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Reading Comprehension (25 points)
Question Number one:

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New Year is widely celebrated with visits to **family and friends.** In many different parts of the country, special religious chanting troupes organise performances in **praise** of Prophet Mohammad and in commemoration of his Hijra. For many, though, **this** period is a time for prayer and quiet thought, concentrating on what you have done wrong in **the past year** and how you need to change in the next. 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.

A-Answer the following questions from the text above:

(4 points)

1- **What are the features of the first person for the first footing custom ?**

2- **How is the New Hijra Year observed in Muslim countries?**

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

(3 points)

1. 'First Footing ' is a Scottish in origin and popular New Year custom these days. ()

2. New Year's Time is considered a good chance for Muslims to change their lives. ()

C. Say what the following refer to:

(3 points)

1. **it** line 5 _____

2. **these** line 7 _____

3. **this** line13 _____

D- Complete :

(3 points)

- 1- The New Hijra Year represents _____
Which is a special event for Muslims all over the world.
- 2- For Chinese people, it's normal to _____ and _____
_____ on the day before the New Year.

E- Choose the best title for the above passage :

(2 points)

- 1- New Hijra Year
- 2- New Year Customs
- 3- New Year Celebrations

Question Number two :- Passage B:

Read the following passage carefully then answer the questions that follow: (10 points)

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..... There are things that money cannot buy, such as health, which is priceless. If Allah does not give you good health, you cannot buy it. Also, money cannot buy happiness, because it stems from within a person and comes from contentment and good deeds, not from money. Life itself, no one can buy it, no matter how much you pay to prolong your life, you will die at the same time as your death.

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

(2 points)

- 1- People can differentiate between one coin and another because King Lydia engraved different shapes on them ()
- 2- An unsatisfied person can be completely happy as long as he has money. ()

B. Answer the following questions.

(2.5 points)

- 1- What are the stages of money development?

- 2- When will the blessings turn into a curse?

C. Complete the following sentences.

(2 points)

- 1- The exchange of goods among people began in its last stages because of

- 2- Happiness stems from within a person and comes from contentment and good deeds so it

D. What do the following pronouns refer to. (2 points)

- 1- 'it' line 7 _____
2- 'him' line 12 _____

E- Match each title to the suitable paragraph above: (1.5 points)

- a) Is money the most important thing in life?
b) Can money buy everything?
c) How did the money appear?

Literature (15point)

Choose one of the two stories and answer its questions.

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Romeo & Juliet

Section A: Circle the correct answer: (5 points)

1. William Shakespeare worked as all of the followings in his life **except** .
a. teacher b. playwright c. actor d. singer
2. In Act 1, the first street fight between the two young people between both families happened between _____.
a. Mercutio and Tybalt b. Romeo and Juliet c. Benvolio and Paris d. Benvolio and Tybalt
3. Juliet did not want Romeo to swear by the _____.
a. moon b. lightning c. his name d. flowers
4. At the end of the play, Prince Escalus decided to exile Romeo to _____.
a. Verona b. Venice c. Mantua d. Rome
5. Romeo kills Tybalt to avenge _____'s death.
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Section A: From this section, answer two parts 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. Romeo and Juliet got married in secret. ()
2. The Globe Theatre had a roof and many curtains. ()
3. Romeo died as a result of stabbing himself. ()
4. Prince Escalus turns angrily to the Capulets and Montagues for their silly fights. ()
5. Mercutio is Romeo's friend and one of his relatives, as well. ()

B. Read this quotation and answer the questions: (5 points)

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

1. Who says these words? _____
2. Who is the addressee? _____
3. The words '**another man**' refer to _____
4. The words '**our hands**' refer to _____
5. Why would the speaker kill himself/herself rather getting married to another person?

C. Answer the following questions:

(5 points)

1. At the end of the play, why does prince Escalus describe the peace between the two families as "sad peace"?

2. How did Romeo describe Juliet at the party?
a- _____ b- _____
3. Why did boys play the roles of women in Shakespeare's time?

4. What does the prince say he will do if the two families fight again ?

King Lear

Section A: Circle the correct answer:

(5 points)

1. Lear goes mad because _____
a- he was alone in the storm
c- Cordelia didn't love him as much as he expected.
b- his daughters have treated him so badly
d- Kent left him
2. Gloucester feels sorry about Lear because _____
a- Goneril ordered Kent to be a prisoner
c- he was the only to blame himself.
b- he is angry with Goneril.
d- he is out in the storm with no shelter
3. Who tries to defend Cordelia, only to get in trouble himself?
a. Oswald b. Kent c. Gloucester d. Regan
4. Edmund turns his father against his brother Edgar to _____
a. take his place
c. protect his brother
b. destroy his father
d. show that he is faithful
5. Goneril was married to _____
a. the Duke of France
c. the Duke of Albany
b. the Duke of Burgundy
d. the Duke of Cornwall

Section B: From this section, answer two parts 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. Regan is Lear's oldest daughter. ()
2. Lear was sure that Cordelia would love him more than her sisters. ()
3. Burgundy refused to marry Cordelia. ()
4. Edmund led his father to the cliff at Dover as he wanted. ()
5. Goneril asked her servants to be kind with Lear and his men. ()

B. Read this quotation and answer the questions:

(5 points)

"Come let's away to prison! We two will sing like birds in the cage."

1. Who is the speaker? _____
2. Who is the addressee? _____
3. What makes the speaker happy to go to prison? _____
4. Why does the speaker say these words?

5. In which battle were the speaker and the address put in prison?

C. Answer the following questions:

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1. What makes Lear happy to go to prison?

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4. How do Regan and her husband punish Gloucester?

Writing (10 points)

Write (100-120) words about **One** of the following topics: اكتب موضوعا واحدا من أحد الموضوعين

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2. these line7 **A piece of coal, some salt, some bread and something to drink.**

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D- Complete :

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5. In which battle were the speaker and the address put in prison?
In the battle between the British and French armies.

C. Answer the following questions:

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1. What makes Lear happy to go to prison?
Because he will stay with his daughter Cordelia.
2. Why did not Cordelia say that she loved her father more than her sisters?
Cordelia did not want to compete with her sisters in boasting about her love for her father.
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