The Text:

1) Agatha Christie was probably the most successful writer in history. She wrote 78 crime novels, six other novels, 150 short stories, four non-fiction books and 19 plays. That represents two billion books sold: more than William Shakespeare!

2) Christie became a writer by accident. **She** was bored when her husband was away in the First World War. Agatha was working in a hospital dispensary (which is where she learned all the information about poisons that she used in her books). She decided to write a novel to pass the time. She chose a detective novel because she loved reading them. Her first novel, "The Mysterious Affair at Styles", was an instant success. Each book had a new ingenious plot. Readers loved the books, particularly because Christie always gave the readers all the information **they** needed to find the solution.

3) Christie loved travelling. When she became rich she could go all over the world. She used the travels in her writing. Agatha Christie died in 1976, but her stories are still immensely popular. Many have been adapted for film or television.

Reading Comprehension: (7pts)

1) **Put a cross (X) in front of the right answer:** (1.5pt)

*Who was "Agatha Christie" ?

      -A famous singer   ( )

      -A famous writer   ( )

      -A famous car driver   ( )

*Why did she know a lot of things about poisons?

      -Because her father was a doctor. ( )

      -Because she was ill.   ( )

      -Because she worked in a hospital. ( )

*What did she do when she became rich?

-She travelled.   (   )

-She ate a lot.   (   )

-She drank a lot.   (   )

2) Correct the following statements with reference to the text: (3pts)

A- Christie only wrote novels.

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B- Christie became a writer because it was her favourite hobby.

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C- Christie's first book is entitled "The Mysterious Prison" .

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3) Find in the text the opposites of the words below: (1.5pt)

Interested   ≠   ……………………………

Failure   ≠   ……………………………

Poor   ≠   ……………………………

4) What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (1pt)

She ： ………………………………

They ： ………………………………

Language :   (8 pts)

1) Read the paragraph and put the verbs in the right tense: (3pts)

Yesterday, I (have) …………………………… a terrible day. I woke up late. I had to hurry. I (be) …………………………… hungry but I didn't eat anything. I (get) …………………………… dressed, took my books and (walk) …………………………… all the way to the school. An hour later, I (arrive) …………………………… to school. I (miss) …………………………… my first class and I was late for the second one. What a day !!

2) Read the paragraph and fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the box: (there is one extra word) (3pts)

> smoke – noise food – breathe – problems – life – drink

Pollution can take many forms. The air we ……………………………, the water we ……………………………, the ground where we grow our ……………………………, and even the increasing …………………………… we hear every day—all contribute to health …………………………… and a lower quality of ……………………………..

3) Fill in the blanks with the correct option from the list: (2pts)

-He stopped smoking (1)…………………………… he got very fat.	(1) so- as a result- because
- Fish and other sea life die (2)………………………… of the oil spilled by ships into the sea.	(2) because-and- therefore
-Exposure to noise can cause (3)………………………… and may even lead to (4) ………………………	(3)fever-headaches-asthma (4) deafness – blindness - stomachache

Writing : (5 pts)

-What are the manifestations of the environmental pollution within your country and what can you do in your community to prevent the spreading of such a problem.

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Good Work.