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READING COMPREHENSION (25 Points)

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(15 marks)

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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? 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.

A. Answer the following questions:

(4 points)

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

.....

2. What fact did the researchers reach?

.....

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

a. b.

c.

4. 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:

(4 points)

1. Happiness is measured more precisely than before due to.....

2. The UK recent study shows that

3. The writer hesitates to say that "money and happiness are not the same thing"

because

4. The writer concludes the article 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?

(3 points)

1. **ever since** (line 5):
2. **this** (line 9):
3. **there** (line 10):

Read the text and complete the tasks below:

(10 points)

The country of Denmark is geographically located in the northern part of Europe. Celebrations of New Year as observed by people in Denmark are seen as occasions to promote Danish cultures, traditions, and rich heritage, and as well as pass **them** on to the next generations.

Special dishes are served to the people during New Year's Eve as considered to give good luck, success, and happiness in the coming time of New Years.

There is another well-known tradition of food saving and throwing. As a part of it, people save some food throughout the year, and then throw **it** on the ground of near and dear ones on the occasion of New Year. If one gets to find many old broken dishes at their yard, it is considered to be an optimistic indication that one has too many good friends and well-wishers, and the coming year will have pleasant and successful relationships with people.

Fireworks is a very important part in the New Year's celebration in Denmark. At the mark of twelve, a show of fireworks is carried out, which lights the entire sky and skyline of the town. The shining shows of the loud noises of fireworks take away all the evil spirits and negative energies.

A. Complete the following sentences with words or phrases from the text.

(5 points)

1. Danish people see New Year celebrations as a way to:
a. b.
2. Dishes eaten in New Year's Eve symbolize ,
..... and
3. is considered as a famous tradition in new Year.
4. Finding indicates that and that
the
5. The lights and noises of fireworks drive away and

B. Decide whether the following statements are true or false according to the text.

(3 points)

1. People in Denmark threw old food and dishes as a tradition to celebrate the New Year. ()
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3. The lights of fireworks can be seen all over the town. ()

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(2 points)

4. **them** (line 2):
2. **it** (line 7):

King Lear

الإجابة على السؤال التالي (إجباري)

Section A: (5 points)

Choose the correct answer:

- Regan blamed Edgar's apparent behavior towards his father for the bad effect of
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A. Answer the following questions:

(3 points)

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- Why did Lear leave Goneril and went to Regan?

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B. 1. Match the following characters with their description:

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1. King Lear	()	Gloucester's illegitimate son
2. Kent	()	Lost his power because he gave everything to his daughters
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2: Decide whether the following statements are true or false:

(3 points)

- Regan's answer was honest and realistic. ()
- The king of France loved Cordelia for her money. ()
- Kent disguised himself as a poor man to stay with Lear as a servant. ()

C. 1. Read the following quotation then answer the questions below:

(3 points)

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

- Who said this? To whom?
- Why was the speaker happy and not afraid?

2: Complete the following sentences:

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- Kent, Lear's messenger is imprisoned because
- Lear decided to give the country to his three daughters because

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Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

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1. Danish people see New Year celebrations as a way to:
 - a. **promote Danish cultures, traditions, and rich heritage,** b. **as well as pass them on to the next generations...**
2. Dishes eaten in New Year's Eve symbolize **good luck,** **success,** and **happiness in the coming time of New Years**
3. **food saving and throwing** is considered as a famous tradition in new Year.
4. Finding **many old broken dishes at their yard** indicates that **one has too many good friends and well-wishers** and that the **the coming year will have pleasant and successful relationships with people.**
5. The lights and noises of fireworks drive away **all the evil spirits** and **negative energies**

B. Decide whether the following statements are true or false according to the text.

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1. People in Denmark threw old food and dishes as a tradition to celebrate the New Year. (✓)
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4. **them** (line 2): **cultures / traditions / rich heritage**
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LITERATURE: (15 points)**King Lear****Section A: (5 points)**

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She allowed him to keep only 50 men.

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Lear's men are noisy and expensive.

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He doesn't want to leave poor Tom.

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- Who said this? **Lear** To whom? **Cordelia**
- Why was the speaker happy and not afraid? **He'll be with Cordelia**

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