**Section Number One: Reading Comprehension (25 points)**

**Text 1**

**Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below : (20 points)**

Generally speaking, rich people aren't happier than poor people. Admittedly, this may seem to be a controversial statement to some, but there is enough evidence to be able to state this as a fact. Developments in biology psychology now allow us to measure happiness more accurately than ever before, and the results are clear. Levels of stress and depression in the richer countries are rising, with people reporting less, not, more satisfaction with their lives.

A recent study in the UK shows that overall happiness peaked in the mid- 1970s and has been declining **ever since**. The researches reached the conclusion that over a certain level (about E20, 000 per person),'extra income associated with increased happiness'. Put simply, once basic human needs have been met; there is simply no point in getting richer.

It seems that a lot of people have forgotten something that nearly everyone used to think was obvious: money and happiness are not the same thing. I hesitate to write **this**, because someone will say that I am romanticizing poverty. I am not. But I have lived in poor countries, and it was impossible not to notice that people there smile and laugh more, socialize more easily and complain less than people in the richer nations.

1. **Decide whether each of the following statements is True or False: (8 Points)**
2. Happiness is measured more accurately because of development in biology and psychology. ( ………… )
3. People's satisfaction in the richer countries is increasing. (…………)
4. Having your basic needs can't make you happier at all. (…………)
5. The writer thinks that people complain less in poorer countries. (…………)
6. **What does a recent study in UK show about the overall happiness? (2 Points)**

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**3. Complete the following statement with a word from the text. (2 Points)**

- The writer is not at all …………………………….. poverty.

4. **What do the followings refer to**? **(4 points)**

a. 'ever since' L.7: …………………. b.'this' L.12: …………………………

5. **Replace the underlined parts of the sentences with words from the text** **(4 Points)**

a. The price of gold reached its **highest point** last year. ………………………………….

b. Poverty is **connected with** lack of education. …………………………………

**Text 2**

**Read the following text and answer the questions bellow: (15points)**

When will that point come? The experts disagree. Some say that global production will peak in around 2040 and then start decreasing. Others are much less optimistic. They expect the peak as early as **2016**.

The exact year does not matter The fact is that demand will soon get steadily greater than supply if we continue as we are. And if that happens, oil prices will explode.

Scientists everywhere are developing energy sources to replace oil. **They** are doing this first to reduce oil's polluting emissions and the related global warming. They are also working to avoid that disastrous energy gap.

The oil alternatives include hydrogen fuel cells to power our vehicles and renewable energy sources such as windpower. However, these energy sources cannot yet provide the cheap, reliable energy in huge quantities that oil **does**. The new technologies need more development time.

1. **When will global oil production peak according to optimistic experts? (2 Points)**

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1. **What are scientist doing that may prevent the energy gap? (2 Points)**

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1. **How else will that benefit the world? (2 Points)**

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4. **What do the followings refer to? (3 Points)**

a. "2016"L 3:- ………………………….b."They" L6 :…………………………………

c." does" L.11:- …………………………………………………………………………

5. **Decide whether the following statements are true or false**: **(4 Points)**

a. As demand for oil keeps rising, oil prices will increase greatly. ( )

b- Alternatives and renewable energy sources can replace oil these days . ( )

**6. Find in the text words that approximately mean the same as: (2 Points)**

a. sending out: ………………………… b. very big :………………………

**Part Number Two: Literature (15 Points)**

**Part one : Answer the following questions : (4 Points)**

1. Why does Mercutio fight Tybalt?

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1. Why does the Prince decide not to punish Romeo with death ?

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1. How is Romeo punished ?

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1. **Read the following quotation and answer the questions that follow**.

“I have a reason to love you" and "your name is important to me as my own".

a. Who is the speaker? …………………………………………………………………

b. Who is he speaking with? ……………………………………………………………

c. What does the speaker mean when he says this?

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**Part two: Decide whether the following sentences are True or False: (8 Points.)**

1. Mercutio kills Tybalt by stabbing. ( )
2. The fight between Mercutio and Tybalt was fair. ( )
3. Juliet's love has affected Romeo and made hate fighting. ( )
4. Romeo kills Tybalt to avenge his cousin Mercutio. ( )

**Part three: Complete the following sentence: (2 Points*)***

At the beginning of Extract four, Romeo doesn’t wants to…………………………...

**Part Number Four: Writing (10 Points)**

* You have applied for funding a cultural weekend in the town this summer, and your application has been successful. The local government has promised a certain amount of money, but you think it may not be enough. Someone has suggested writing to local companies to see if they will donate some money in exchange for free advertising in the program.
* Write a short, general letter to send to a number of different companies.

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