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READING COMPREHENSION

THE TEXT

1. It was almost midnight when I checked my email for the last time and turned off my phone for what I hoped would be forever. I had spent the summer of 2016 hand-building a straw bale home in County Galway, Ireland. The next morning, I intended to begin a new life without modern technology. There would be no running water, no clock, no electricity, no internet, no phone, no washing machine, or radio. I had no idea if unplugging myself would mean I'd lose all touch with reality – or finally discover it.

2. I'm reluctant to write much about the big-picture reasons why I decided to reject tech. We know them too well already. But, over time, I found my reasons slowly changed. Now, they have less to do with saving the world, and much more to do with savoring it. No longer glued to social media or the news, my world has become both smaller and more detailed. There are so many concrete things in front of me every day: fishing, planting trees, and a hundred other things modernity once did for me. Some suggest that this approach is selfish. Am I turning my back on global problems? Perhaps there's some truth to it. But I'm not sure a tweet about Brexit would help the world more than rolling my sleeves up and doing something that's useful here and now.

3. Not everything was easy at first, far from it. With no phone, there's no more calling family and friends. I now write letters to those I love. And instead of getting endless emails or calls, I receive one or two letters a day. Speaking of romance, after two years of living this way with my partner, we broke up. It would be too simplistic to put it all down to the lifestyle, though that certainly played a part. People ask if I get lonely, but I've been more sociable with my neighbors since giving up social media. I've also come to value quiet time with wildlife. I've lived with tech and without, and I know which of them brings me most peace and contentment. Now, I feel all the emotions and elements in their entirety, the rain, the joy, the wonder – all of it.

Mark Boyle

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I. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the right alternative (1 mark)

The text is **mainly** about a man who

- a- strongly regretted quitting technology. ☐
- b- exchanged modern life for simplicity. ☐
- c- reconciled technology with simple life. ☐

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

a- The narrator was sure about the results of his decision. (paragraph 1)

b- All people approved of the narrator's new way of life. (paragraph 2)

c- The narrator had no difficulty adjusting to the new way of life. (paragraph 3)

3. Complete the following paragraph with 3 words from paragraphs 1 and 2. One word per blank. (3 marks)

Making critical choices about one's life for the sake of ----- the pleasures of the world is far from easy. It requires courage and many sound ----- . To do so, the narrator decided to cut himself ----- the luxuries and conveniences of contemporary life.

4. With reference to paragraph 3, complete the table below with the main changes in the narrator's lifestyle. (3 marks)

Former lifestyle	Present lifestyle
a- -----	a- Letters are the main medium of correspondence.
b- He was less willing to engage with people in his immediate surroundings.	b- -----
c- He missed enjoying the beauty of life in its very details.	c- -----

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5. Find words/expressions in the text meaning nearly the same as (2 marks)

- a- attached (paragraph 2): -----
b- getting ready to do something difficult (paragraph 2): -----

6. What do the underlined words in the text refer to (2 marks)

- a- it (paragraph 2) refers to -----
b- that (paragraph 3) refers to -----

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

Would you break up with a friend or a partner if she/he opted for the same lifestyle as the narrator? Why? / Why not?

I ----- break up with a friend or a partner if she/he opted for the same lifestyle as the narrator because -----

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II. LANGUAGE (10 marks)

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

invest / transportation / hampers / with / planning / measures /
along / encourages / reverse

During the pandemic, the UK and other rich nations have relied on African doctors and nurses to support their health services. Now the continent's chief health leader is hoping to put the brain drain into ----- with a plan to persuade African expatriates to return. Dr Nkengasong, the head of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), said they were ----- to attract scientists back from abroad. "We must ----- in strengthening health systems," he added. "We need a very deliberate program that ----- Africans to come back to the continent. A Nigerian in London doesn't just wake up in the morning and think, 'I'm going back to Nigeria.' That person needs lodging, ----- and a job," Dr Nkengasong said. The Africa CDC will soon put forward a package of ----- to govern the pandemic, which would include support for expatriates. Research by the House of Commons library last year showed that 2.5% of England's medical staff were African, ----- Nigerians making up the largest proportion. Nigeria has about 72,000 registered doctors, but only 35,000 were practising in the country in 2021.

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

Motorists stuck in traffic jams will be able to hand over control to their vehicles – although they must stay in a single lane and keep to below 37 mph. However, there **(remain)** ----- a large level of skepticism among the driving public who are not **(convince)** ----- that fully autonomous cars can co-exist alongside human drivers. But the government officials ascertain that, within the few coming years, such changes **(pave)** ----- the way for safer and more efficient travel. It says the aim is to improve road **(safe)** ----- by reducing human error, which is said to be a factor in 88 per cent of recorded collisions. Transport minister Trudy Harrison said: "In our safe introduction of self-driving vehicles, we hope to **(revolution)** ----- the way we travel while boosting economic **(grow)** ----- across the nation and securing Britain's place as a global science superpower." The Department for Transport said vehicles **(be)** ----- approved as self-driving only after meeting rigorous standards.

3. Circle the right option. (3 marks)

The trend for women in business is growing. Mentorship programs are helping pull women **(up / out / down)** further than ever before. At the same time, women are creating their own networking, conferences, and meet-ups but they **(any longer / yet / still)** have a long way to go. Women thinking of starting businesses or expanding existing ones **(got / get / had gotten)** less opportunity for funding than their male counterparts, even if they have the same title and education. Women must **(be considered / consider / be considering)** seriously in business, be it as executives or entrepreneurs. They can bring different perspectives and tend to be more **(strategically / strategic / strategy)**. This tendency may make them more prudent in business. But it leads to greater success in the start-up phase, when more calculated moves have the biggest impact. It will take time to achieve gender **(inequality / quality / equality)** in the workplace. But women in business is a trend that can, and should, be growing.

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III. WRITING (15 marks)

1. Use the notes below to write a 5-line paragraph about Family Literacy Day. (5 marks)

Celebration date and place	January 27 / annually / Canada
Founder	ABC Life Literacy / non-profit organisation / 1999
Participants	families / librarians / literacy groups / the country
Purposes	- encourage literacy-related activities / a family - promote learning outdoors / spend time / nature

2. While surfing the net, you came across the following quote: "Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer." Do you agree or disagree ?

Write a 12-line post to be published on your Facebook page in which you express your opinion, supporting it with at least 3 sound arguments. (10 marks)

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