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Q1: Read the text about the story about the daily news and complete the tasks below.

The results of a new poll show that financial problems have taken over from the environment as the main concerns for young people. the survey asked over 12,000 people aged between 14 and 18 what they were most worried about. the clear „winner“ was „finding a job“, while the environment was only the seventh greatest worry. This compares with similar polls in the last fifteen years, when environmental worries came first. one of the poll's organizer's commented that the results demonstrated a clear change in attitude. „it's not just that getting a job is the main worry,“ he said. „also included in the top six worries were getting into debt (6th) and passing exams (4th=). I'm convinced that there's a connection. Because of changes in the job market, there is more and more pressure on young people nowadays to pass exams and go on to university in the hope of finding a good job. rising university fees make it inevitable that many students graduate from university with huge debts.“ other concerns mentioned by large numbers of young people also tended to be personal rather than social, including worries about relationships (2nd), health (3rd) and „fitting in with peers“ (4th=). Annette Coleman, director of the green earth organization, said yesterday that she was „disappointed, but not surprised“ at the fall in the number of young people concerned about the environment. „it's not that environmental concerns are less urgent than before – quite the opposite in fact. “ it's just that after decades of publicity on topics like climate change, so little has actually changed. a lot of people get the feeling that there's nothing we can do about it, and young people in particular tend to be impatient. of course, the other thing is that in times of economic difficulty, people are more likely to focus on worries that are more immediate and have an impact on their daily lives.“

A. Answer the questions : (5 marks)

1. What do the results of the new poll show ?

The results of the new poll show that financial problems have taken over from the environment as the main concerns for young people

2. What were the young people mostly concerned about 15 years ago ?

15 years ago young people were mostly concerned about environmental problems.

3. What is the main reason for the change in attitude of young people towards the main concerns according to one of the poll's organizers?

He thinks that the main reason for this change is the financial situation and the changes in the job market.

4. Why do young people try hard to pass exams and go on to university ?

In the hope of finding a good job.

5. Why were young people less concerned about the environment ?

Because they feel that there's nothing they can do to save it, and they tend to focus on worries that are more immediate and have an impact on their

B. What do each of the following pronoun / words refer to : (2 marks)

1. This (line 4): The results of the new poll

2. it (line 18): climate change (environmental problems)

daily lives like economical difficulties.

C. Find words from the text which mean . (2 marks)

- 1-money you pay for a service: fees
2-not wanting to wait: impatient

D. Use the words in the text to complete the sentences below. (3 marks)

1. We all make mistakes sometimes, so it's inevitable that you will too.
2. He was disappointed because he thought he would get better results than he did.
3. Don't be so impatient, I'll be finished soon.

E. Say whether each of the following statements is true or false: (2 marks)

1. (F) According to Annette Coleman the environmental concerns are less urgent .
2. (F) The results of a new poll show that young people don't concern about environment at all.

Q2:-Read the text about Doing something new ... New Year, New You!

Around this time of year, lots of people make resolutions to change their lives. Of course, it's natural to associate a new year with new beginnings, but doing something new brings benefits to your life whenever you choose to do it. In fact, New Year is possibly one of the worst times of the year to make life-changing decisions if you want to stick to them: in Europe and North America, it coincides with the middle of winter. With its long hours of darkness and cold wet weather, this is definitely not a season to be optimistic. This may well be why, as many studies have shown, most people who make New Year's resolutions usually break them after five weeks.

So, whatever time of year it is, you might decide to learn to speak Chinese, take up long-distance running, become a poet, or whatever. How do you make sure you don't start with great enthusiasm, but then give up soon afterwards? We're sure following the steps in this article will make success a lot more likely.

Set clear goals: When you're thinking about aims, there's one rule you should follow above all others: don't be too general. Just thinking that you "want to be a bit healthier" is very unlikely to get you anywhere. **Instead**, you need to express your aim as something exact and practical that can be measured.

Enjoy yourself : Don't spend all your time worrying about how successful you're going to be. Remember to enjoy the new experience for what it is .That way there's a far better chance that you'll keep going. If you're learning something, you'll make much better progress if you enjoy the learning rather than thinking about what score you might get at the end.

A. Answer the questions: (5 marks)

1. What two things, according to the article, are wrong with the idea of New Year's resolutions"?
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~~1. New year is one of the worst times of the year to make life-changing decisions~~ ② People who make new year's resolutions usually break them after five weeks
2. Why do many people make resolutions around the time of New Year?

People make resolutions around the time of New Year to change things in their live because this time of the year is related to the idea of new beginnings

3. Why could the new year be the worst time for some people on Europe and north America to make life – changing decisions and stick to them?

Because it coincides with the middle of winter, with its long hours of darkness and wet weather

4. Why is "I think I'd like to be a better person" not a good resolution to make?

Because it's too general.

5. Which piece of advice is especially useful for students in general?

Don't spend all your time worrying about how successful you will be.

B. Say what the following pronouns and phrases refer to

3 marks

1. its line (5) winter (winter in Europe and North America)

2. others line (13) rules ~~X~~ aims (other aims)

3. instead line (14) instead of being ~~being~~ too general

C. Complete the sentences with the phrases or expressions in the text. (2 marks)

1. It's easy to make resolutions, but much harder to stick to them.

2. The fireworks are timed to coincide with the end of the show.

D. Replace the underlined parts of the sentences with words and phrases from the text. (2 marks)

1. She wants to start a new hobby, but she isn't sure what to choose.: take up

2. When I started, I felt that everything would be fine.: optimistic

Q3- : Underline the correct part of the sentence. (4 marks)

1. I'll call you back as soon as I finish this report. (to write / writing)

2. Experts advise us this habit (to break / breaking)

3. Let's shake hands and decide the argument. (to forget / forgetting)

4. Children want to know everything: they never stop questions. (to ask / asking)

Good luck