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Question I

(50 points)

Describe a family tradition that you like. Do not write more than 300 words.

Question II

(25 points)

You have just returned from a ten-day package holiday with which you were extremely dissatisfied. Write a **formal letter** of **150 - 180 words** to the travel agency expressing your justified complaints, suggesting possible solutions to the problems you encountered, and asking for a compensation. Sign it as "*John/Jane Smith*".

Question III

(25 points)

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

(10 points)

BORN LIARS?

Little babies are not so innocent after all, it 1).....seem. A recent study claims that infants as young as six months are capable of lying to their parents, which they do 2).....crying when they are not truly 3).....pain or distress .They do it simply to draw attention to themselves, but once they start receiving the loving hugs they 4).....badly desire, the babies then do 5).....best to prolong this reward with fake smiles. This and similar research has led to suggestions that only human beings lie but this is actually 6).....from the truth .A young chimpanzee in captivity, is just as capable of "lying", most commonly when human handlers go away for a while. 7).....human babies, the chimpanzees really hate 8).....left alone, and for this reason, their handlers, 9).....have become their "family", should ideally never be out of sight. Even 10).....the handlers always do their best to avoid going for too long, some absence is unavoidable.

B. Read the text below and use the word given in capital on the right to form words that fit in the gaps.

(5 points)

Internet Dependency Alters the Human Brain

Internet addiction has for the first time been linked with changes in the brain similar to those seen in people addicted to alcohol, cocaine and cannabis. In a groundbreaking study, _____ (1) used MRI scanners to reveal abnormalities in the brains of adolescents who

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spent many hours on the internet, to the detriment of their social and _____ (2) lives. The finding could throw light on other _____ (3) problems and lead to the _____ (4) of new approaches to treatment, researchers said. An estimated 5 to 10 per cent of internet users are thought to be addicted – meaning they are unable to control their use. The _____ (5) are games players who become so absorbed in the activity they go without food or drink for long periods and their education, work and relationships suffer.

PERSON
BEHAVE
DEVELOP

MAJOR

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. (10 points)

1. When you study a lot, you get better marks. **(more)**
The marks you get.
2. We sent him a fax though it was not necessary as he knew about the meeting. **(sent)**
We the fax.
3. I don't know what to write on this form. **(in)**
I don't know is form.
4. Historians believe that the Chinese invented the paper. **(have)**
The Chinese the paper.
5. "Have you thought of a solution?" asked the manager. **(up)**
The manager wanted to know a solution.

TOTAL
PUNCTE

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