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Le sujet comporte 5 pages numérotées de 1 / 5 à 5 / 5

READING COMPREHENSION

THE TEXT

1. As a high school dropout with learning disabilities, my prospects of achieving success in life seemed very slim. My childhood dream was to be a writer and a pilot, but life unfolded in a different direction. My father told me: "Girls don't fly airplanes, and you'll never make money as a writer." Soon after, Dear Old Dad ended up in jail for some big trouble, which changed our lives dramatically. Traumatized and feeling completely lost, I ended up in an abusive marriage lasting fifteen years. However, I finally sprouted the courage to leave my husband. And to support my two young daughters, I worked as a saleswoman for a car selling company. It was the only job I could get with an outdated resume and no education.

2. I never gave up on my dream to become a writer, and in my spare time, I worked at learning the craft of screenwriting. I won two international screenwriting competitions, and nearly sold the scripts, but the deals did not come to fruition. Refusing to give up, I kept on studying the craft of writing for twelve more years. When I was 45 years old, I found myself in a wonderful new marriage. My husband was a pilot with an instructor's license and taught me to fly. I earned my private pilot's license. My faith in love and life was restored.

3. We were on a tight budget but our marriage led us down some interesting and wonderful paths. And when I was 48 years old, I started a company making bath and beauty products in my kitchen. With this new endeavour, I was able to leverage my writing talents to help my business stand out. Driving my pick-up truck, I was able to reach out to more than 2000 stores, selling my products in a highly competitive market.

4. It hasn't been easy building a brand. Some days I felt like all forces were against me and I was pushing boulders uphill. The tape in my head played: "Your job is just to survive today. That's easy. You can get through one day." Today, I'm an entrepreneur, writer, pilot and public speaker. I'm also a member of the Women President's Organization, a mastermind group for female millionaires. I've learned 'right timing' is everything. Some people are just late bloomers.

Leslie Bradford-Scott

Kivo Daily, 6 April 2019 (Adapted)

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I. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks)

1. Tick the most appropriate title for the text. (1 mark)

- a- The road to success is paved with luck
- b- Born with a silver spoon in her mouth
- c- Where there is a will, there is a way

2. For each of the following statements, pick out ONE DETAIL from the text showing it is false. (3 marks)

a- It was easy for the narrator to put an end to her marriage. (paragraph 1)

b- The narrator's piloting skills enabled her to make her business succeed. (paragraph 3)

c- The narrator's inner voice was discouraging her from moving forward. (paragraph 4)

3. Complete the table below with information from paragraphs 1 and 3. (3 marks)

Cause	Consequence
a) ----- She didn't have enough qualifications.	She was "traumatized" and felt "completely lost." She made a wrong choice.
b) ----- She lacked financial resources.	c) ----- She filled up her pick-up truck and reached out to a great number of clients.

4. Complete the following paragraph with 3 words from paragraphs 3 and 4. One word per blank. (3 marks)

Although the market was fiercely ----- and crowded with goods, the narrator managed to have many of her products sold in a large number of beauty ----- . Starting a new brand at a relatively ----- age made it harder for her.

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5. Circle the 2 adjectives that best describe the narrator. (2 marks)

- a) hesitant b) motivated c) desperate d) determined

6. Tick the most appropriate alternative. (2 marks)

A/ "...the deals did not come to fruition" (paragraph 2) nearly means the same as:

- a- agreements were not reached.
b- negotiations were not conducted.
c- offers were not actually made.

B/ "...pushing boulders uphill" (paragraph 4) nearly means the same as:

- a- giving up the fight because of difficulties.
b- resisting the temptation to climb the hills.
c- continuing the struggle despite obstacles.

7. Give a personal justified answer to the following statement. (1 mark)

Do you agree with the narrator's father when he said "girls don't fly airplanes"? Why / Why not?

I ----- with the narrator's father when he said "girls don't fly airplanes" because

II. LANGUAGE (10 marks)

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1. Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

whose – widens – to – severely – prevent – least – for – inevitable – wisely

Climate change is already impacting health in a myriad of ways. It is the single biggest health threat facing humanity, and health professionals worldwide are already responding ----- the health harms caused by this unfolding crisis. To avoid catastrophic health impacts and ----- millions of climate-related deaths, the world must limit temperature rise to 1.5°C. Past emissions have already made a certain level of global temperature rise and other changes to the climate ----- . While no one is safe from these risks, the people ----- health is being harmed first and worst by the climate crisis are the people who contribute ----- to its causes. This environmental crisis threatens to undo the last fifty years of progress in global health and poverty reduction. It also further ----- existing health disparities between populations. Climate change ----- impedes the realization of universal health coverage, with the poorest people largely uninsured, and around 100 million people pushed into poverty every year.

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2. Put the bracketed words in the correct tense/form. (3.5 marks)

Space tourism is now more real than ever. But is it a superb opportunity for the masses, or just another way for rich people to show off while **(ignore)** ----- our problems down on the ground? After decades of development and serious accidents, three companies **(launch)** ----- their first tourist flights in 2021. Nearly all **(that)** ----- escapades were the result of efforts by three billionaires. "The largely extravagant influence of wealth is at the heart of my issues with space tourism as it is unfolding," says Linda Billings, a communications researcher who **(write)** ----- about the societal impacts of spaceflight for more than 30 years. "Not only are such flights far out of **(finance)** ----- reach for the average person, but they **(be/not)** ----- achieving real goals at present – far from ideal, given our terrestrial problem of **(equality)** -----, environmental collapse, and a global pandemic. We're not really learning anything."

3. Circle the right option. (3 marks)

Reading a good book is the best way of boosting literacy, a team of researchers from the University of Malaga, Spain, has found. Experts investigated the reading habits of **(thousands / thousand / a thousand)** of children and the extent to which their parents were involved in their education. They found that reading 'quality' books is **(worthy / worthwhile / worth)** three months of learning progress. "Far from being a luxury, 'quality' reading is an **(optional / incidental / essential)** skill that plays a key part in all our lives," said one of the researchers. "Our results provide evidence that it's not only whether young people read or not that matters – but also what they read," he added. In an increasingly digital world, it's important that young people **(encourage / be encouraged / encouraged)** to find time to read 'quality' books. Conversely, less Complex and less engaging forms of reading are **(likeable / likely / unlikely)** to bring the same benefits for children's cognitive development. The team hopes that their findings **(helped / had helped / will help)** parents, teachers and policymakers distinguish between what is best for children to read.

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III. WRITING (15 marks)

1. Use the notes below to write a 5-line paragraph about One Tree Planted organisation. (5 marks)

Type	non-profit organisation
Location	Vermont, USA
Foundation year	2014
Partners	reforestation organisations / the world
Mission and Achievement	- fund / planting of trees / help stabilize the climate / create habitat / biodiversity - plant over 40 million trees / more / 47 countries

2. Creating a positive and stress-free environment in the workplace could increase productivity and boost employees' engagement. Do you agree or disagree?

Write a 12-line post to be published in a business blog in which you express your opinion about this issue. Support your opinion with at least 3 sound arguments. (10 marks)

