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### Part One: Reading Comprehension

(Score: 12/20)

Read the following text in which the author sheds light on the efforts made to solve the problems of poor communities. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

#### Laptops for the Hungry

- 1 One of the problems faced by many poor countries around the world is child labor. Children who are supposed to be getting good education are out of school working because there is no other way for their families to earn enough money in order to meet their needs. The working hours are often very long- 10 or 12 hours a day. For instance, many young children in Bangladesh work under difficult and terrible conditions all day long, breaking old bricks in extremely hot weather. Another widespread problem is that over a billion people worldwide still don't have access to clean water and good hygiene. To help children in poor countries, a goal was set to provide every child with a laptop.
- 2 A company has designed a very simple laptop that is powered by a wind-up mechanism so that it can be used in areas which don't yet have electricity. Assuming that at least 100 million laptops could be ordered, the final price tag would be no more than 100 dollars. The plan for governments and charities is to buy these laptops and **distribute** them to children in the poorest areas of the world. It is not yet clear what kind of software will be **installed** on the laptops, but it will surely include one or two educational games.
- 3 When hearing announcements like this, it is not easy to avoid being enthusiastic. It would be great if everyone had a computer and access to the internet as a learning tool to enhance education. There is hope that this technology would help **improve** the children's living conditions and create better life opportunities for the future. However, in the meantime, so many children are falling ill and dying from water-borne diseases, which is an urgent problem to be solved.
- 4 One of the difficulties with the plan is what families are likely to do with the laptops. The hundred-dollar price tag is equivalent to an adult salary for three months in many cases. These families are much more likely to try and sell the computer and get money to buy grain, fertilizer or food, than to let their kids play with it in the evenings while the rest of the family sit listening to their stomachs rumbling. Thus, international organizations should raise awareness about the value of keeping and benefiting from these laptops.
- 5 In conclusion, the laptops and their software can **persuade** the young and the poor in the world that their issues are being dealt with seriously. The whole world should be working hard to help **lessen** the rate of child labor and poverty in order to live peacefully, hoping that these problems will have been solved by 2030.

#### Questions

A. Answer the following in complete sentences of your own.

(Score: 04)

1. Based on paragraph 1, poor countries are facing many problems. State four of them. (01pt)
2. According to paragraph 2, why did the company have to design simple laptops? (01pt)
3. Based on paragraph 4, what does the author recommend? (01pt)
4. Based on the indicated paragraphs, what does each of the underlined pronouns refer to? (01pt)

a- it (Par. 2)

b- it (Par. 4)

B. Use contextual clues to figure out the meaning of each word in the box below. Then fill in the blanks with the correct word to complete the following sentences. (Score: 02)

1. distribute (Par.2) 2. installed (Par.2) 3. improve (Par.3) 4. persuade (Par.5) 5. lessen (Par.5)

- 1- Mothers try to \_\_\_\_\_ their gifts equally among their children.
- 2- It is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ a stubborn person of your opinion.
- 3- Developed countries helped poor countries to \_\_\_\_\_ their social problems.
- 4- The ultimate goal of our school is to \_\_\_\_\_ both students' performance and communication skills.

**C. The reading selection has 5 paragraphs (1-5). 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 (1-5) the one that correctly fits with each extract. (Score: 01)**

**Extract (A)** Those children in Bangladesh will be pleased to know that after a long day breaking bricks, they can relax with their laptops and play their favorite computer games.

**Extract (B)** Overcoming such health problems and deadly diseases enhances children's lives and makes them optimistic.

**D. The table below shows the percentage of schools using technology in Finland and Tunisia in 2005 and 2010. Read the table carefully, and then answer the following question. (Score: 01)**

**The Percentages of Schools Using Technology in Finland and Tunisia between 2005 and 2010**

Country \ Year	Finland	Tunisia
2005	45%	10%
2010	65%	20%

How are schools in Finland and Tunisia similar in the use of technology? Explain with evidence from the table.

**E. Identify the ONE grammatical error in each of the following sentences, and then correct it. (Score: 02)**

- A vegetarian can be defined as someone who do not eat meat, fish, or other animal products.
- If we don't make changes in our lives soon, they would be very boring.
- Some Japanese universities are developing medical robots to detecting certain kinds of cancer.
- I don't know why did the United Nations announce this in 2005.

**F. Choose the correct answer, and write it in your booklet. (Score: 02)**

- It is more beneficial to look for a solution in collaboration with others \_\_\_\_\_ to do it alone.  
A. but                      B. after                      C. than                      D. then
- It was so late; \_\_\_\_\_, he still insisted on calling her.  
A. although                      B. despite                      C. nevertheless                      D. moreover
- Dinner will be ready when you \_\_\_\_\_ home.  
A. have come                      B. will come                      C. come                      D. comes
- I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ that second piece of cake. I had a stomachache all night long.  
A. would not eat                      B. had not eaten                      C. did not eat                      D. had eaten

**Part Two: Writing (Score: 08)**

**Choose ONE of these two prompts.**

**Prompt (A)**

*Children are being negatively influenced by violence in media such as video games, movies and the Internet.* Write about the negative effects of such violence on children. What solutions do you suggest to stop this problem? Provide an outline and a suitable title, and then develop your ideas in a well-organized essay of (150-200 words).

Your essay should have a good thesis statement that states the main idea(s), topic sentence(s) that you elaborate well by giving sufficient details and examples, and a meaningful conclusion. Remember to revise and proofread your essay.

**Prompt (B)**

*Some successful people manage to overcome the problems they have faced in their lives by gaining the support of their community (governments, schools, family, friends, etc...).*

Narrate a story of a successful person you know or you have heard about. Copy the chart and then fill it with the proper information. Develop your narrative by providing sufficient details about the problem, people involved, and the solutions. Your essay should be between (150-200 words).

<b>Title</b>	
<b>Setting</b>	
<b>Characters</b>	
<b>Problem</b>	
<b>Events</b>	
<b>Solution</b>	

**Your essay will be evaluated based on ideas and organization (Score: 2.5), language and style (Score: 2.5), outline/chart and title (Score: 02) tidiness and legible handwriting (Score: 01)**