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II. Read the following passage, then answer the questions:

15 Mar

Hay fever is a seasonal allergy to pollens. The term "hay fever", however, is a less than adequate description since such an attack can be brought on by sources other than hay-producing grasses and since an attack of allergy does not incur fever. The causes of hay fever can be quite varied. Hay fever is generally caused by air-borne pollens, particularly ragweed pollen. The amount of pollen in the air is largely dependent on geographical location, weather and season. In the eastern section of the United States, for example, there are generally three periods when pollen from various sources can cause intense hay fever suffering: in the springtime months of March and April when pollen from trees is prevalent, in the summer months of June and July, when grass pollen fills the air and at the end of August when ragweed pollen is at its most concentrated levels. What results from an attack of hay fever is not a fever. Instead, a person with hay fever will suffer symptoms such as red and itching eyes, a swollen runny nose and repeated bouts of sneezing.

1. According to this passage, the best title is _____

- a. The relationship between Season and Allergies.
- b. Misconceptions and Facts about Hay Fever.
- c. Hay fever in the Eastern United States.
- d. How Ragweed Causes Hay Fever.

2. According to the passage, which of the following helps to explain why the term "hay fever" is wrongly used?

- a. A strong fever occurs after an attack.
- b. The amount of pollen in the air depends on geographical location.
- c. Hay fever is always caused by ragweed pollen.
- d. Grass pollen is prevalent in June and July.

3. Which of the following is NOT discussed in the passage as a determining factor of the amount of pollen in the air?

- a. Place.
- b. Climate.
- c. Time of year.
- d. Altitude.

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4. Which of the following is NOT true about hay fever in the eastern United States?

- a. Suffering from hay fever is equally severe year-round.
- b. Pollen from trees causes hay fever suffering in the spring.
- c. Grass pollen fills the air earlier in the year than ragweed pollen.
- d. Ragweed pollen is most prevalent at the end of the summer.

5. Which of the following is NOT a symptom of hay fever?

- a. A high fever.
- b. A runny nose.
- c. Red eyes.
- d. Persistent sneezing.

III. Grammar:

12 Marks

• Group (A): Choose the correct answer between brackets:

- 1 - Last year, I (had bought - was buying - bought - would buy) a new tractor for my farm.
- 2 - By 2010, ICDL will (become - have become - became - becoming) a necessity to join a university.
- 3 - Nada and her father often (watch - watching - are watching - have watched) news programs on TV.
- 4 - Ahmed Adel went out with his friends after he (finished - was finished - had finished - finishes) his exams.
- 5 - They (discuss - will discuss - have discussed - are discussing) your request now.
- 6 - Mohamed (stayed - had stayed - has stayed - have stayed) at Beltim for two months.

• Group (B): Change the following sentences into passive form:

- 7 - Ali will buy some reference books.
- 8 - At the moment, Ismael and his brothers are irrigating the land.
- 9 - I have given my grandmother some flowers.

• Group (C): Change the following sentences into indirect speech:

- 10 - He said to me, "I am going to plant these seeds."
- 11 - Hagar said to her brother, "Shut down the computer and resume your study."
- 12 - Ziad said to the farmers, "Do not harvest the crop in May."

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