

paper Two
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Part One: COMPREHENSION (20 points)

A: Read the following passage , and do the tasks below :

Generally speaking , rich people aren't happier than poor people. Admittedly , this may seem to be a controversial statement to some, but there is enough evidence to be able to state this as a fact. Developments in biology and psychology now allow us to measure happiness more accurately than ever before, and the results are clear. Levels of stress and depression in the richer countries are rising, with people reporting less, not more, satisfaction with their lives.

A recent study in the UK shows that overall happiness peaked in the mid-1970s and has been declining ever since. The researchers reached the conclusion that over a certain level (about £20,000 per person), 'extra income is not associated with increased happiness'. Put simply , once basic human needs have been met, there is simply no point in getting richer.

It seems that a lot of people have forgotten something that nearly everyone used to think was obvious: money and happiness are not the same thing. I hesitate to write this, because someone will say that I am romanticising poverty. I am not. But I have lived in poor countries, and it was impossible not to notice that people there smile and laugh more, socialise more easily and complain less than people in the richer nations.

Obviously , **I am not** saying that poverty causes happiness, but there does seem to be a lot of evidence that wealth causes unhappiness. Why, then, do people still spend so much time and effort on getting richer, even when they already have far more than they could ever need? Various theories have been suggested. To be honest, though, **I am still unsure**. Personally, I can't understand why anyone would need to buy another luxury car when they already have three or four. How many homes can you live in at any one time? The only explanation I can come up with is that it is a kind of addiction: when your life has been all about making money, that becomes your purpose, the reason you get up in the morning.

1. Complete the following statements with your own language: (10 points)

- The real reason why stress is increasing in rich countries is that
- According to the text , the more money people earn , the less
- The writer believes that money and happiness are not the same thing which is due to the fact that
- Rich people continue getting more money than they need just because
- The writer uses some phrases that show his own attitude . Find two phrases in the text that mean:
 - "Giving the basic meaning or fact in a clear a way " is
 - " This may not be true in all cases".....
- Say what the following statement refers to :
"I am not" in the third paragraph
- Find a word that means : to think about something as being better or more attractive or interesting than it really is .(.....)

2. Decide if the following statements are true or false .Then write the words from the text that tell you the answer .(10 points)

- Reports show that rich people are satisfied with their lives .
True/ false
Text says :.....
- The UK recent study shows that happiness has reached its highest point since the mid 1970s .
True/ false
Text says :.....
- The writer believes that people don't need to get richer when they have their own basic needs .
True/ false
Text says :.....
- The writer loves poverty and wrote many romantic stories about the poor people .
True/ false
Text says :.....
- To sum up " Happiness is associated with poverty" .
True/ false
Text says :.....

Answers

Complete the following statements with your own language:

- rich people are less satisfied with their lives .
- happier they live because of getting more stressed and depressed.
- people in poor countries smile and laugh more, socialize more easily and complain less than people in the richer nations .
- because the rich have become more addicted to make more and more money. They just can't stop .
- a- put simply
b-generally speaking
- I am not romanticizing poverty .
- romanticizing .

2. Decide if the following statements true or false and show that in the text .

- False
Text : Levels of stress and depression in the richer countries are rising, with people reporting less, not more, satisfaction with their lives.
- False
Text: A recent study in the UK shows that overall happiness peaked in the mid-1970s and has been declining ever since.
- True
Text : Put simply , once basic human needs have been met, there is simply no point in getting richer.
- False
Text : money and happiness are not the same thing. I hesitate to write this, because someone will say that I am romanticising poverty. I am not.

5. False

Text : Obviously , I am not saying that poverty causes happiness, but there does seem to be a lot of evidence that wealth causes unhappiness.

Comprehension Passage Two : (15 points)

B: Read the following passage , then answer the questions below.

One weekend in May 2010, Nashville in the USA was expecting a few centimetres of rain. Two days later, 33 centimetres had fallen and eleven people had died in the resulting floods.

There's been a change in the weather. Extreme events like the Nashville flood – described by officials as a once-in-a-millennium occurrence – are more frequent than before. Also in 2010, 28 centimetres of rain fell on Rio de Janeiro in 24 hours, causing mud slides that buried hundreds of people. And record rains in Pakistan led to flooding that affected more than 20 million people. The following year, floods in Thailand left factories near Bangkok under water, creating a worldwide shortage of computer hard drives. Meanwhile, severe droughts have affected Australia, Russia and East Africa. Deadly heat waves have hit Europe, leaving 35,000 people dead in 2003. Financial losses from such events jumped 25 percent to an estimated \$150 billion worldwide in 2011.

What's going on? Are these extreme events signals of a dangerous, human-made change in the Earth's climate? Or are we just going through a natural run of bad luck? The short answer is: probably both. On the one hand, the most important influences on weather events are natural cycles in the climate. Two of the most famous weather cycles, El Niño and La Niña, originate in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather patterns worldwide. But something else is happening too: the Earth is steadily getting warmer, with significantly more moisture in the atmosphere. The long-term accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is trapping heat and warming up the land, oceans and atmosphere. As the oceans warm up, they produce more water vapour and this, in turn, feeds big storms, such as hurricanes and typhoons.

And yet, there are ways of dealing with the effects of such extreme events. After 2003, French cities set up air-conditioned shelters for use in heat waves. In the 2006 heat wave, the death rate was two-thirds lower.

"We know that warming of the Earth's surface is putting more moisture into the atmosphere. We've measured it. The satellites see it," says climatologist Jay Gulledge. Another scientist, Michael Oppenheimer, agrees. We need to face up to that reality, he says, and do the things we know can save lives and money.

Choose the correct answer.

- The article says that extreme weather events ...**
 - have an influence on the climate.
 - Kill more people than before
 - are part of a long-term change
- According to the article, ...**
 - scientists don't know what causes extreme weather.
 - there's more than one factor influencing our weather.
 - it's not possible for humans to influence the weather.
- Why was the rain in Nashville considered to be an extreme event?**
 - There was very high rainfall over many days.
 - The amount of rain was forecast in advance.
 - There was very high rainfall in a very short time.
- The rainfall in Nashville in May 2010 ...**
 - last happened a thousand years ago.
 - happens every one hundred years.
 - caused very rare flooding.
- What caused deaths in Rio de Janeiro?**
 - people were trapped under soil
 - the intensity of the rain
 - extensive floods
- According to the article, ...**
 - there has been a dramatic increase in the economic costs of extreme weather.
 - extreme weather events have risen by 25 percent since 2010.
 - in 2011, 25 percent of financial losses were weather-related.
- Which statement is NOT supported by information in the article?**
 - Extreme weather is influenced by human activity.
 - Unusual weather events are part of natural weather cycles.
 - Such extreme weather is too rare to be a result of climate change.
- What is the key factor in the formation of storms?**
 - warmer land temperatures
 - greenhouse gases
 - moisture in the air
- Why did fewer people die in France in the 2006 heat wave?**
 - There were better facilities provided.
 - Fewer people were in city centres at the time.
 - It wasn't as severe as in 2003.
- According to Michael Oppenheimer ...**
 - there's no way to stop extreme weather.
 - we can be better prepared for the effects of climate change.
 - we need to spend more money so that fewer people die

Question Number Two : (5 points)

Complete the following statements:

- There are at least four severe weather conditions that caused lots of disaster in the article . They are :
1.....
2.....
3.....
4.....
- Typhoons are formed as a result of :

Answers :

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| C | B | C | C | A | C | C | C | A | B |

Questions Number Two: (5 points)

- Four weather conditions are"
 - mud slides
 - floods
 - droughts
 - heat waves
- The long-term accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is trapping heat and warming up the land, oceans and atmosphere. As the oceans warm up, they produce more water vapour and this, in turn, feeds big storms.

Part Two: Literature (15 points)

A: Romeo and Juliet

- Answer the following questions (5 points)

- Why does Benvolio hold his sword at the beginning of the play ?
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- Who prevents Tybalt from fighting Romeo at the party ? Why?
.....
- What kind of punishment does the Prince give Romeo after killing Tybalt?
.....
- What's Friar plan for Juliet to avoid marrying Paris ?
.....

B. Say if the following sentences true or false .(5 points)

- Tybalt starts the fight with Mercutio and kills him .(.....)
- Romeo helps Mercutio in fighting against Tybalt.(.....)
- Romeo kills Benvolio and disappears .(.....)
- Romeo's and Juliet's tragic death brings a new start of peace for their families. (.....)
- Romeo dies as a result of the poison Friar has prepared for him .(.....)

C: Read the following quotation then complete the sentences below : (5 points)

"I too have an interest in this bloody fight between you .A member of my family died here today ."

- The speaker is
- He is addressing
- " A member of my family" refers to.....
- "Bloody fight" refers to
- A member of my family" died as a result of

Answers .

A: Questions.

- He is trying to stop the servants of the Montague and Capulet fighting each others .
- Capulet prevents Tybalt from fighting Romeo because Romeo is in his house and he doesn't want anybody to start a fight among his guests.
- The Prince exiles Romeo from Verona , if he's found there , he'll be killed
- To drink a certain liquid which will make her cold , sleepy and pale .she will also seem unable to breathe and will be carried to the Capulet's tomb .

B:True\ false

- false
- false
- false
- True
- false

C: Read the following quotation then complete the sentences below .

- The speaker is Prince Escalus.
- He's addressing Montague , Capulet and their wives .
- Mercutio .
- The fight between Montague and Capulet in which many are killed including his dear Mercutio.
- a hateful and silly fight between Mercutio and Tybalt .

B: King Lear

Answer the following questions :

- Who was Lear? How many daughters did he have?
- What was known about Cordelia?
- What was Lear's decision concerning his country?
- Why did Lear want to give his country to his daughters?
- What did Regan order to do with Gloucester after blinding him?
- Where did Kent and Lear take shelter? Who did they find there?
- What did Goneril express her love to her father? How did she prove?
- What did Goneril do after her father stayed with her?
- What is Edmund's evil plan?
- Why was Goneril a liar and treacherous and greedy?
- Why did Gloucester decide to jump off the cliff?
- What did Edgar do to revenge 4 his father?

Answers:

- Lear was the king of Britain. He had three daughters..
- She was the youngest daughter and the favourite to her father. Two men wanted to marry her, but she got married to the king of France.
- He decided to give his country to his daughters and their husbands.
- Because he became old and tired, so he wanted to relax.
- She ordered him to be thrown out of his own castle into the storm.
- They took shelter in a small dirty hut. They found Edgar.
1. She said she loved him very very much.
2. She made a list of great things in life and said she loved him more than these things.
- She asked her servants to be rude to the king and quarrel with his men.
- a. to make his father and his brother hate each other.
b. to make Edgar leave.
c. to make his father give him what he wanted to give Edgar
- Because after two weeks: 1. she asked her servants to be rude to the king and quarrel with his men. 2. She dismissed 50 of his knights.
- Because he is so deeply unhappy at what he has done to Edgar and what he has suffered at the hands of Cornwall.

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