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TEXT

Ten years ago, I used to be very fit. I cycled to work and I got a lot of exercises at the weekends. I played tennis a lot and went for long walks. In those days, I didn't earn very much. I had a job in an office, it wasn't a very good job but I had a lot of time to do the things I enjoyed doing.

Then, about two years after, I got a much better job. The pay was better but the hours were a bit longer too. I bought a car and drove to work every day. I began to take people out to lunch; I began to put on weight too. I stopped playing and going for long walks at the weekends because I didn't have any time for things like that anymore. There's a lot of stress in a job like mine. Perhaps that's why I started drinking more than I did before. For example, I had only a half glass of whisky when I got home, then I started filling the glass to the top, then I had another glass and then another one. Sometimes I wonder if I should get another job but if I do that, I won't earn as much. What should I do?

A- READING COMPREHENSION (7pts)

I- Find in the text : (0,5 x 2 = 1pt)
  1) a synonym of : " a little"
  2) The antonym of : " emptying"

II- True or false? Justify your answer (0,5 x 2 = 1pt)
  1) I went to work with a bicycle.
  2) Till now, I take a half glass of whisky when I arrive at home.

III- Fill in the blanks with the appropriate linking words (0,5 x 2 = 1pt)
  1) I began to take people out to lunch (1) I began to put on weight too.
  2) There's a lot of stress in a job like mine (2) I started drinking more than I did before.

IV- Answer the following questions : (1 x 2 = 2pts)
  1) What does this text talk about ?
  2) Why was the writer very fit ten years ago ?

V- The writer says at the end of the text : (2pts)
« Sometimes.......what should I do? »
What would you advise the writer to do?

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B- GRAMMAR IN USE (0,5 x 4 = 2pts)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate grammatical items:
Jim arrived home and discovered that he had forgotten his door key. He rang the bell,....(1)....nobody came to open the door. He rang again and waited, but still ....(2)... was no answer. He walked round the house to see...(3)... he could find an open window, but ...(4)...were all locked.

C- INDIRECT TEST OF SPEAKING (4pts)

1) Complete the following dialogue : (0,5 x 4 = 2pts)

Peter : Hello Paul, we're going for a picnic tomorrow.——————— ? (inviting)
Paul : Hi Peter, _____ (refusing)
Peter : That's all right, _____ ? (suggesting another time).
Paul : _____ (accepting and asking Peter to pick him up at his house).
Peter: Of course.

2) Match the expressions in A with those in B : (0,5 x 4 = 2pts)

A	B
1- I'm sorry to disturb you.	a- Not at all.
2- How was the show?	b- It was wonderful.
3- I'm terribly sick.	c- It doesn't matter
4- Enjoy your lunch.	d- Why don't you go to the doctor?
	e- Thank you.

D- WRITING (7pts)

What are the advantages of practising sports ? (about 120 words).

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