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نموذج مسابقة (يراعي تعليق الدروس والتوصيف المعدل للعام الدراسي ٢٠١٦-٢٠١٧ وحتى صدور المناهج المطورة)

Part One: Reading Comprehension

(Score: 24/40)

Read the selection below about the advantages and disadvantages of telecommuting and then answer the questions that follow.

Telecommuting

1 Telecommuting means substituting the computer for the trip to your job. It is working from a remote location outside a traditional office. The remote location can be home, a coffee shop or a hotel room. The Internet, faxes, phones, webcams and instant messaging are some of the technological advances that enable this type of work arrangement. Most telecommuters work in the financial, high-tech and communications industries.

2 Many people **praise** telecommuting as a solution to all kinds of problems related to office work. For workers, it promises freedom from the office demands, less time wasted in traffic and help with child care conflicts. For management, telecommuting helps keep high performers in team work, minimizes employees' lateness and absence by eliminating commutes, allows periods of solitude for high concentration on task and provides flexibility in making schedules.

3 In some areas, such as Southern California, Seattle and Washington, local governments are encouraging companies to start telecommuting programs in order to **reduce** rush hour crowds and improve air quality. But these benefits do not come easily. Making a telecommuting program work requires careful planning and an understanding of the differences between telecommuting realities and popular images.

4 A lot of workers are **seduced** by rosy illusions of life as a telecommuter. A computer programmer from New York City moves to the tranquil Adirondack Mountains and stays in contact with her office via computer. A manager comes in to his office three days a week and works at home the other two. An accountant stays home to care for a child; she hooks up her telephone modem connections and does office work between calls to the doctor.

5 These are powerful images, but they are a limited reflection of reality. Telecommuting workers soon learn that it is almost impossible to concentrate on work and care for a young child at the same time. Before a certain age, young children cannot **recognize** the necessary boundaries between work and family. Additional child support is necessary if the parent is to get any office work done.

6 Managers, too, must separate the myth from the reality. Although the media has paid a great deal of attention to telecommuting, in most cases it is the employee's situation, not the availability of technology that **precipitates** a telecommuting arrangement. That is partly why, despite the widespread press coverage, the number of companies with work-at-home programs or policy guidelines remains small.

Questions:

A- Answer questions 1- 4 in complete sentences using your own words.

- 1- According to paragraph 2, what problems for office employees does telecommuting solve? **(Score: 02)**
- 2- Based on paragraph 3, why would some governments encourage companies to start telecommuting programs? **(Score: 02)**
- 3- How would employers benefit from the potential advantages of telecommuting? **(Score: 02)**
- 4- Does the writer believe that telecommuting really helps with child care? Justify your answer. **(Score: 02)**
- 5- Which of the following is an example of telecommuting as described in the selection? **(Score: 02)**
 - A scientist in a laboratory developing plans for computer design
 - A computer programmer sending via computer documents prepared at home
 - A computer technician repairing an office computer network
 - A teacher directing computer-assisted learning in a private school

B- The reading selection has six paragraphs (1→6). Each of the following extracts (A and B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts A and B carefully and then choose from paragraphs (1→6) the one that correctly fits with each extract. **(Score: 02)**

Extract (A): *One might be surprised by the kinds of jobs that are best suited for telecommuting.*

There is clear growth in telecommuting from engineering to business to management.

Extract (B): *A banker may keep in touch with co-workers and employers via telephone and email to accomplish a lot of work nationally and internationally.*

C- Use contextual clues to figure out the meaning of each word in the box below. Then fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the following sentences. **(Score: 04)**

praise (Paragraph 2)	reduce (Paragraph 3)	seduced (Paragraph 4)
recognize (Paragraph 5)	precipitates (Paragraph 6)	

- 1- Although John was big and responsible enough to take care of himself, he did not _____ the threat of staying alone in that house.
- 2- The minister has worked with the concerned committees for several days but could not _____ the high cost of transportation.
- 3- Last week, the peaceful beauty of the beach _____ everybody to go swimming.
- 4- Many colleagues _____ my dad for his efforts and honesty at work.

- D- The table below shows the growth in telecommuting between 2012 and 2015 in Texas and Michigan. Read the table carefully and then answer the following question. (Score: 02)

Telecommuting Growth in Texas and Michigan between 2012 and 2015

State	Texas	Michigan
Year		
2012	1.3%	1.3%
2013	1.5%	2.5%
2014	1.7%	3.7 %
2015	1.8%	4.8 %

What do the percentages indicate about the difference between Texas and Michigan in the rate of telecommuting growth? Explain with evidence from the table.

- E- In each of the following sentences, there is ONE grammatical error. Identify the error and then correct it. (Score: 04)

- 1- The magazine articles which I found in her room was all about telecommuting.
- 2- My son, as well as my husband, hate watching television.
- 3- Sam has bought computer at a very good price.
- 4- When you called the manager, he has already sent the required documents.

- F- Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated, without changing the meaning. (Score: 02)

- 1- Telecommuting programs improve the performance of employees.
The performance of employees.....
- 2- They did not make the bridge design because they did not have the original plans.
If.....

Part Two: Writing

Choose ONE of the following prompts: (Score: 16/40)

Prompt (A): Read the following statement from an article about the use of information and communication technology.

From a historical and international perspective, we are witnessing an increase in the use of technology for communication and business. Commerce and trade around the world now depend on technology for making more money.

Make an outline and then write an essay in which you explain the above statement. As you develop your essay, refer to the positive role of technology in offering new job opportunities, buying or selling products and providing services for making more money.

In your essay, provide a thesis statement in the introduction, a topic sentence in each body paragraph and support the main idea with relevant, specific and adequate details. Give examples

drawn from your reading, experience or observation. Your essay should be between 150-200 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.


Prompt (B) Read the following viewpoint of a high achiever who experienced a great career success.

To be successful in the world of business, you need to overcome the work challenges, have the desire for success and avoid the fear of failure.

Based on the statement above, write a narrative essay about the success story of a businessman you know or heard about who worked hard and could overcome many career challenges to achieve success. As you develop your essay, describe these challenges, actions taken to overcome them, people involved and success achieved. Copy and fill in the chart below and then write the essay. Your essay should be between 150-200 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.

1	Title	
2	Setting	
3	Characters	
4	Events	
5	Ending	

Your essay will be evaluated based on content and organization of ideas (Score: 05), language and style (Score: 05), outline/chart and title (Score: 04), tidiness and legible handwriting (Score: 02)

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A-

- 1- Telecommuting solves many problems for employees such as being restricted to the office demands, dealing with child care conflicts and wasting time in traffic.
- 2- Companies are encouraged by some governments to start telecommuting programs in order to have less crowds in rush hours and protect the quality of air.
- 3- Employers would keep high performers working with team members and their employees would concentrate more on work. Telecommuting also helps employers have less absent or late employees and make more flexible schedules.
- 4- The writer does not believe that telecommuting really helps with child care conflicts because employees can't focus on work and child care at the same time. Employees would also need special child support to finish their work.
- 5- A computer programmer sending via computer documents prepared at home

B- Extract A is the correct part that completes paragraph 1.

Extract B is the correct part that completes paragraph 4.

C-

- 1- recognize
- 2- reduce
- 3- seduced
- 4- praise

D- The percentages indicate that the rate of telecommuting growth between 2012 and 2015 was higher in Michigan than in Texas. The percentage of telecommuters in Texas was 1.3% in 2012 and reached only 1.8% in 2015 while in Michigan the percentage was 1.3 % in 2012 and reached 4.8% in 2015.

E-

- 1- was → were
- 2- hate → hates
- 3- computer → a computer
- 4- has already sent → had already sent

F-

- 1- The performance of employees is improved by telecommuting programs.
- 2- If they had had the original plans, they would have made the bridge design.