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Part One : Reading Comprehension

(Score: 12/20)

Read the following text, in which the writer speaks of people who unintentionally bother their neighbors. When you are through with the reading, answer in your booklet the questions that follow.

Mind Your Neighbor!

1 The party started at nine in the evening. Mr. Wood, who lived in the apartment below, sighed as he heard the first signs – the steady tramp of feet on the stairs and the sound of excited voices as the guests greeted each other. He knew that the music would begin in just a few minutes and dancing would follow. Luckily, Mr. Wood had brought some work home from the office, which would keep him busy for a while. He hoped this would help him ignore the party that was going on upstairs.

2 By eleven o'clock, Mr. Wood felt very tired. He was ready for bed, but he knew from past experience that he would not be able to sleep. Putting on his pyjamas, he propped¹ himself up in bed trying to read a book. He failed to concentrate on his book as the noise from the apartment above was too loud. He was reading the same page over and over again. Giving up, he turned out the light and buried his head in the pillows in a desperate effort to shut out the noise. He switched the light back on and looked at his watch. It was exactly three o'clock after midnight. He got furious, jumped out of bed, put on his robe, and marched out of the bedroom to the front door of his apartment. He jerked² the door open and headed for the stairs.

3 Gasping for breath after running up the stairs, Mr. Wood knocked at his neighbor's door several times as loud as he could. But no one opened the door. Angrily, he pounded on the door and shouted, "Open up in there!"

4 A moment later, the door opened and his neighbor, dressed in pyjamas and rubbing his eyes, appeared in the doorway. Recognizing Mr. Wood and sensing that something terrible had happened, he asked, "What is it, Mr. Wood? What's the matter? Is the place on fire or something?"

5 "No!" shouted Mr. Wood. "It's all this noise! How do you expect people to get any sleep?"

6 His neighbor looked surprised and said, "What noise?"

7 Mr. Wood listened for a moment. There was silence. He peered through the open doorway. "Where are all your guests?" he asked with a puzzled look on his face.

8 "They've gone home," said his neighbor, opening the door wide and pointing to the dark living room. "We had a small party earlier, and everybody left two hours ago," he explained. "I've been in bed asleep."

9 Mr. Wood could hardly believe it. Nobody was there! Then it suddenly dawned³ on him that he must have gone off to sleep for hours while the party was still going on. Feeling a little foolish and quite embarrassed, Mr. Wood apologized for waking up his neighbor at such a late hour and silently made his way back to his own apartment.

¹**prop**: to support something or hold it in place

²**jerk**: to pull something with a sudden strong movement

³**dawn**: to begin to be realized or understood

Questions

- A.** Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Justify your answer. (Score: 03)
1. This was not the first time that there had been such a party in the apartment upstairs.
 2. Mr. Wood did not even try to get some sleep.
 3. Mr. Wood was upset when he went upstairs to complain.
- B.** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.
1. What did Mr. Wood do to ignore the noise from the party? (Score: 01)
 2. What was the neighbor's reaction to Mr. Wood's pounding at the door? (Score: 0.5)
 3. How long did the party last?(Score: 01)
- C.** Refer to the text to complete the following sentences. (Score: 01)
1. Mr. Wood's anger suddenly vanished when he found out that
 2. Mr. Wood thought that the party had been going on for . . . hours when he went upstairs.
- D.** Rearrange the following events in the correct time order. (Score: 01.5)
- Mr. Wood went upstairs to complain that the party was too noisy.
 - The neighbor and his guests started a party.
 - Mr. Wood apologized to his neighbor for the inconvenience.
 - The guests started to leave the party.
 - The neighbor was shocked when Mr. Wood asked him about the noise.
 - Mr. Wood went to bed but he couldn't sleep.
- E.** Pick a word from the paragraphs indicated below to complete each of these sentences. (Score: 02)
1. There were so many people talking that I couldn't ... on the music. (Paragraph 2)
 2. Mr. Wood's heart ... , but he forced himself to remain calm. (Paragraph 3)
 3. While going downstairs, Mr. Wood was ... his hands with embarrassment. (Paragraph 4)
 4. Some guests shouted noisily during the party, and they felt really (Paragraph 9)
- F.** There is **one** grammatical error in each of the following sentences. Correct it without changing the meaning. (Score: 02)
1. Neither Mr. Wood nor his wife like parties in general.
 2. How you expect me to feel at ease with such neighbors?
 3. If Mr. Wood knew that the party was over, he wouldn't have rushed upstairs.
 4. Next time, Mr. Wood will not go to bed as soon as the party will start.

Part Two : Writing

(Score: 08/20)

Many of us face social problems in our neighborhoods, at schools, in the streets, on the playgrounds, etc. Narrate an incident in which you or your family faced a problem. Tell what exactly happened to the people involved and how the problem was solved. Copy the following chart first, fill it, and then develop the information there in a well-organized composition of about 150-200 words. Give your developed composition a suitable title.

Title	
Problem	
Setting (time & place)	
Character(s)	
Events	
Solution	

[Score: 02 for **chart** and **title**, 03 for **ideas**, and 03 for **language**]

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Part of the Q	Answer	Mark
I.A.1	True: He knew from past experience. (Paragraph 2)	1
I.A.2	False: He turned out the light and buried his head in the pillows in a desperate effort to shut out the noise. (Paragraph 2)	1
I.A.3	True: He knocked at the door several times as loud as he could. Angrily, he pounded on the door and shouted. (Paragraph 3)	1
I.B.1	He busied himself with the work he brought home, he tried to read a book, and he buried his head in the pillows.	1
I.B.2	He was surprised. He expected that the place was on fire.	05
I.B.3	It lasted for six hours.	1
I.C.1	Mr. Wood's anger suddenly vanished when he found out that <i>there were no guests at all.</i>	0.5
I.C.2	Mr. Wood thought that the party had been going on for <i>six hours</i> when he went upstairs.	0.5
I.D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The neighbor and his guests started a party. – Mr. Wood went to bed but he couldn't sleep. – The guests started to leave the party. – Mr. Wood went upstairs to complain that the party was too noisy. – The neighbor was shocked when Mr. Wood asked him about the noise. – Mr. Wood apologized to his neighbor for the inconvenience. 	01.5
I.E.1	There were so many people talking that I couldn't <i>concentrate</i> on the music. (Paragraph 2)	0.5
I.E.2	Mr. Wood's heart <i>pounded</i> , but he forced himself to remain calm. (Paragraph 3)	0.5
I.E.3	While going downstairs, Mr. Wood was <i>rubbing</i> his hands with embarrassment. (Paragraph 4)	0.5
I.E.4	Some guests shouted noisily during the party, and they really felt <i>embarrassed / foolish.</i> (Paragraph 9)	0.5
I.F.1	Neither Mr. Wood nor his wife <i>likes</i> parties in general.	0.5
I.F.2	How <i>do</i> you expect me to feel at ease with such neighbors?	0.5
I.F.3	If Mr. Wood <i>had known</i> that the party was over, he wouldn't have rushed upstairs.	0.5
I.F.4	Next time, Mr. Wood will not go to bed as soon as the party <i>starts.</i>	0.5
II.A	Graphic Organizer and Title	2
II.B	Ideas	3
II.C	Language	3