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 Winter/Spring Term Writing Test in English Class Level
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Exercise 1: Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 1-5 (/5p).

Happiness

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I took a five-question happiness quiz, and it turns out I'm very satisfied. No, I wasn't reading Cosmopolitan or OKCupid.com. The quiz was part of a study by happiness researcher Ed Diener, a professor of psychology at the University of Illinois.



Everybody, from well-known British economists to philosophers, has been investigating what happiness is. While neuro-scientists try to solve the mystery of which parts of the brain are active when people say they are happy, social science has an easy answer. Just ask!

Most studies on happiness are based on simple quizzes. Like many psychologists, Diener supposes that people are honest when they tell us what makes them happy. It turns out that these subjective tests are quite informative.

Economist T.J. Layard published a book last year called Happiness, in which he discusses one of the surprising results of these tests: money doesn't make people happier. The only time people's feeling of wellbeing rises, as a result of money, is when it takes them out of poverty. Middle-class people who become wealthier don't report feeling any happier.

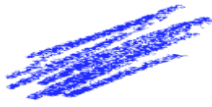
If money doesn't make us happy, Layard argues, we should be rethinking our priorities. Most people value happiness above all else, but they live in nations where progress and social welfare are connected with money. Why not value other things that might make us genuinely happy?

1. Who wrote the quiz mentioned at the beginning of the text?

- A. A psychologist.
- B. A journalist.
- C. A philosopher.

2. Research into happiness is usually based on

- A. questionnaires.
- B. statistics.
- C. reading books.



3. What people say about happiness

- A. tells us nothing.
- B. is very unreliable.
- C. can tell us a lot.

4. According to the article, the discovery that money doesn't make people happier was

- A. astonishing.
- B. unexpected.
- C. disturbing.

5. Money is linked to happiness only in the case of

- A. great wealth.
- B. real poverty.
- C. one having earned it.

Exercise 2: Fill in the sentences with the correct form of the word in bold. (_____ /6p).

1. All parents are _____ of their children. However, some people say that Greek parents overdo it. **PROTECTION**

2. A common mistake is to think that Thomas Edison invented _____. Actually, he invented the light bulb. **ELECTRICAL**

3. I don't like shopping at department stores because the service is so _____. **PERSON**

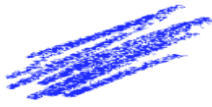
4. Here are our _____ tips, amazing as usual. **WEEK**

5. The name Meteora _____ describes these _____ Greek Orthodox monasteries. **PERFECTION - REMARK**

Exercise 3: Complete the following sentences with the correct word to make a bi-nominal pair. (_____ /2p)

1. There are different things to be careful about on holiday. First and _____ is that you don't lose your passport.

2. John says he is _____ and tired of going to the same place every year on holiday.



3. That kind of phone is really _____ the times. Everybody uses a newer model nowadays.
4. To have a good time in Bulgaria, your _____ bet is to go in spring.

Exercise 4: Read items 1-4 and guess what type of text each one is. Use each of the options (A-H) below only once. There are two options you do not need.. (/2p)

A. How to do a Scottish dance.	C. Instructions in a language exam.	E. Directions to an educational institution.
B. How to make a paper aeroplane.	D. Warning notice on a train.	F. An update for a computer program.

1.	Alternatively, take bus number 441 from Heathrow Central to the College, or go by tube to Richmond and then take a train to Egham.	
2.	The person in the middle turns to the person on their right and touches them, then turns them around once to the right, with one hand (variation, both hands).	
3.	Download the latest version and copy it to the WordPress directory, overwriting all the files that exist there only after you have deleted the old library files.	
4.	Do not lean out of the window	

Exercise 5 : Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the words in bold. (/ 5p)

1. The last time Susan went to Britain was two years ago. **NOT**
Susan _____ for two years.

2. The boys often played football after school. **WOULD**
The boys _____ after school.

3. This is the house where I lived when I was a boy. **LIVE**
This is the house where _____ I was a boy.

4. I completed this puzzle in twenty minutes. **ME**
It _____ complete this puzzle.

5. Was this cottage once Tom's. **EVER**
Did _____ Tom?