



Answer all of the following questions.

Section One: Reading Comprehension (50 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Time is very important in our lives. It organizes our everyday moments. However, time never had any importance in my life until I received a watch from my father that organized my life and made me more responsible.

It came from Denmark to the U.A.E. jewelry shop in a gray box. It weighs 8 oz. It's round in the center with two silver bands that go around my wrist. And all of it is made of silver. This object tells me the importance of time in my life.

I received this gift on a gray-sky day. I had to go to the airport at 9:00 AM to pick up my Uncle Ali and take him to my father's house. However, I was late because I was out with my friends. Later on that day, around 11:00 AM, I remembered my uncle, but I was very late for him. He had left the airport and taken a taxi to my father's house.

I got to my father's house at 2:00 PM on the same day and looked at my angry father's face. I felt ashamed of myself at that moment. After I said hello to my angry father and tired uncle, my father asked me to sit next to him where he gave me this watch which was a gift from him. Then he said, "Essa did you have fun with your friends today?" I answered, "Yes father, and I'm sorry about not picking up my Uncle Ali." He said, "What you did was not very nice and you should be sorry for your actions." I was ashamed and said, "Father I'll never do it again. I promise." He said, "I hope today you learned something important, and this watch will be a reminder for you." He told me to take this watch and use it as an organizer of my life.

I learned a very important lesson from my father: to respect time and never be late to get someone. This watch is important to me, not because of its price, but because of the lesson that I learned from it.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. What prevented Essa from going to the airport?
3. Why did Essa's father blame him?
4. How is the watch important to Essa?
5. What is the lesson that Essa learned?
6. "gift" means
 - a. Watch
 - b. Present
 - c. Airport
 - d. Silver
7. Which of the following is NOT true about Essa's watch?
 - a. It came from his father.
 - b. It weighed about one pound.
 - c. It was made of silver.
 - d. It will be a reminder to Essa.
8. At the end of the story, which was NOT important to Essa?
 - a. Pleasing his father
 - b. Playing with his friends
 - c. The watch
 - d. Getting his uncle.



Section Two: Grammar (50 marks)

I. Supply the correct tense in the following sentences.

- 1) I'm tired. I (go) to bed now. Goodnight!
- 2) Bill (get) up at 8 o'clock every morning.
- 3) I (go) to the cinema three times last week.
- 4) Mary (watch) television when the phone rang.
- 5) I just (finish) my homework.

II. Rewrite the following phrases using the possessive ('s) or the 'of' structure.

- 1) today + weather
- 2) the cat + leg
- 3) the chair + leg
- 4) John + name
- 5) my mother + car

III. Fill in the blanks with the passive forms of the underlined verbs.

- 1) Careless driving causes many accidents. Many accidents by careless driving.
- 2) My grandfather built this house in 1930. This house in 1930.
- 3) Somebody is using the computer at the moment. The computer at the moment.
- 4) Mr Johnson doesn't like people keeping him waiting. Mr Johnson doesn't like waiting.
- 5) The police have arrested two men in connection with the robbery. Two men in connection with the robbery

IV. Underline the collective nouns in the following sentences.

- 1) The school team has won many championships this year.
- 2) The palace is now open to the public.
- 3) The committee has decided to close the restaurant.
- 4) The school headmaster met with a delegation of parents.
- 5) The media was accused of influencing the final decision.

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It was already late when we set out for the next town, which according to the map was about fifteen miles away on the other side of the hills. There we felt sure that we would find a bed for the night. Darkness fell soon after we left the village, but luckily we met no one as we drove swiftly along the narrow winding road that led to the hills. As we climbed higher, it became colder and rain began to fall, making it difficult at times to see the road. I asked John, my companion, to drive more slowly.

After we had travelled for about twenty miles, there was still no sign of the town which was marked on the map. We were beginning to get worried. Then, without warning, the car stopped. A quick examination showed that we had run out of petrol. Although we had little food with us, only a few biscuits and some chocolate, we decided to spend the night in the car.

Our meal was soon over. I tried to go to sleep at once, but John, who was a poor sleeper, got out of the car after a few minutes and went for a walk up the hill. Soon he came running back. From the top of the hill he had seen, in the valley below, the lights of the town we were looking for. We at once unloaded all our luggage and, with a great effort, managed to push the car to the top of the hill. Then we went back for the luggage, loaded the car again and set off down the hill. In less than a quarter of an hour we were in the town, where we found a hotel quite easily.

I. Choose the best answer.

1. The travellers had a map but

- a. they did not know how to use it
- b. it gave them the wrong information
- c. they could not see it very well in the dark
- d. the town they were looking for was not on the map

2. Their car stopped because

- a. they had travelled more than twenty miles
- b. the petrol ran out of it
- c. they were going uphill
- d. of the battery

3. John came running back as

- a. he was afraid of something
- b. he was a poor sleeper
- c. he went for a walk up the hill
- d. he had good news

4. "winding" (line 4) means

- a. going uphill
- b. dangerous

c. not straight

d. cold