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Answer all questions on this paper.

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1. Reading comprehension (20%)

Read the two reading passages given below and answer the questions given below.

A) Passage I

Setting goals helps you to choose where you want to go in life. Top-level athletes, successful businesspeople and young and middle-aged achievers in all fields set their goals. First, you create your "big picture" of what you want to do with your life and identify the large-scale goals that you want to achieve. Then, you break these down into the smaller targets that you must hit to reach your lifetime goals. Finally, once you have your plan, you start working on it to achieve these goals.

The Harvard MBA study, conducted in 1979, was thought to assess how written and planned goals affected outcomes later in life. While some believe the study was real, others have intermingled the research with a supposed study done at Yale. The study asked the students, "Have you set clear, written goals for your future and made plans to accomplish them?". Of those who were tested, only 3% of the graduates had written goals and plans. 13% of the students had goals, but those goals were not in writing. 84% of students polled had no specific goals at all.

Ten years later, the students were interviewed once again. The findings were astonishing. The 13% of those who had goals, but had not written them down, were earning twice as much compared to the 84% who had no goals. The 3% who had written down goals were making ten times the other 97% put together.

If these results are indeed accurate, they are astonishing because they clearly show that setting goals, even those you do not write down, makes a big difference in success in life.

Adapted from: <http://importanceofstuff.com/setting-goals-in-life>

Underline the correct answer. (01 mark × 10 – 10 marks)

1. The Passage is mainly about.
 - a) The importance of planning events.
 - b) The importance of setting goals.
 - c) The success of businesspeople.
 - d) Findings of a Harvard MBA study.

2. The process of setting goals...
 - a) supports you to choose your path.
 - b) helps you to keep dreaming.
 - c) guide you to get good grades.
 - d) provides happiness.

3. Why is the process of setting goals important?
 - a) to choose one's destination
 - b) to learn from mistakes
 - c) to be happy
 - d) to stay organized

4. According to the passage, an example for goal setters is:
 - a) dreamers
 - b) top-level athletes
 - c) toddlers
 - d) old women

5. What is the first step of setting goals?
 - a) Identifying the large-scale goals one wants to achieve
 - b) Creating smaller targets
 - c) Planning what one wants to do in life.
 - d) Creating lifetime goals

6. The main purpose of the Harvard MBA study was:
 - a) to define goals
 - b) to identify the process of setting goals
 - c) to test the effect of setting goals
 - d) to recognize the outcomes of life

7. When was the Harvard MBA study conducted?
 - a) On or before 1979
 - b) In 1979
 - c) After 1979
 - d) After Yale study

8. According to the study, what percentage of students have written their goals?
 - a) 84%
 - b) 3%
 - c) 13%
 - d) 97%

9. According to the Harvard MBA study, what is the best way of achieving success?
 - a) Setting goals
 - b) Writing down one's goals
 - c) Not setting goals
 - d) Speaking about one's goals

10. According to the passage, what can be considered the final outcome of setting goals?
- a) Making a difference
 - b) Being popular
 - c) Achieving success in life
 - d) Being interviewed

B) Passage II

An introvert can be described as someone who gets their energy from being in their own company. Mainly, someone who is introverted may appear to be silent and shy at first, although this may not always be the case. Introverts may also prefer taking part in less lively activities and get pleasure from reading, writing, or painting. Introverts may typically prefer to do a single activity. They study situations carefully and take time to think more before they speak.

An extrovert is a person with friendliness qualities, which means they get their energy from being around other people. Someone who is extroverted may appear as very chatty and may be popular among friends. Extroverts may wish to find as much communication as possible because this is how they feel more active. According to studies, there are more extroverts than introverts by about three to one. Remember that extroversion is not an all-or-nothing trait; some people might be extroverted while others are less so.

Although many people view introversion and extroversion as two different categories, new personality theories have come to accept that it is more likely that introversion and extroversion are on a scale. An ambivert is a person who shows characteristics of both extroversion and introversion. In other words, they fall somewhere in the middle of the scale. People who are ambiverts are said to be somewhat comfortable in social situations but also enjoy some time alone. An ambivert essentially changes their behaviour based on the situation they find themselves in. For example, they may be quite introverted and reserved around strangers but will be more active and extroverted around close friends and family.

Adapted from: <https://essays.io/introverts-and-extroverts-personality-essay-example/>

Answer all the questions below. (2 marks × 5 – 10 marks)

11. How does an introvert get energy?

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12. What do introverts do **first** before they speak?

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13. According to the passage, why do extroverts seek out interaction?

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14. What have the studies found about the number of introverts and extroverts?

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15. This passage best supports the statement that:

- a) we are always extroverts
- b) one can only be an introvert
- c) one can have both extrovert and introvert traits
- d) ambiverts are the best of all personality types

2. Grammar (30%)

A) Write down the correct preposition from the choices given within the brackets and complete the sentences. (1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

1. She's been _____ Russia twice. (at/to)
2. Merchant of Venice was written _____ William Shakespeare. (On/by)
3. I'll come _____ you to the library. (from/with)
4. We can get to the camp _____ the evening. (in/by)
5. Tashini reminds me _____ Celine Dion. (of/to)
6. What are you looking _____ ? (at/about)
7. I'd like to have a word _____ the manager please. (to/with)
8. I don't usually feel tired _____ 8 a.m. (at/in)
9. You'll have to wait. He'll be here _____ a while. (by/in)
10. She's been learning English _____ 2001. (since/for)

B) Write the appropriate question for the response given below. (1 mark × 5 – 5 marks)

1.....

She is making dhal curry for dinner.

2.....

I didn't read the book, because I was bored.

3.....

No, I don't want to go to the supermarket.

4.....

Yes, she was writing the letter during work.

5.....

The assignment is on 31st of October.

C) Write down the most suitable form of the verb given within brackets to complete the sentences. (1 mark × 10 – 10 marks)

1. We (read) an interesting article on psychology yesterday.

2. The lecturer (mark) our assignments at the moment.

3. You (not/Understand) the activity yet.

4. We (buy) vegetables, when the accident happened.

5. Many (argue) with the chairman regarding the new project at the meeting yesterday.

6. It (rain) in the evening.

7. They usually work on Fridays, but they (not/work) last Friday.
8. Some students (submit) the assignment already.
9. She (not/ find) the keys yet.
10. A comedian is a person who (make) people laugh.

D) Each of the sentences given below contains an error. Rewrite the sentence, correcting the error. (1 mark × 5 – 5 marks)

1. They submitted there final assignments yesterday.
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2. I did not sold my house.
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3. She do not speak English fluently.
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4. The Childrens are reading books.
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5. My grandmother said that she can run very fast during her childhood.
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3.Vocabulary (15%)

Choose the most appropriate word and fill in the blanks. (1 marks × 15 – 15 marks)

1. There is always the _____ that the plane will be early.
(opportunity / possibility)
2. Her jewels were all imitations; they are quite _____.
(priceless/worthless)

3. The strike will _____ all trains in the London area.
(effect/affect)
4. The police will _____ anyone from leaving the building.
(avoid/prevent)
5. He made _____ faces and made the children laugh.
(fun/funny).
6. _____ managing the shop, he teaches in the evening.
(Beside/Besides)
7. Can you switch to _____ 4 for the news? (channel/canal)
8. Our team has a good _____ of winning. (opportunity /
chance)
9. I gave her an Italian _____ book for her birthday.
(recipe/receipt)
10. I am getting fed up with her _____ complaints.
(continual/continuous)
11. Did you _____ to switch off the kitchen light?
(remind/remember)
12. Does the sun _____ in the east or in the west? (raise/rise)
13. I didn't have much _____ on my birthday (fun/funny).
14. Would you _____ me to finish early tonight.
(remind/remember)
15. The English _____ is beautiful in spring.
(nature/countryside)

4. Essay writing (15%)

Select one topic from the given list and write an essay. (Approximately 250 words)

1. The Advantages and Disadvantages of social media.
 2. Let us save our mother nature.
 3. The Importance of Unity.
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