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Subject I (50 points)

"People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of their character". (Ralph Waldo Emerson) **Write a 450-word reflective essay considering the topic from at least three view-points of the discussion clock: personal, philosophical, artistic, educational etc.**

Subject II (25 points)

You are a school inspector and have been ordered to write a report on students' lack of motivation in your area, based on interviewing teachers and students. **Use between 270 and 300 words.**

Subject III (25 points)

A. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

It is one of the oldest complaints that the young, at.....(1) the male young, are prone to crime, disorder and.....(2) kind of delinquency, and.....(3) some argue that criminality is.....(4) to childish impulsiveness, others claim that it has come about.....(5) of the role.....(6) by the young in society. This role has changed from.....(7) it was in the past, since the young now tend to form a(8) apart from the.....(9) of society, with spending power far.....(10) what was available to earlier generations of youth.

B. Find one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sentences (5 points):

1. James is able to.....an enormous amount of factual information in his head. Although the old house has been completely renovated, care has been taken to.....as many of the original features as possible. When you're buying outdoor adventure clothing, the thing to look for is material that does not.....a lot of moisture.

2. The chairman of the meeting seemed to regard questions from the audience as some kind of.....to his authority. You'll find some aspects of the job a real....., but we're confident that you can cope. The chess champion held off a serious..... from his younger opponent in the last match of the tournament.

3. Lisa.....it to the station just in time to catch her train. Like most artists he.....very little during his lifetime and lived in virtual poverty. All the family getting together for the party really.....my aunt's 60th birthday.

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4. She had very.....views on how children should be brought up.
In later life he didn't appreciate any changes to his.....routine.
Everything was packed and they were all.....for the journey.

5. I really don't think there is any.....in waiting more than about twenty minutes for Paul.
This picture seems to convey the.....of excitement experienced by the artist.
Sam is working very slowly and seems to have no.....of how urgently the report is needed.

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given without changing it. (10 points)

1. Nobody can predict what Anna's reaction to the news will be. seen
Itto the news.
2. Toby got ideas for his novels from local newspapers. source
Toby used local ideas for his novels.
3. Christine failed to get promotion because of her limited experience. due
Christine'sher limited experience.
4. The standing ovation came as a complete surprise to the young singer. aback
The young singer the standing ovation
5. There is nothing to stop you from applying for the job. why
There's for the job.

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