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Instructions: This paper consists of **FOUR (4)** questions. Answer **ALL** questions. Write all the answers in the answer booklet provided.

Question 1 (30 marks)

Section A (20 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Autism Spectrum Disorders

- 1 Autism spectrum **disorders** (ASD) are a range of psychological conditions characterized by abnormalities in- social interaction, behavior, interests, and communication. The five forms of ASD include classical autism, Asperger syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Rett syndrome, and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder. Although the number of reported cases of ASD has experienced a dramatic increase in the past 25 years, the majority of doctors agree that this increase is due to changes in diagnostic practices and advances in the understanding of psychiatric health. While there is no general **consensus** among medical professionals about the underlying causes of ASD, theories range from genetic inheritance to environmental factors. One of the most controversial theories to have emerged in recent times is the hypothesis that ASD could be caused by the MMR vaccine, which is an immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella that was first developed in the 1960's. The vaccine is a mixture of three live viruses and is administered via injection to children when they are one year old. By the late 1990's, this vaccination had led to the near-eradication of measles in countries that employed widespread inoculation. However, a combination of spurious scientific data and alarmist media attention led to an entirely preventable resurgence in measles cases in the early 21st century.

- 2 The first claims of a connection between the MMR vaccine and autism were made in 1998, when an article in *The Lancet*, a respected British medical journal, reported on eight cases of autism that could possibly be traced back to the administration of an MMR vaccine. The parents of the children in this study contended that the symptoms of autism in their children developed within days of vaccination. During a press conference, Andrew Wakefield, one of the authors of the article, called on British doctors to stop giving combined MMR vaccines, instead advocating for individual inoculations against measles, mumps, and rubella.

3 Following the publication of this article, Wakefield published several follow-up papers that further questioned the safety of the MMR vaccine. An onslaught of media coverage then began. Parents appeared on television sharing anecdotal evidence linking their child's inoculation to the onset of ASD. The popular press quickly seized upon this story; in 2002, over 1200 articles were written about the link between MMR vaccines and ASD. Less than 30% of these articles mentioned that an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence suggested that these vaccinations were completely safe.

4 Since the initial panic, fears that MMR vaccines cause ASD have generally subsided. A survey completed in 2004 showed that only 2% of people in the United Kingdom thought that there was a legitimate link between MMR vaccines and ASD. Fears were most likely allayed when, in 2004, an investigative reporter discovered that Andrew Wakefield had received a large sum of money from lawyers seeking evidence to use in cases against vaccine manufacturers. It was then discovered that Wakefield had applied for patents on an alternate MMR vaccine. These severe conflicts of interest damaged the credibility of Wakefield's study beyond repair. In 2010, Wakefield was tried by Britain's General Medical Council under allegations that he had falsified data and manipulated test results. The Council found that Wakefield had acted "dishonestly and irresponsibly," and consequently The Lancet officially retracted Wakefield's 1998 article.

5 The anti-MMR vaccine panic that arose immediately after Wakefield's article was published had a significant negative effect on the health of thousands of children. Once the controversy began, the number of parents in the United Kingdom who inoculated their children with the MMR vaccine experienced a sharp decline. Not surprisingly, the number of reported cases of measles increased; while there were only 56 confirmed cases of measles in the UK in 1998; in 2008 there were over 1300. Between 2002 and 2008, there were **outbreaks** of measles throughout Europe and North America. These outbreaks cost millions of dollars in health care and resulted in the deaths of dozens of children and adults with compromised immune systems.

6 Who is to blame for these deaths? It is easy to hold Andrew Wakefield accountable, but the media must also bear some of the responsibility. The media's appetite for a sensational medical story overshadowed fact that there was very little scientific evidence behind Wakefield's claim. Although Wakefield is certainly not the first person to publish **fraudulent** scientific findings in a respected medical journal, the magnitude of this event was anomalous, as most medical hoaxes are discredited before they can reach the popular media. While The Lancet should not have published Wakefield's article without checking it thoroughly, the popular media should not have blown the study out of proportion without fully considering the consequences.

Answer all the following questions based on the passage above.

1) The primary purpose of the passage is to

- A. warn parents about the dangers of not vaccinating their children against measles
- B. criticize The Lancet for publishing Wakefield's article without vetting it more thoroughly
- C. provide an overview of the MMR vaccine controversy, including its consequences and responsible parties
- D. inform readers about the history of the MMR vaccine, especially in the U.S. and the UK

2) As used in paragraph 1, which is the best antonym for spurious?

- A. reassuring
- B. safe
- C. clear
- D. legitimate

3) Which of the following statements most accurately summarizes the author's explanation for the increase in reported cases of ASD over the past 25 years?

- A. Over the past 25 years, parents have been more likely to have their young children inoculated against MMR.
- B. Since the results of Wakefield's study were published, parents have been less likely to have their young children inoculated against MMR.
- C. The increase in reported cases of ASD is mainly the result of an increased understanding of how to recognize ASD to be the leading factor in whether or not a child will develop ASD.
- D. The drastic changes in our environment that have occurred over the past 25 years have most significantly contributed to an increase in cases of ASD.

4) Which of the following pieces of evidence from paragraphs 2 and 3 support(s) the author's claim that popular media is partially responsible for creating unnecessary panic? (2 marks)

I. "An article published in *The Lancet*, a respected British medical journal, reported on eight cases of autism that could possibly be traced back to the administration of an MMR vaccine."

II. "In 2002, over 1200 articles were written about the link between MMR vaccines and ASD. Less than 30% of these articles mentioned that an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence suggested that these vaccinations were completely safe."

III. "Parents appeared on television sharing anecdotal evidence regarding the links between their child's inoculation and the onset of ASD."

A. I only

B. II only

C. I and II only

D. II and III only

5) In paragraph 4, the author cites all of the following as ways that Wakefield's study was discredited except (2 marks)

A. investigators discovered that the parents of children in Wakefield's study were litigants in a lawsuit against the pharmaceutical company that made the MMR vaccine

B. *The Lancet* eventually retracted Wakefield's original article

C. it was discovered that Wakefield accepted money from lawyers who were filing a suit against the pharmaceutical companies responsible for making the MMR vaccine

D. an investigation into Wakefield's research found that he had falsified data in his initial study

6) Based on its use in paragraph 4, it can be inferred that the phrase “conflicts of interest” means situations in which people (2 marks)

- A. unethically accept large sums of money
- B. has interests that fail to accord with those of the mainstream media
- C. falsify data and manipulate test results
- D. have personal interests that threaten their official objectivity

7) As used in paragraph 6, which is the best synonym for anomalous?

- A. timely (2 marks)
- B. calamitous
- C. abnormal
- D. unacceptable

8) Which of the following pieces of evidence, if true, would best strengthen the author’s argument in paragraph 6? (2 marks)

- A. An estimated 1.4 million measles deaths are averted each year due to MMR immunization.
- B. 90% of parents in the UK who decided not to immunize their children against measles reported that they did so against their doctors’ wishes.
- C. Measles outbreaks in Japan can be traced back to Japanese exchange students who were studying in the UK.
- D. In the United States, over 60% of children who are not immunized against MMR never exhibit any symptoms of the measles.

9. List 4 types of autism

(2 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

10. Based on the statements below, identify whether the statement is *true* or *false*.

(2marks)

a. The outbreaks of measles cost millions of dollars in the economic sector and resulted in the deaths of dozens of children and adults with compromised immune systems.

b. In 2010, Wakefield was tried by Britain's General Medical Council under allegations that he had falsified data and manipulated test results. _____

Section B (5 marks)

Give the meaning of the words below. The words can be found in the passage above.

1. disorder -

2. vaccine -

3. consensus -

4. outbreaks -

5. fraudulent -

Section C (5marks)

Read the following paragraphs and carefully determine what the *main idea* is for each. The best way to approach these questions is to first read the paragraph and then, in your own words, restate what you think the author is trying to say. From the four choices, *select the one statement* that best supports the author's point.

1. Today's postal service is more efficient than ever. Mail that once took months to move by horse and foot now moves around the country in days or hours by truck, train, and plane. If your letter or package is urgent, the U.S. Postal Service offers Priority Mail and Express Mail services. Priority Mail is guaranteed to go anywhere in the United States in two days or less. Express Mail will get your package there overnight.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. more people use the post office for urgent deliveries than any other delivery service.
- b. Express Mail is a good way to send urgent mail.
- c. Priority Mail usually takes two days or less.
- d. mail service today is more effective and dependable.

2. If you're a fitness walker, there is no need for a commute to a health club. Your neighborhood can be your health club. You don't need a lot of fancy equipment to get a good workout either. All you need is a well-designed pair of athletic shoes.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. fitness walking is a better form of exercise than weight lifting.
- b. a membership in a health club is a poor investment.
- c. walking outdoors provides a better workout than walking indoors.
- d. fitness walking is a convenient and valuable form of exercise.

3. Critical reading is a demanding process. To read critically, you must slow down your reading and, with pencil in hand; perform specific operations on the text. Mark up the text with your reactions, conclusions, and questions. When you read, become an active participant.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. critical reading is a slow, dull, but essential process.
- b. the best critical reading happens at critical times in a person's life.
- c. readers should get in the habit of questioning the truth of what they read.
- d. critical reading requires thoughtful and careful attention.

4. Human technology developed from the first stone tools about two and a half million years ago. In the beginning, the rate of development was slow. Hundreds of thousands of years passed without much change. Today, new technologies are reported daily on television and in newspapers.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. stone tools were not really technology.
- b. stone tools were in use for two and a half million years.
- c. there is no way to know when stone tools first came into use.
- d. In today's world, new technologies are constantly being developed.

5. When writing business letters or memos, it's not practical to be personal. Though the first-person point of view may make the reader feel close to the writer, it also implies certain subjectivity. That is, the writer is expressing a personal view from a personal perspective.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. writing a first-person business correspondence will prevent the writer from getting promoted.
- b. effective business writing is one of the most important skills to have in an office environment.
- c. using the first-person point of view in business correspondence is not a wise choice.
- d. the first-person point of view expresses a personal view and a personal perspective.

Question 2 (30 marks)**Section A (10 marks)**

Analyze the following paragraph carefully and answer the question that follows.

The famous and talented singer Taylor Swift was scheduled to perform live one day, and a group of four friends was waiting patiently in line to buy tickets. After five hours, it was finally their turn at the ticket counter, but they found out that they did not have enough money to buy tickets for all of them. "Oh no!" they all groaned sadly. "Which one of us is going home?" one of them said. "Not me!" they all said at the same time.

Find an example of each of the following eight parts of speech from the paragraph above.

- a) Noun: _____
- b) Pronoun: _____
- c) Modifier
 - i) Adjective: _____
 - ii) Adverb : _____
- d) Verb: _____
- e) Conjunction: _____
- f) Preposition: _____
- g) Determiner
 - i. Article: _____
 - ii. Quantity expression: _____
- h) Interjection: _____

Section B (10 marks)

Identify and correct the Subject-Verb Agreement mistake in the following sentences. Rewrite the sentence with correct answer. If there are none, just put a tick (✓) next to the sentence.

- a) Careful planning and a clear mind is important for writing a good essay.
- b) Each of these mirrors are cracked.
- c) Either South Africa or France seem like a good place for a holiday.
- d) My best friend, along with all his family and pets, is moving to Australia.
- e) A number of famous journalists has written about the wars in the Middle East.

Section C (10 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate relative pronouns.

- a) That's Erica, the girl _____ has just joined our English class.
- b) Thank you very much for your presentation _____ was very interesting.
- c) The restaurant _____ my friends and I used to go every day after school is now a shoe shop.
- d) My family bought a house _____ is 80 years old.
- e) The dog _____ owner lives next door is missing.

Question 3 (20 marks)

Section A (10 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets.

- a) We are ready to begin our journey, but our bus _____ (do/not/leave) until 2pm.
- b) My little brother is very excited about opening his Christmas presents. He _____ (sit) next to the Christmas tree all night.
- c) My mother _____ (cook) dinner for forty of our family and friends last Sunday.
- d) She _____ (watch) TV instead of working on her assignment.
- e) The students were very disappointed when the class trip to Sipadan was cancelled, they _____ (plan) the trip for weeks.
- f) I _____ (listen) to my Ipod, so I didn't hear you calling out my name.
- g) The price of daily goods _____ (not / drop) by the end of the year.
- h) Bob _____ (consult) several doctors about his health problems, but none of them know what's wrong with him.
- i) Alice and John _____ (speak) many times on Skype before they finally met in person last week.
- j) We _____ (study) at the library tonight, so we can't go over to your house for dinner.

Section B (10 marks)

Change the following sentences from *active* to *passive*.

- a) The restaurant plays loud music.
- b) The Italian football team won the World Cup.
- c) The students are writing essays at the moment.
- d) Many working adults have not paid their taxes.
- e) The chef will prepare the ingredients before he starts cooking.

Question 4 (20 marks)

Section A (6 marks)

Rewrite the following sentences into another type without changes its meaning.

- i. We must eat nutritious food or we won't be healthy. (into Simple)

- ii. Travelling alone can be very relaxing. You don't have to discuss with anyone about where to go or what to do. (into Compound)

- iii. Susan is a talented singer, but she has not recorded an album. (into Complex)

Section B (6 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable conjunction word.

- i. Our Physics teacher explained what the theory of relativity is, _____ we still don't quite understand it.
- ii. Derrick doesn't have a job, _____ does he want one.
- iii. People usually don't have a lot of money, _____ they want to buy a lot of expensive things.
- iv. Either I pay my rent on time _____ my landlord will evict me.
- v. The meeting finished at about 8pm, _____ our clients bought us dinner.
- vi. My siblings and I wanted to make our parents dinner _____ it was their 20th wedding anniversary.

Section C (8 marks)

Write sentences using the new words, which are based on the root words given below.

e.g. : root word -- pack
 prefix -- un
 new word -- **unpack**

Sentence: My mother will always **unpack** her bags as soon as she gets into a hotel room.

- (i) Root word -- correct
Prefix -- in

New word: _____ (0.5 marks)
Sentence: _____ (1.5 marks)

- (ii) Root word -- obey
Prefix - dis

New word: _____ (0.5 marks)
Sentence: _____ (1.5 marks)

- (iii) Root word -- great
Suffix - ness

New word: _____ (0.5 marks)
Sentence: _____ (1.5 marks)

- (iv) Root word -- suggest
Suffix - ion

New word: _____ (0.5 marks)
Sentence: _____ (1.5 marks)