



Reading Comprehension: (25 Marks)

Question Number One

1-Read the text and complete the tasks below:

(15 Points)

There are many different customs connected with the New Year, varying from country to country, or from culture to culture.

For Chinese people all over the world, New Year is the most important event in the calendar. It begins on the first day of the month, which has the darkest night, and continues till the full moon 15 days later. There are many traditions, most of them involving the colour red. During the celebrations, people wear red clothes and children are given red envelopes containing 'lucky money'. Red is the symbol of fire, which is believed to drive away bad luck. This also explains the popularity of fireworks, which are supposed to frighten away bad spirits with their combination of noise, fire and brightness.

New Year is a time for families to get together and people often travel long distances to be with their families. Food also plays an important part, especially the big family meal on the evening before the New Year begins (New Year's Eve).

On the other hand, a lot of the New Year 'traditions' in countries like England, Australia and the USA are actually Scottish in origin. **These** include joining hands and singing the Scottish song *Auld Lang Syne* (which means something like 'for the old times').

Another custom, which is less popular now, is 'first-footing'. To bring good luck to a house, the first person to visit it (entering by the front door and leaving by the back door) should be a tall, dark-haired man carrying a piece of coal for the fire, some salt, some bread and something to drink. These symbolise warmth, flavor and of course food. More generally, it is usual, as in China, to clean the whole house on the day before New Year, and to make sure you have paid back any money you owe to others before midnight.

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

A. Complete the following table about the new year's celebrated traditions:

(6 Points)

Chinese Traditions	a. _____ b. _____
Scottish Traditions	a. _____ b. _____
Traditions in Common	a. _____ b. _____

B. Answer the following questions:

(4 Points)

1. What beliefs do the Chinese traditions have?

- a. _____
b. _____

2. How is the New Year considered as family time according to the Chinese culture?

3. How should the first Scottish person visiting the house look like?

C. Decide whether each of the following is True or False:

(2 Points)

1. Auld Lang Syne is a Scottish song which means "for the old times". ()
2. Chinese customs of the New Year exist only in China. ()
3. The customs connected with the New Year is the same all over the world. ()
4. The traditions of the New Year in the USA came from Scottish customs. ()

D. Choose the correct answer:

(3 Points)

1. The underlined pronoun "**These**" refers to:
a. traditions
b. countries
2. One idea **underlies** many New Year customs. The prefix **under** means:
a. at the level below
b. not enough
3. I'm not sure how much I **have borrowed and need to pay back** to my parents. The underlined phrase means:
a. troupes
b. owe

Question Number Two

1-Read the following passage then answer the questions below:

(10 Points)

_____ In ancient times, people lived by the system of exchange, which is the exchange of goods among themselves. For example: if you want to buy clothes, you must give the seller any other commodity from you, such as rice. But this exchange began in **its** last stages, due to the large number of people and their lack of need for the commodity in which the exchange takes place. So a king named Lydia minted the first coin, and he engraved **different** shapes on it so that people can differentiate between one coin and another.

_____ Money passed through several stages until it reached the form that exists today, as it was at first made of a mixture of **gold and silver**. Then it was made of pure gold or pure silver, and with time, banknotes appeared to be light **during** use.

_____ Money is **one of** the most important **blessings** that God bestows on man, because it enables him to live in a good way and enables him to **achieve** many things. But money is one of the things that may carry great trials. **If a person** uses his money to **hurt** people or prevent zakat, the blessing will turn into a curse. Also, money **alone is not** a reason for **human happiness**, but a person may feel content and satisfied if he helps needy people **and carries out humanitarian projects**.

_____ 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. Match the following titles with the paragraphs:

(2 Points)

- a) Is money the most important thing in life?
- b) Can money buy everything?
- c) How did the money appear?
- d) The stages of money development.

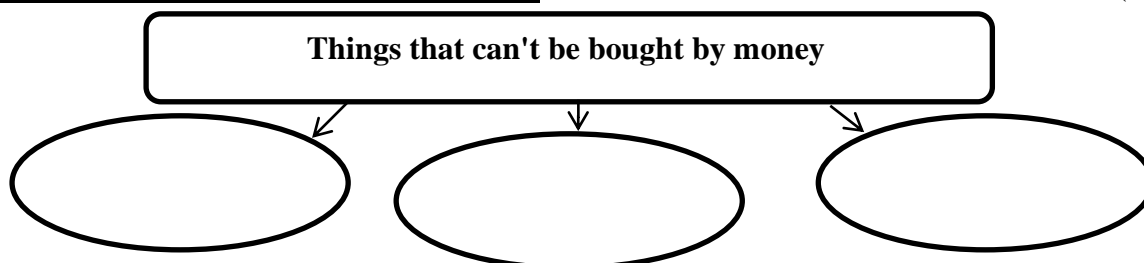
B. Complete the following sentence:

(2 Points)

1. The exchange system didn't last longer because of
a. _____
b. _____

C. Complete the following chart from the text:

(1.5 Points)



D. Answer the following questions:

(2.5 Points)

1. How can money be a disaster on its owner?

2. How can money be a source of happiness and pleasure?

- a. _____
b. _____

A. Circle the correct answer:

(2 Points)

1. King Lydia 's salient role in money development was _____.
a. creating a trading system b. using pieces of metal to monetize c. giving different commodities
2. The pronoun **its (line 3)** refers to _____.
a. the system of exchange b. money c. the development of money

Literature: King Lear: (15 Marks)

Question Number Three

(5 Points)

1- Choose the correct answer:

1. **King Lear's middle daughter is** _____.
a. Regan b. Cordelia c. Goneril d. Giuliana
2. **The king of France decided to marry Cordelia because** _____.
a. she cares about land and money. b. she's unrealistic.
c. he loves her for telling the truth. d. she is the daughter of the king.
3. **Edmund cuts his arm because he wants** _____.
a. his father to feel sorry for him. b. to show that he is a good fighter.
c. his father to believe that Edgar has planned to kill him. d. to protect his father.
4. **Inside the hut, they found** _____.
a. Edmund b. Edgar c. Oswald d. The Fool
5. **The Duke of Cornwall died because of** _____.
a. a broken heart b. a poison c. a heart attack d. the servant's attack

Question Number Four

(10 Points)

From this section answer two parts only:

(A , B , C) أجب عن قسمين من هذا السؤال

A. Decide whether the statements are true or false:

(5 Points)

1. Goneril ordered her servant to respect her father's men. ()
2. Edgar told his father who he was before his death ()
3. Lear regretted giving everything to his daughters because they were weak. ()
4. Cornwall decided to punish Gloucester by cutting his hands. ()
5. In the end, only Kent, Edgar and Albany were left to bury the dead. ()

B. Read the quotation then answer the questions:

(5 Points)

"You are not worth the dust which the rude wind blows in your face."

1. Who said this? To whom?

2. Why did the speaker say this?

3. How did the addressee react toward the speaker later?

- a. _____
b. _____

C. Answer the following questions:

(5 Points)

1. What terrible mistakes did Lear make as a result of Cordelia's answer?

- a. _____
b. _____

2. How did Edgar hide himself from his father's men?

3. Why did Edmund quickly leave his father castle after betraying him to Cornwall?

4. Why was Goneril worried about the news of Cornwall's death?

Writing: (10 Marks)

Question Number Five

Choose One of the following topics:

اكتب موضوعا واحدا في أحد الموضوعين

1. "Every time you tear a page off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas and progress."

To what extent do you agree with this quotation?

You can use the following ideas:

1. Name your resolution.

2. Reasons for making it.

3. How can you get benefits from other's experiences?

4. Your hopes and preferences.

Or

2. "Rich people may not be happier than poor people." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

You can use the following ideas:

1. The true meaning of happiness.

2. How can money bring happiness?

3. Are money and happiness the same?

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Reading Plus

Question Number One (Internal passage)

- A. a. people wear red clothes
b. children are given red envelopes containing 'lucky money'.
a. joining hands and singing the Scottish song .
b. first-footing
a. clean the whole house on the day before New Year,
b. make sure you have paid back any money you owe to others before midnight.
- B. 1. a. Red color is believed to drive away bad luck.
b. Fireworks are supposed to frighten away bad spirits with their combination of noise, fire and brightness
2. New Year is a time for families to get together and people often travel long distances to be with their families.
3. He should be a tall, dark-haired man.
- C. 1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T
- D. 1. A 2. A 3. B

Question Number Two (External passage)

- A. 1. How did the money appear?
2. The stages of money development.
3. Is money the most important thing in life?
4. Can money buy everything?
- B. a . the large number of people .
b. their lack of need for the commodity in which the exchange takes place.
- C. a. Health b. Happiness c . Life

D. 1. If a person uses his money to hurt people or prevent zakat.

2. a. If he helps needy people .

b. If he carries out humanitarian projects .

E. 1. b 2. a

(King Lear)

Question Number Three

1.Choose

1. a 2. c 3. c 4. b 5.d

Question Number Four

A . 1. F 2.T 3.F 4. F 5.T

B. 1. The Duke of Albany to his wife Goneril .

2. Because she helped Regan and Cornwall make Lear go mad and to blind Gloucester .

(Because he hated what she had done with Lear)

3. a. She despised him as a weak person

b. She planned to kill him .

C. 1. a. He said that Cordelia was no longer his daughter .

b. He gave Cordelia's share to her sisters .

2. By pretending to be as mad , homeless person .

3. Because no-one could blame him for not protecting his father .

4. Because it meant that her sister became a widow and she might marry Edmund .

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