



Philadelphia University
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First Exam- Form B

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Part One: Reading Comprehension (6 Points)

- **Read the texts and answer the questions that follow.**

Text One (3 points)

America is well-known for being a melting pot of different ethnic groups and cultures, but nowhere is this diversity more pronounced than in Queens, New York. Here, second-generation Puerto Ricans live alongside third-generation Greeks and first – generation Koreans, all united by a common feeling of pride in their American identity. However, they are also proud and curious about their ancestral roots. National Geographic's Genographic project, also known as the Human family Tree, set out to trace the origins and common ancestry of the community's immigrants by examining their genetic makeup using a simple DNA test. The study was well supported by local residents, but often what interested them more was something which intrigues us all: The history of our recent ancestry. In other words, how their ancestors arrived in America, and what brought them here in the first place.

One recurring theme among immigrants seems to be the hard work and sacrifices that went into building a new life, and how their descendants now feel a duty to honor that effort by working hard too.

1. Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? (1 point)

- Immigrants in Queens feel attached to their new country. (True)
- Immigrants in Queens are much more interested in learning about the history of their distant ancestors than recent generations. (False)

2. Complete the following sentences, according to the information included in the text

- A melting pot is a place where different **ethnic groups and cultures** mix together.
- The National Geographic project set out to trace the origins of the community's immigrants by examining their genetic makeup using a ___simple DNA test_____.

3. Answer the following questions. (1 point)

a) What is special about the area of Queens?

The American diversity is most pronounced in Queens.

b) What are the common characteristics of the immigrants in Queens?

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Text 2 (3 points)

Oscar Wilde's collection of short stories **The Happy Prince and Other Stories** is ostensibly for children, but like all good children's literature, the stories have been written in a way that transcends age: their meaning is just as relevant for adults as it is for children. The stories contain elements of a traditional fairy tale –giants, speaking animals, perhaps a message too –but they are more than just good stories. They have a lyrical quality and a beauty, often this beauty lies in their sadness. I remember being quite upset by them as a child and when I re-read them to my children some 30 years later, I still had to keep back the tears. In fact, it's impossible not to be moved by them. When I said they had a message, I should qualify that by saying that Oscar Wilde kept from giving moral lessons. He simply threw light on human behavior and then left the reader to make up their own mind.

1. Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? (1 point)

1. The stories are only written for children and adults can't learn any lessons from them. (False)
2. Oscar's Wilde stories are didactic. They convey different moral lessons. (False)

2. Complete the following sentences, according to the information included in the text. (1 Point)

- Oscar Wilde shed light on _____ **human behavior** _____ in his stories.
- The beauty of the stories lies in the **feelings of sadness** they provoke.

3. Answer the following questions (1 point)

- **What do the Happy Prince and other stories consist of?**

The stories contain elements of a traditional fairy tale –giants, speaking animals, perhaps a message too –but they are more than just good stories. They have a lyrical quality and a beauty, often this beauty lies in their sadness.

- **What is meant by this phrase "It is impossible not to be moved by them" ?**

It is impossible for any individual, whether he is an adult or a child, not to be inspired or emotionally influenced by these stories.

Part Two : Structure (3 points)

- **Choose the correct answer.**

1. Jane is in New York right now. She _____ at the Park Hotel.

- a. staying
- b. is staying**
- c. stayed
- d. stay

2. The Panama Canal _____ the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans

- a. connect
- b. connected
- c. connects**
- d. have connected

3. It is nice to see you again . We _____ each other for a long time.

- a. haven't seen**
- b. don't see
- c. hasn't seen
- d. doesn't see

4. A new high way _____ around the city in the present time.

- a. is being built**
- b. is building
- c. has built
- d. have been built

5. In the United States , the presidential elections _____ every four years.
- held
 - are held
 - has been held
 - is being held
6. The passive form of the sentence " Our salesmen have sold all the carpets" is All the carpets _____ by our salesmen.
- are being sold
 - sold
 - were sold
 - have been sold

Part Three: Vocabulary (4 Points)

A) Fill in the blanks with the suitable word from the box.

burden – confused – get along --companion – diversity

- 1.He was an entertaining travel companion. We really had fun together .
2. I am totally confused. Could you explain that again ?
3. “Why don't you both try to get along? You are always arguing!”
4. The chocolate box contains a diversity of flavors.

B) Choose the word that best completes the meaning.

1. The children were scared of the old man's _____ and avoided meeting his eyes.
 - mutual
 - inherited
 - glare
 - strict
2. Because of his _____ behavior, he was suspended from school for being disobedient.
 - rebellious
 - controllable
 - loyal
 - polite

3. The _____ of the people of the Czech Republic settled in Europe over 1,500 years ago.
- a. leap
 - b. tenement
 - c. species
 - d. ancestors
4. Not everyone has the _____ and the talent to achieve this.
- a. dedication
 - b. discrimination
 - c. generation
 - d. partition

Part Four: Writing (2 points)

Write a well-organized paragraph to discuss some reasons that would make someone immigrate from one country into another.

Good Luck!