

مسابقة في مادة اللغة الإنكليزية المدة: ساعتان

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Read the following text in which the writer decided to go on a vacation away from a stressful life. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

An Exciting Adventure

1 Mark Boye is a 35-year-old, hard-working man. He lives in a busy city, Hong Kong. Since his childhood, he has always had a sense of adventure and a **passion** for exploring nature and experiencing a simple life. Mark has what most people consider a normal life. He is a successful businessman with a good job as a manager of a food company, a big house, and a happy social life. However, he has recently been under too much stress, always worried about increase his business and his profits.

2 One day, after much thinking, Mark decided that he had needed a change in his life, so he decided to take a one-month vacation. Following his heart, he planned to travel single and with no money to make his old dream come true. After searching the Internet, he managed to get a caravan offered by people who give away things they don't want for free. Early in the morning, he started his trip. A few hours later, he parked his caravan on a farm. The farm owner didn't take money from Mark but let him work on the farm instead, so Mark was relaxed. At first, many of life's basic different **chores** were difficult to carry out, and life's needs were not easy to meet. Soon, however, these difficulties became history and Mark could overcome them. For example, food was the first need, but he found that there were three main ways of getting it without paying: growing his own vegetables and fruits, searching for wild plants, and exchanging things. He then had to learn to cook in the open air by burning wood that he found in the near woodland.

3 In addition to that, Mark found that even the simplest tasks like having a shower or washing clothes were incredibly time-wasting. For example, washing his clothes in a bowl of cold water, using liquid soap made by boiling some nuts on his stove, could take two hours or more. Despite all of this hard work, Mark didn't complain at all, and that is a sign of **satisfaction** and happiness. He got used to spending his time in this way, and he never got bored; there was always something to do and something to learn about; and on top of that, he enjoyed every single minute of it. He states that such a lifestyle might have some **consequences** on one's personal life. Such a life might be possible for a single person, but would it sound attractive to future couples to live with such life visions?

4 When Mark's friends ask him about his experience, he says the main lesson is that self-satisfaction is the real source of happiness. They also ask him what disturbs him in his everyday life, and all he can think of are things like stress, traffic, and bills! Now, at the end of his one-month long vacation, Mark says he loves it, but is it possible for everyone to live the same experience and still be happy?

Questions

A Choose the right answer(s) and then copy it (them). (Score: 04)

1. Mark decided to spend a vacation in nature. Based on paragraph 1, what two negative factors made him do so?
 - a. The busy city
 - b. Being adventurous
 - c. Living a stressful life
2. What were the two main difficulties that Mark faced on the farm as mentioned in paragraph 2?
 - a. Parking the caravan
 - b. Paying the rent
 - c. Carrying out the multiple chores
 - d. Meeting life's needs
3. Based on paragraph 3, why were the simplest tasks time-wasting?
 - a. Demanding long time because of long procedure
 - b. Washing clothes and showering on the farm
4. How would you compare Mark's feelings before and after the adventure?
 - a. Before the adventure he was disturbed and worried. After, he became self-satisfied
 - b. Before the adventure he was self-satisfied. After, he became disturbed and worried

B What do the underlined pronouns in paragraph 2 refer to? (Score: 01)

1. them
2. it

C Choose and then copy the words that best complete the following sentences. (Score: 02)

1. I get self (satisfaction - passion) from feeding and walking my dog.
2. The damaged car showed the (consequences – chores) of careless driving.
3. My brother has a strong (satisfaction - passion) for drawing.
4. Daily (consequences – chores) could include cutting hay, chopping firewood, and gathering crops.

D The reading selection has 4 paragraphs (1-4). Each of the following extracts (A) and (B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. (Score: 01)

Read extracts A and B carefully. Then, choose from paragraphs (2, 3 and 4) the one that correctly fits with each extract.

Extract (A): He felt rather overwhelmed by the cooking at first, but he quickly adapted to it, and it became one of his biggest joys.

Extract (B): It isn't easy for a married couple to survive with no money, no car, no job, and even no hot water.

E Correct the ONE grammatical error in each sentence. (Score: 02)

1. First of all, I was a typical person: anxious, impatient, and I had curiosity.
2. Office workers who telecommute from their own homes are much productive than before.
3. My seven-year-old nephew have some disgusting habits that make him weird.
4. I can't remember where have I met you.

F Rewrite the following sentences to have the same meaning. (Score: 02)

1. The owner didn't charge him any rent. (from active to passive)
He.....
2. He changed his life completely, for he was dissatisfied. (from real to conditional type 3)
If

Part Two: Writing

(Score: 08)

Choose one of the following two prompts.

Prompt A Read the following statement.

Keep your dreams alive. To accomplish anything requires faith, vision, hard work, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe.

Choose three factors from the given ones below that you believe you need to accomplish your goals and make your dreams come true.

Develop them in your essay.

- a- working hard
- b- being serious
- c- abiding by laws
- d- learning from others' experiences
- e- not accepting failure

Use evidence from your daily life.

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 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 Read the following quotation.

“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”

Narrate a story of someone who was suffering.

Show what this person was suffering from and how he/she was helped by a friend to overcome his/her problem.

Copy the chart, and then **fill it in** with relevant information.

Develop your narrative by **providing** sufficient details about the problem, people involved, and the solutions.

Your essay should be between (150-200 words).

Title	
Setting	Time: Place:
Characters	Who suffered the problem? Who helped him/her?
problem	What was he/she suffering from?
Events	What happened in detail? a- knowing about your friend's problem b- feeling sad for him/her c- helping him/her
Solution	How did his/her situation improve? How did he/she feel in the end?

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)