



نموذج اختبار تجريبي للثانوية العامة للعام 2020

Reading Comprehension (25 Marks)

1- Read the text then do the tasks below: (15 points)

Around this time of year , lots of people make resolutions to change their lives. Of course, it's natural to associate a new year with new beginnings, but doing something new brings benefits to your life whenever you choose to do it. In fact, New Year is possibly one of the worst times of the year to make life-changing decisions if you want to stick to **them**. In Europe and North America, it coincides with the middle of winter. With its long hours of darkness and cold wet weather, this is definitely not a season to be optimistic .This may well be why, as many studies have shown ,most people who make New year's resolutions usually break them after five weeks. So,whatever time of year it is, you might decide to learn to speak Chinese, take up long- distance running, become a poet ,or whatever. How do you make sure you don't start with great enthusiasm, but then give up soon afterwards? We're sure following the steps in the article will make success a lot more likely.

1-.....C..... Don't spend all your time worrying about how successful you're going to be. Remember to enjoy the new experience for what it is. That's why there is a far better chance that you'll keep going. If you are learning something, you'll make much better progress if you enjoy the learning rather than thinking about what score you might get at the end.

2-.....B..... Including other people can have various benefits. Firstly, the more people you tell about what you're doing ,the less likely you're to give up ,simply because you don't want to have to admit it to them. Secondly, if you do something with other people, it will be more fun and you won't want to let them down.

3-.....A..... Yes, you did read that correctly. Of course, the usual advice is to stay positive .But there will almost certainly be a time when everything seems to be going wrong and you start thinking it's all too hard. Studies show that it is better to think about what could go wrong so that you can have a plan in place when it happens.

A: Put the titles below into the correct position:

(3 points)

A- Think negative

B- Share it

C- Enjoy yourself

B: Answer the following questions:

(3 points)

1- What two things are wrong with the idea of New Year's resolutions?

A-... New Year is possibly one of the worst times of the year to make life-changing decisions if you want to stick to them.....

B-..... most people who make New year's resolutions usually break them after five weeks

2- Mention the benefits of sharing others?

A-... the more people you tell about what you're doing ,the less likely you're to give up

B-... if you do something with other people, it will be more fun and you won't want to let them down.....

3- Why is it recommended to think negative?

Because studies show that it is better to think about what could go wrong so that you can have a plan in place when it happens

C: Decide if the following sentences are true or false:

(2 points)

- a- New year comes after winter season in Europe, so it's suitable to make resolutions in this period. (F)
- b- It is advised to stop worrying and enjoy the new experience. (T)

D: Replace the underlined parts of sentences with words from the text:

(5 points)

1. I always **connect** this song with the holiday we had two years ago.
.....**associate**...
2. It is easy to make resolutions ,but harder to **not change your mind about** them. ...**stick to**.....
3. Unfortunately, my birthday is **at the same time as** the end of the holidays. ...**coincides with**...
4. She wants to **start** a new hobby ,but she is not sure what to choose. ...**take up**
5. He's just started playing the guitar and is full of **a strong positive feeling**.
.....**enthusiasm**...

E: Choose the correct answer :

(2 points)

- [illegible]

2- Read the text then answer the questions below:

(10 points)

The Republic of China locates in East Asia and it's the country which has the highest population in the world, around 1.4 billion. It's the third larger counrty by area after Russia and Canada. Its capital city is Beijing. China has various cultures, religions and languages. In China, there's Everst the highest mountain on the earth. There are a lot of natural sources there as coal, oil and gas . In addition, there are many famous sights that attract tourists from the whole world as The great Wall of China, one of theworld's seventh wonders, which was constructed in the 7th century. Moreover, Potala Palace which includes **enormous** bridges and religious **temples**. China is known by its excellent manufacturing of electrical devices as TCL company, Computers as Lenovo, mobilephones as Huawei and cars as the Great Wall Motors. It's considered the world's first- largest economy and exporter of goods according to the World Bank. Unfortunatelly, that changed this year. Corona virus disease could cost China's economy over \$ 60 billion.

A: Complete the following table about China:

(3 points)

Location	 <u>in East Asia</u>
The total population	 <u>1.4 billion</u>
Capital city	 <u>Beijing</u>

B: Answer the following questions:

(2 points)

1. Why is China facing a big loss in its economy now?
.....**Because of Corona virus disease**.....
2. What is China famous for?
..... **China is known by its excellent manufacturing of electrical devices as TCL company, Computers as Lenovo, mobilephones as Huawei and cars as the Great Wall Motors**

C: Decide if the sentences are true or false:

(2 points)

1. Russia's area is larger than China's . (T)
2. China has a common culture though it includes more than a religion. (F)

D: Complete the sentences:

(2 points)

1. One of the world's seven wonders isThe great Wall of China.....
2. China has many international companies like... TCL company ...and the Great Wall Motors.

E: Choose the correct meaning :

(1 point)

1. **Enormous:** A- great B- tiny
2. **Temple:** A- A building where patients are cured.
B- A building where people pray for their god.

Literature: King Lear: (15 points)

A: Decide if the sentences are True or False:

(3 points)

1. Edmund was the illegitimate son of Gloucester . (T)
2. Lear cursed Cordelia wishing if she had a child that it would torment her. (F)
3. Lear held a real trial for his evil daughters. (F)

B: Complete the sentences:

(3 points)

1. King Lear asked his daughters to say how much they loved him in order to... decide how to share the country between them.....
2. Regan and her husband order Kent to be made a prisoner because...he hit Oswald.....
3. Cornwall decided to punish Gloucester by.....blinding his eyes.....

C: Choose the correct answer:

(2 points)

1. Gloucester decides to help King Lear because.....
a. he feels sorry for him because he is out in the storm with no helter.
b. he hears that Albany and Cornwall are quarrelling with each other.
c. the Duke of Cornwall tells him not to.
2. Lear leaves Goneril and goes to see Regan because.....
a. he likes Regan's husband better than Goneril's.
b. Goneril has run out of food in her castle and cannot feed his men.
c. he is angry with Goneril.

D: Answer the following questions:

(4 points)

1. What is Edmund's evil plan to take his brother's place?
...He convinced Gloucester that Edgar wants to kill him then he told Edgar to run away because his father wants to kill him
2. Why didn't Cordelia tell her father that she loves him more than her sisters?
.....Because she did not want to compete with her sisters in boasting about her love for Lear.....
3. How did Edgar hide from his father's men?
...By pretending to be a mad homeless man called poor Tom.....
4. Why did Lear go mad?
.....because his daughters have treated him badly that his mind cannot bear his feelings of anger and sorrow.....

E: Read the following quotation and answer the questions:

(3 points)

"Blow wind and crack your cheeks"

1. Who is the speaker?
.....Lear.....
2. Why did the speaker go out in the storm?....He could not stay with Goneril and Regan because they offered only a shelter for him without his men......
3. Why did he/she say this?....because Lear's sorrow and anger had become too great for him to bear as his 2 older daughters who treated him badly.

Writing: (10 marks)

Choose one of the following topics :

A- **Write a formal letter** to the local government official making **a general enquiry** about the possibility of funding for your cultural event .You have to write the name of your event, the date of it, the idea behind your project ,the activities that will be included and the benefits from the event.

OR

B- **Write an essay** about " letters becoming less popular and replaced by technological communication methods".

You can use these ideas:

- Advantages of modern communication methods.
- Disadvantages of social media sites.
- Situations where letters are more suitable.

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