

Reading Comprehension: (40 points)

Question Number One: (20 points)

Read the following text and do the tasks below:

Your comfort zone is, as the name suggests, the area where you feel comfortable. We all have one, whether we know it or not: it's the set of routines and known abilities that make us feel safe because we're confident that we can manage and are unlikely to be challenged by anything unexpected or worrying. Obviously, staying inside your comfort zone has many benefits, especially at times when you're feeling under stress.

On the other hand, we're often told in 'self-help' books that it's a good idea to do things that are outside our comfort zones. In fact, many studies have shown that an important factor in helping people feel positive about themselves is the feeling that **they** are developing and making progress in their lives. You won't reach your full potential if you only do what you know you are able to do. We all want to improve ourselves, for example by learning something new, becoming more creative or getting fit.

Unfortunately, people often get stuck in their comfort zones and don't feel able to try different things. There are various possible reasons for **this**. They may be afraid of failing or unsure how to begin. Many people think 'This is the way I am and I'll never change', using this as an excuse for not trying something new. Whatever the reason may be, it's sometimes necessary to force yourself to do something you'd rather not do. Once you've made the effort, though, the door to new experiences will be open and you'll probably wonder why you thought it was a problem.

1. Decide whether each of the following is True or False: (4 points)

1. Staying inside our comfort zones has many benefits especially when we're worried. (T)
2. Stepping outside your comfort zone means more challenges and worries. (T)
3. It's possible to reach your potential if you only do things within your ability. (F)
4. It's advisable to practice something you haven't done yet. (T)

2. Complete the table with the reasons for the following statements. (6 points)

Statements	Reasons
1. We feel safe inside our comfort zones.	a. We... are... unlikely... to... be... challenged... by... any... thing... unexpected... or... worrying. b. It... has... many... benefits... especially... when... you... are... under... stress.
2. People don't often like to try new things.	a. They... may... be... afraid... of... failing... or... unsure... how... to... begin. b. Using... excuses... for... not... trying... new... things.

3. Answer the following questions: (4 points)

- 1-When would people feel positive about themselves?
...when... they... are... developing... and... making... progress... in... their... lives...
- 2-How can we improve ourselves?
a. by... learning... something... new...
b. becoming... more... creative...
c. getting... fit...

4. Complete the following sentences from the text above: (4 points)

- 1-A comfort zone can be described as
...The... area... where... you... feel... comfortable... or... the... set... of... routines... and... known... abilities... worrying...
- 2-"Self-help" books often recommend doing things that are outside your comfort zone.
- 3-I'm tired of listening to his **untrue reasons**! The word that has the same meaning of the underlined phrase is **excuses**.

5. Write what the following pronouns refer to: (2 points)

- a. they (line 8) ...people
- b. this (line 12) ...getting stuck

Question Number Two: (20 points)

Read the text then do the required tasks:

Have you considered studying abroad, but are not sure whether it's worth your time? If you ask anybody who has studied abroad, he or she will most certainly tell you that it is a life-changing experience and one of the most rewarding things he or she has ever done. Perhaps you're not certain what benefits you can reap from an extended stay in a foreign country. Here are four very excellent reasons why you should take the plunge:

1.**C**..... There is no better and more effective way to learn a language than to be immersed in a culture that speaks the language you are learning. You're surrounded by the language on a daily basis and are seeing and hearing it in the proper cultural context. Language learning happens most quickly under these circumstances.

2.**D**..... Weekends and academic breaks allow you to venture out and explore your surroundings - both your immediate and more distant surroundings. Since studying abroad often puts you on a completely different continent, you are much closer to places you might otherwise not have had the opportunity to visit. Some more structured study abroad programs even have field trips planned in or around the curriculum.

3.**B**..... Cultural differences are more than just differences in language, food, appearances, and personal habits. A person's culture reflects very deep perceptions, beliefs, and values that influence his or her way of life and the way that s/he views the world. Students who experience cultural differences personally can come to truly understand where other cultures are coming from.

4.**A**..... Being immersed in an entirely new cultural setting is scary at first, but it's also exciting. It's an opportunity to discover new strengths and abilities, conquer new challenges, and solve new problems. You will encounter situations that are wholly unfamiliar to you and will learn to adapt and respond in effective ways.

1- Match the benefits of studying abroad with their suitable paragraphs: (4 points)

- A: Helping you develop skills and giving you experiences.
B: Allowing you to get to know another culture.
C: Being the best way to learn a language.
D: Providing the opportunity to travel.

2- Answer the following questions: (4 points)

1. How does the writer think of studying abroad?
It's a life-changing experience and one of the most rewarding things done.
2. When can you venture out and explore the surroundings?
In weekends and academic breaks.

3- Complete the following sentences: (3 points)

1. Immersing yourself in another culture to learn its language means that *you're surrounded by the language on a daily basis and are seeing and hearing it in the proper cultural context.*
2. Students who study abroad can understand where other cultures come from if they *experience cultural differences personally.*

4- Choose the right answer from (A, B or C): (3 points)

1. Some structured study abroad programs organize field trips in order to
- A. get more money from students. **(B)** know more about the new surroundings.
C. overcome loneliness and depression.
2. Being immersed in an entirely new cultural setting is
- (A)** scary and exciting B. challenging and unfamiliar
C. effective and responsive

5- Finish the diagram with short notes:

(6 points)

1. Person's culture reflects:



deep perceptions beliefs

2. Studying abroad could be a chance to:



values

discover new strengths
and abilities

conquer new challenges

solve new problems

Vocabulary (25 points)

Question Number Three: (25 points)

A: Fill in the following sentences by replacing the words in brackets with the appropriate words from the box: (5 points)

inevitable expatriates like-minded fantasy infuriating reluctant.

- 1-The Palestinian expatriates.... are an important source of economic and political support to their country. (people living permanently in another country)
- 2-The doctor seemed reluctant. to tell the family about the patient's serious disease. (unwilling)
- 3- It's infuriating... when people keep spelling your name wrongly, isn't it? (very angry)
- 4- A rise in all prices seems inevitable.....after the war. (impossible to avoid)
- 5- He joined a local activists' group, hoping to meet like-minded. people. (with similar attitude)

B: Complete the sentences below with words from the box: (5 points)

appeal motivate terror attempt genuine neglected

- 1-He has always shown a genuine..... concern for poor people.
- 2-The company has used a number of methods to motivate... its employees to work harder.
- 3-The sailors neglected..... the warnings and so they ran into troubles.
- 4- Their first attempt..... to cross the Atlantic in a small boat failed miserably.
- 5- A well-chosen set of photos gives the book extra appeal.....

C: Choose the correct phrasal verb from the box to fill in the following sentences. (4 points)

stand by take over handed over come across carry on

- 1- Some workers will lose their jobs as machines take over.....
- 2- The owner handed over.... the factory to his sons.
- 3- Ambulances always stand by..... in case anyone gets seriously injured.
- 4- In their recent research, scientists have come across... new discoveries concerning genetically modified food.

D: Circle the correct answer: (6 points)

- 1- Researchers have achieved a major breakthrough / break through) in cancer treatment.
- 2- Sorting out everyone's social life isn't part of my job (opportunities / description).
- 3- She has a well-paid job / work) in the tax department.
- 4- I got home just (on time / in time) before it started to rain.
- 5- He was accused of misusing / misbehaving) public money.
- 6- If you consider him a miracle man, you're (overpaying / overrating) him.

E: Complete the sentences with the appropriate prepositions in the box. (5 points)

for with from in about of

- 1- Teachers should be aware of the needs of their students.
- 2- It seemed that people were more interested in eating than the game itself.
- 3- Physical exercises can protect you from heart disease.
- 4- The farmer was responsible for the damage done by his animals.
- 5- I don't think she's so serious about leaving her job.

Language: (25 points)

Section A : (15 points)

Question Number Four: (15 points)

A: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: (5 points)

1. Reading stories for children promotes their brain development and imagination. (promote)
2. I have been reading this book on psychology for hours and I'm still on page 6. (read)
3. He was happy yesterday because he had recalled the joyful days of childhood. (recall)
4. Nowadays, people are thinking more and more about their health. (think)
5. We haven't got home until very late last night. (not / get)

B: Do as required in brackets. (3 points)

- 1- you / ever / hear/ of The Blue Sky Restaurant? (Write the full question)
Have you ever heard of The Blue Sky Restaurant?
- 2- His new apartment cost 50,000 dollars. (Complete the question)
How much did his new apartment cost?
- 3- I didn't read lots of books when I was younger. (Start with the given words)
I wish I had read more books when I was younger.

C: Complete the sentences with the correct verb form. (to infinitive or "-ing" form) (3 points)

- 1- Paul avoids using chemicals on the vegetables he grows. (use)
- 2- You should remember to send an email to let them know about the changes. (send)
- 3- Why don't we stop playing computer games and do the homework? (play)

D: Circle the correct answer: (4 points)

- 1- She (could have eaten / should have eaten) the cake, but she chose to eat a salad instead.
- 2- The sailors felt a bit worried about the (threatening / threatened) clouds on the horizon.
- 3- Hurry up! The train (will arrive / is going to arrive) in ten minutes.
- 4- Ali was more accustomed to (convincing / convince) people than I was.

Section B: (10 points)

From this section, answer two parts only (1, 2, 3)

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Question Number Five: (10 points)

I-A: Rewrite the sentences replacing the underlined part with a causative structure. (3 points)

- 1- We usually ask somebody to decorate the children's bedrooms every two years.
we have the children's bedrooms decorated
- 2- Salma can't make her wedding dress, so she asks a designer in Paris to make it for her.
has it made / designed
- 3- He didn't fix his car himself, he asked someone at the garage to fix it.
had it fixed

B: Add question tags to the following. (2 points)

- 1- Children won't come to the party, will they?
- 2- He had cake and coffee for dessert, didn't he?

2- A: Complete the sentences below with (a / an / the or X). (3 points)

- 1- We finally found ...an... apartment, but ...the... furniture we bought hasn't arrived yet.
2- Nowadays, ...people buy things from online stores.
3- I bought ...a... vase and some curtains. ...the... vase is rare and valuable.

B: Rewrite the following using reduced relative clauses. (2 points)

- 1- Trees which fell in the storm have resulted in several accidents.

..... falling in

- 2- The boy who was knocked off his bicycle broke his leg.

..... knocked

3- A: Rewrite the following beginning with the words given: (3 points)

- 1- "You should think carefully before accepting the new offer."

His friend advised him ...to... think

- 2- "Do you pay extra for the breakfast?"

He asked them ...if... they paid

- 3- I didn't buy more during the sale time.

I regret ...not... buying

B: Correct the sentences (there's one mistake in each sentence). (2 points)

- 1- Ali didn't apply for the job, so he may get it probably won't

- 2- Are your children used to hike? hiking

Writing : (10 points)

Question Number Six: (10 points)

Choose one of the following topics:

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1. Write your **personal statement** for joining a "Computer games design and programming course". **Make use of the following points:**

Paragraph 1: reasons for applying, e.g. interests, goals and passions, future career....etc.

Paragraph 2: subjects connected with the course, work experience, any related activities..etc.

Paragraph 3: evidence that you are the right person for the course, e.g. non-academic skills..etc.

You can start like this

There are several reasons why I am applying for a course in

2. Your friend Jack, who lives in France, sent you an email wondering about the famous football player **Mohamed Salah**, who plays for Liverpool club, as the fifth most expensive player.

Write a **reply to the e-mail expressing your opinion of such high salaries for athletes.**

Start your email with this address

From: Khaled Ali

Sent: 5May, 2019

To: Jack Marcile

subject: athletes' high salary

The End