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Q1:-Read the text then complete the tasks below.

We often hear people say, 'It's a small world, isn't it?' It's usually when they've just experienced one of those strange coincidences that seem to happen in nearly everyone's lives. You know the kind of thing: you're on holiday in another country and you run into a person you know from home, even though neither of you knew that the other was going there too.

People often think experiences like this are evidence of something mysterious happening, some kind of hidden plan outside our knowledge. The scientific explanation is less exciting, and perhaps that's why some people are reluctant to accept it. Coincidences are events that unexpectedly happen at the same time for no clear reason, or finding an unexpected connection between seemingly random things or people. A very common example of the latter is talking to a complete stranger and finding that you have the same birthday. What are the chances of that happening?

Actually, the chances are better than you might think, and there's a mathematical way to prove it. It has been calculated that the number of people you need to have a 50% chance of two of them sharing a birthday is 23. And when there are 48 people in a room, the probability goes up to 95%. To put it another way, if there are only 50 people reading these words (and I hope there are more!), one of them will almost certainly have the same birthday as me.

The other part of the scientific explanation for coincidences is simply that there are so many events in people's lives. Just think of the number of people that you have had any kind of connection with during your life. There are probably over 10,000, and the older you get, the more there will be. If you are the kind of person who talks to strangers, you will definitely come across coincidences. Basically, when you think about how complex our lives are, especially nowadays with the Internet, the only surprising thing is that coincidences don't happen more often.

1-What do people often think about strange coincidences?

People often think experiences like this are evidence of something mysterious happening, some kind of hidden plan outside our knowledge.

2-What two definitions of "coincidence" does the writer give in the second paragraph?

That coincidences are events that unexpectedly happen at the same time for no clear reason.  
or finding an unexpected connection between seemingly random things or people.



**3-Say whether each of the following statements is true or false :-**

- a- The writer mentions one part of the scientific explanation to prove that coincidences aren't surprising ( F )
- b- According to the writer coincidences often happen due to the communication technology nowadays ( F )
- c- When people say "It's a small world" they mean that people's lives are more connected than they used to be. ( T )

**4-Find words from the text that have the same meaning of :-**

- a-find by chance : come across a-meet by chance: run into
- b- astonishing: surprising d-unrevealed: hidden

**5-Say what the following pronouns, numbers and words refer to :-**

- a-95%( line 13) : The probability (percentage) of two people sharing a birthday when there are 48 people in the room
- b-it ( line 7) : The scientific explanation
- c-the latter ( line 9) : finding an unexpected connection between random things or people

**6- Replace the underlined parts of the sentences with words or phrases from the text.**

1. She has a lot of things that she knows about this subject because she's studied it for years. knowledge
2. Most people are not willing to answer questions about their age. reluctant

**Q2:- Complete the sentences with words from the box .**

priority / reward / ~~factor~~ confident / inevitable / fee / persevere / excuse

- 1-I may seem confident, but I get extremely nervous speaking in front of people.
- 2-I don't think there is any excuse for his strange behavior.
- 3- Job security is a priority over wages.
- 4- In big cities, at least one major car accident is inevitable each day.
- 5- I thought I had paid the monthly fee, but I received a phone call from the school saying that the bill still needs to be paid.

**Q3:- Complete the sentences using the words in the box with co- or mis- as prefixes**

heard - writer - behave

1. Both their names are on the front of the book because they are the co-writers
2. I thought he said he was from Australia, but I think I misheard because he's actually Austrian.



Language:-

**Q1:- Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense**

- 1- I can't hear you! I am having a shower. (have)
- 2- I have known her for a long time. (know)
- 3- We could not send you a postcard because we had forgotten (forget) our address book.
4. When I went in , everyone was laughing Probably because someone had told a joke .  
( laugh / tell )
5. As soon as the bell rang . Everyone stopped working and left the building.  
( ring / stop ) .

**Q2:- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: to + infinitive or -ing form.**

- 1- We stopped to have a rest because we were really sleepy. ( have)
- 2- Please remember to turn off ( turn off) the lights before leaving .
- 3- I'd hate to arrive too late. ( arrive)
- 4- Do you mind giving me a hand? ( give)
- 5- I will call you back as soon as I finish writing this report. (write )

**Q3:- Rewrite the sentences as single sentences, changing the tense of one verb and the order of the events if necessary. Use the word or phrase in brackets to join the two events:**

- 1- I patted my friend's cat , it bit me. ( while)  
While I was patting my friend's cat, it bit me.
- 2- He repaired many cars , he received his mechanic's license. ( before)  
He had repaired many cars before he received his mechanic's license.
- 3- I got home in the evening . I realized I left the key inside the house.. (when)  
When I got home in the evening, I realized I had left the key inside the house.

**Q4:- Correct the mistakes in the sentences.**

- 1- What subjects have you studied last year? did you study
- 2- I'm sorry, he's not here. He has lunch with some customers. He is having lunch
- 3- How long have you written that letter? have you been writing

Good Luck

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