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Points:

Reading Comprehension _____ / 25

Use of English _____ / 75

Total _____ / 100

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Reading comprehension

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Time limit 30 minutes

Total points: _____ /25

New York was founded in 1624 by the Dutch, who called it New Amsterdam. Its Dutch origins can be seen in the names of old New York families like Stuyvesant and Vanderbilt and in place names such as Brooklyn (originally Breukelen) and Harlem. In 1664 the English gained control and changed its name to New York. In 1898 several towns were combined to make Greater New York City, which became the second largest city in the world, after London, though at the time part of it consisted of farms. Soon after, many new buildings were constructed, and in 1904 the New York subway was opened.

Many immigrants to the US stayed in New York, giving the city the variety of cultures it has today. During the 1920s New York had many speakeasies, which were illegal but very popular. This was also the time of Harlem Renaissance, when Harlem became a centre for African-American arts and culture. In the latter half of the century wealthier people began moving out to the suburbs. Today there are about 7 million people in the city and 18 million in the area around it.

There is a great sense of excitement in New York and it has a reputation of being 'the city that never sleeps'. The "Big Apple", as it is sometimes called, feels alive, fast and at the centre of everything, with cars hooting, yellow taxis weaving through the traffic, brightly lit theatres, and the restaurants busy late into the night. The city offers enormous contrasts. Some of the most expensive homes in the world are in New York City, but on the pavements outside are poor people without a home. It is possible to pay hundreds of dollars for a meal in a restaurant, or eat good, filling food for a couple of dollars from a street vendor.

Many Americans have never been to New York, but everyone knows something about the city. They are familiar with the tall Manhattan skyline, Times Square with its brightly lit advertisements, Madison Square Gardens, where many sports events take place, Wall Street, its financial heart, the Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island, where many of their ancestors first arrived in the US.

New Yorkers speak in a very direct way which can seem rude to people from other parts of the US. Some have little patience with visitors who are not used to the fast pace of the city. But for many visitors, meeting real, rude New Yorkers is part of the attraction of going to the city.

I. Circle the most appropriate title for the text:

1. The growth of the city
2. Life in New York
3. New York's suburbs

(2 points)/ _____

II. Find the words in the text that best describe the following expressions:

1. seller _____
2. bars serving alcohol _____
3. time period of ten decades _____
4. thrill _____
5. built _____

(5 points)/ _____

III. Answer the questions:

1. When did Harlem Renaissance happen?

2. What is New York's nick name?

3. Name at least three New York's landmarks.

4. Who named the city New Amsterdam?

5. What color are New York's cabs?

(10 points)/ _____

IV. Write True (T) or False (F) for each statement:

1. Every American has visited New York. _____
2. There are no baggers in the N.Y. city. _____
3. New York has its own underground system. _____

(3 points)/ _____

V. Put the following events in the correct order. Use numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

New York becomes the second largest city _____

Subway opened _____

English gain control over the city _____

Harlem Renaissance _____

People moving to the suburbs _____

(5 points)/ _____

Key to reading comprehension:

- I. 1. The growth of the city

- II. 1. vendor
2. speakeasies
3. century
4. excitement
5. constructed

- III. 1. 1920s
2. The Big Apple
3. Times Square, Madison Sq. Garden, Wall Street, Statue of Liberty.....
4. The Dutch
5. Yellow

- IV. 1. F
2. F
3. T

- V. New York becomes the second largest city - 2
Subway opened - 3
English gain control over the city - 1
Harlem Renaissance - 4
People moving to the suburbs - 5

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Use of English

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Time limit 60 minutes

Total points: _____ / 75

I. Put the verbs in brackets into the *PRESENT SIMPLE* or the *PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE* to complete the two conversations:

A.

Stop! (you / not see) _____ the notice?

I (see) _____ it but I can't read it because I (not wear) _____ my glasses. What (it / say) _____ ?

It (say) _____ "These premises are patrolled by guard dogs".

B.

Why (you / smoke) _____ a cigar, Mrs. Pitt? You (not smoke) _____ cigars as a rule.

I (smoke) _____ it because I (want) _____ the ash. This book (say) _____ that cigar ash mixed with oil (remove) _____ heat stains from wood.

(11 points)/ _____

II. Put the verbs in brackets into the *PRESENT PERFECT* or the *PAST SIMPLE TENSE* to complete the two conversations:

A.

I (lose) _____ my black gloves. (you / see) _____ them anywhere?

No, I'm afraid not. When (you last / wear) _____ them?

I (wear) _____ them at the theatre last night.

Perhaps you (leave) _____ them at the theatre.

B.

How long (you / be) _____ out of work?

I'm not out of work now. I (just / start) _____ a new job.

How (you / find) _____ the job?

I (answer) _____ an advertisement in the paper.

(9 points)/ _____

III. CIRCLE the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

I have a brother who is ___(1)___ me. We ___(2)___ . Yesterday was an important day ___(3)___ friends. In the morning ___(4)___ of us had a big exam at the technical college and then ___(5)___ there was a big meeting at the youth club at 9 o'clock. That's where we usually go when we want to ___(6)___ ourselves. A rich woman had given us some money and yesterday we ___(7)___ decide what to do ___(8)___ . Many people wanted to buy something new for our club, but my brother and I wanted to give the money to another club that has hardly ___(9)___ . In the end we decided to give half to the poor club and ___(10)___ half for ourselves.

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|---|--|---|---|
| 1. A. so old as
B. so old that
C. the same age that
D. the same age as | 2. A. both are 16
B. are both 16
C. are 16 both
D. are 16 the both | 3. A. to us and our
B. for us and our
C. to us and ours
D. for us and ours | 4. A. most
B. much
C. more
D. few |
| 5. A. last night
B. last evening
C. yesterday night
D. yesterday afternoon | 6. A. enjoy
B. meet
C. like
D. divert | 7. A. had to
B. must
C. should
D. would | 8. A. with it
B. with them
C. for it
D. for them |
| 9. A. something
B. nothing
C. anything
D. everything | 10. A. keep another
B. keep the other
C. hold another
D. hold the other | | |

(10 points)/ _____

IV. Use *PASSIVE* transformation in the following sentences:

1. Someone will serve refreshments.

2. We use this room only on special occasions.

3. The judge gave him two weeks in which to pay the fine.

4. Who wrote it?

5. They are building a new bridge in the town centre.

(10 points)/ _____

V. Fill in "the" where necessary:

Venezuela is a beautiful country in South America which has something to offer to every visitor. There are tropical beaches where (1)_____ land meets (2) _____ Caribbean Sea and (3)_____ Atlantic ocean. To (4) _____ east there are (5)_____ snow-capped peaks of (6)_____ Andes Mountains and in (7)_____ south there is (8) _____ Amazonian rain forest.

Most people come to see the natural wonders that this country. Two of the favourite destinations are (9)_____ Angel Falls, the highest waterfall in the world and (10)_____ Lake Maracaibo.

(10 points)/ _____

VI. Insert a correct PREPOSITION:

1. He was (1) _____ prison (2) _____ two years. (3) _____ that time he became interested (4) _____ pigeons.
2. He has a picture (5)_____ Picasso and he can't decide whether (6)_____ hang it (7)_____ the hall (8)_____ the right as you come (9)_____ or (10)_____ the sitting room.

(10 points)/ _____

VII. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS:

1. Do you get any _____ newspaper? DAY
2. Billy holds _____ position. CENTRE
3. It is a very _____ company. SUCCESS
4. This machine is _____. It's broken. USE
5. He can't read. He is _____. LITERATE

(5 points)/ _____

VIII. FIND the mistakes and write the CORRECT sentences:

1. What are she doing now?

2. How many bread do you eat every day?

3. They tries to steal the money.

4. The most popular game on Earth is the football.

5. My brother has been to Australia and he still lives there.

6. Money are still a problem no.1 in the world.

7. Give the book to her. Its hers.

8. A room I live in is cold and it smells.

9. My uncle is richer man in the world.

10. If you have a headache, go and watch your doctor.

(10 points)/ _____

Key to use of English:

I. A.

- don't you see
- see
- am not wearing
- does it say
- says

B.

- are you smoking
- don't smoke
- am smoking
- want
- says
- removes

II. A.

- have lost
- have you seen
- did you last wear
- wore
- left

B.

- have you been
- have just started
- did you find
- answered

III. 1 – D 2 – B 3 – B 4 – A 5 – A

6 – A 7 – A 8 – A 9 – C 10 – B

IV.

1. The refreshments will be served.
2. This room is used only on special occasions.
3. He was given two weeks (by the judge) in which to pay the fine
4. Who was it written by?
5. A new bridge is being built in the town centre.

V. 1. the 2. the 3. the 4. the 5.the 6.the 7.the 8.the 9./ 10./

VI. 1. 1 – in 2 - for 3 – During 4 – in 5 – by
2. 6 – to 7 - in 8 – on 9 - in 10 – in

VII. 1. DAILY 2. CENTRAL 3. SUCCESSFUL
4. USELESS 5. ILLITERATE

VIII. 1. What **IS** she

2. How **MUCH** bread

3. They **TRY** to

4. is football.

5.has **GONE** to

6. Money **IS** still

7. **IT'S** hers.

8. **THE** room I

9. My uncle is **THE RICHEST** man

10. go and **SEE** the doctor.