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Part One: Reading Comprehension (25 points)

Text A: (15 points)

1. Read the following text and complete the tasks below. (15 points)

A- In a speech yesterday, the chief of one of the country's biggest banks said he believed the high bonuses paid to senior bank staff were not excessive. 'If we want to attract highly experienced and qualified employees,' he said, 'we need to be able to offer **them** a competitive income. Otherwise, they will take their talents elsewhere.' He added that the introduction of a limit on bonuses paid to top bankers would not improve the position of poorer people in society.

B- The Finance Minister has said that the latest prediction for the future of the country's economy is 'extremely good news'. Reacting to the latest industrial production figures and the forecast of **1.5%** growth in the coming year, he claimed that it was proof that government spending cuts were working. However, he said that more reductions were still needed

C- A new study by the Foundation for Economic and Social Research (FESR) has produced evidence that the gap between the richest and poorest in society is still growing. According to the report, the richest 10% of the population now have incomes almost ten times higher than the poorest 10%. One of the report's authors added: 'It's a trend **that** shows no sign of stopping in the near future.

D- Stock markets around the world suffered serious losses yesterday, causing fears that the global economy could be moving towards a new crisis. Experts said that there was no single reason for the fall in share prices. Rather, it seemed to be a reaction to the economic uncertainty caused by various recent events.

A- Decide whether each of the following statements is TRUE (T) or FALSE (F): (4 points)

1. To limit on bonuses paid to top bankers would improve the position of poorer people in society. ()
2. The government still needs more spending cuts. ()
3. The big gap between the richest and the poorest will stop in the near future. ()
4. Experts said that there was many reasons for the fall in share prices. ()

B- Write what the following pronouns and words might refer to: (3 points)

1. Them (line 3) refers to _____
2. 1.5 (line 8) refers to _____
3. That (line 13) refers to _____

C- Answer the following questions: (3 points)

1. Why did the Minister see the economic future is a good one?

2. What is the result of the study in article C?

3. What fears could the serious losses in stock market cause to the World economy?

D-Complete the following sentences from the text: (3 points)

1. When providing a better income, banks _____
2. Unless banks offer high salaries, employees _____

E- Choose the right answer:(2pts)

'It's a trend that shows no sign of stopping in the near future.' The word "stopping" refers to:

- 1- The government spending cuts
- 2- Stock markets serious losses
- 3- The growing gap between the richest and poorest in society

Text B: (10 points)

Read the following text carefully, then answer the questions below:

The most commonly sung song for English-speakers on New Year's eve, "Auld Lang Syne" is an old Scottish song that was first published by the poet Robert Burns in the 1796 edition of the book, Scots Musical Museum. The song asks whether old friends and times will be forgotten and promises to remember people of the past with fondness.

But it was Guy Lombardo who popularized the song and turned it into a New Year's tradition. Lombardo first heard "Auld Lang Syne" in his hometown of London, where it was sung by Scottish immigrants. Lombardo played the song at midnight at a New Year's Eve party, and a tradition was born. The song became such a New Year's tradition that "Life magazine wrote that if Lombardo failed to play 'Auld Lang Syne,' the American public would not believe that the New Year had really arrived."

A) Answer the following questions: (3 points)

- 1-When was "Auld Lang Syne" first published?
.....
- 2-Where did Guy Lombardo play the song ?
.....

B) Decide whether each of the following statements is TRUE (T) or FALSE (F):: (3 points)

1. Guy Lombardo is the real author of "Auld Lang Syne". ()
2. The song became famous after playing at New Year's Eve party. ()

C) Complete the following sentences: (2 points)

- 1- Scottish immigrants sang
- 2- The song talks about

D) Write what the following pronouns and words refer to: (2 points)

- 1-His (Line 6) _____
- 2-The song (Line 8) _____

Part Two: Literature (15 points)

Part A:

Choose the correct answer: (5 points)

- In Shakespeare's time, plays were only shown in good weather and in daylight because theatres
 - didn't have curtains
 - didn't have roofs
 - didn't have breaks
- Romeo knew about Juliet's death from:
 - the nurse told him
 - Friar told him
 - one of his friends told him
- The mixture makes Juliet look like a _____ person
 - dead
 - sick
 - sleepy
- Benvolio holds his sword when the servants fight in order to
 - Fight Tybalt
 - Fight against Capulet's servant
 - stop the fighting
- The _____ edition of Romeo and Juliet was written by Shakespeare
 - first
 - second
 - third

B- Decide whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE : (3 points)

- Lord Capulet was unkind to Romeo and Benvolio in the party . ()
- Mercurio fight Tybalt to avenge Montague's honor . ()
- In the Balcony, At first, Romeo pretended to be someone else . ()

C- Read the following quotation and choose the correct answer: (3 points)

"That man is a Montague, our enemy. The villain has come here to scorn our Celebrations".

- Who is the speaker? _____
- Who is the man the speaker talking about? _____
- The underlined word "here" refer to? _____
- Why does the addressed prevent the speaker from fighting? _____

Part B:

Answer the following questions:- (4 points)

1- Why couldn't people read Shakespeare's plays while he was alive?

2- Why didn't Romeo know about Friar Laurence's plan?

3- What did Romeo do after he knew about Juliet's death?

4- How do Montague and Capulet families honor their children's death??

Part Three: Writing (10 points)

-Write about one of the following writing tasks.

A-Can money bring happiness? This question is not easy to answer ,simply because there are different points of view .

Write an essay of 100 words about money and happiness.You can discuss the topic of happiness and its connection to money.

B-You have made a resolution to take up a new hobby or learn a new skill .Write about the following :

-The name of the resolution

-The goals of this resolution

- The steps toward this goal

- Possible difficulties\What could go wrong



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