentences are True or False: (2 points, 1 point each)

1. True

2. True

B. Complete the following sentences: (3 points, 1 point for each space)

1. a member of his family died / pay for his loss

2. it is an enemy to Juliet

2: Read the quotation then answer the questions: (5 points, 1 point each)

1. Tybalt

2. Benvolio

3. When servants were fighting in the streets and Benvolio wants Tybalt to help him stop the fight.

4. He is aggressive, rude and like fighting

3. Answer the following questions: (5 points, 1 point each)

a. it has a round shape.

b. from several other plays about Romeo and Juliet **and** a poem called the Tragical Historie of Romeo and Juliet.

c. Because she is too young to get married.

d. Because it is too perfect to be true.

e. 1. jump off the highest wall

2. sit in a bed of snakes

3. tie up with roaring bears

4. lie with a dead man in his grave.

(Any two points are acceptable)

The End.