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Read the instructions to the questions very carefully and write all your answers in English. Answer **ONLY 4 OF THE 6 QUESTIONS BELOW**. If you answer more than four questions, **only the first four questions will be marked**.

QUESTION 1. READ THE TEXT 1 AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

1.1 Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (Approximately 50 words; **0.75 points**).

1.2 Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. **(1 point; 0.25 each)**

a People try their best to find ways to make the world a better place.

b We don't use so much plastic as people believe.

c Bored Panda readers are asked to get involved and be active.

d We were wrong to think that rubbish would never be a problem.

1.3 Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here: (0.75 points; 0.25 each)

a. appealing, desirable

b. litter, garbage

c. offensive, outrageous

TEXT 1

Waste, waste, waste. That's almost all you ever hear people talking about on the streets and in cafes. Whether it's wanting to eliminate the use of plastic by replacing straws with pasta in Italy or coming up with new ways to recycle bottles, there are all sorts of small steps that we can take to make Planet Earth a cleaner, healthier, greener place to live on.

However, one area where some but not enough progress has been made is in the packaging of certain products. It is mind-boggling how much packaging can be used for even the tiniest things. All to make them look attractive and make us want to buy them. There's so much packaging that you could almost build a fort out of the trash!

To show you just what we mean, magazine Bored Panda has collected some of the most egregious examples of unnecessary packaging found in the dark corners of the internet. So scroll down and upvote the pics that make you fear for the future of the world. Send your pals the link to this list so that they realize what a big problem this is as well. And share any ideas for possible solutions to the waste crisis in the comments. Bored Panda reached out to Greenpeace and interviewed Graham Forbes, the Global Project Leader for a Plastic-Free-Future.

"For years, companies have sold people on disability — the notion that we can use something once, for a few minutes, then simply throw it away," Forbes explained. "The problem is we know now that there is no such thing as 'away.' Less than 10 percent of the plastic ever made has actually been recycled, with the vast majority ending up in our oceans, landfills, or incinerated — polluting communities around the globe."

QUESTION 2. READ THE TEXT 2 AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

2.1 Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (approximately 50 words; **0.75 points**).

2.2 Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. **(1 point; 0.25 each)**

a Our modern life is very demanding, it requires immediacy.

b In order to practise the art of being lazy you need time.

c Being lazy means doing nothing that is productive or compulsory.

d You cannot do anything at all if you want to practise the art of being lazy.

2.3 Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here: (0.75 points; 0.25 each).

a. doing our best

b. physical exercise

c. boring, tedious tasks

TEXT 2

All art requires practice, and patience. Art requires the proper setting too. And there is no better setting to perfect the art of being lazy than summer.

Being truly lazy seems a lost art in our time of instant messaging, instant gratification — instant everything. We enjoy so many luxuries, except the luxury of time, which is precisely what the lazy state of being requires.

Summer takes us away from the hustle and bustle and points us toward laziness. To laze about on a summer Sunday means to recharge batteries. To reconnect with other lazy souls. To rest. To think. To meander. To accomplish much, while accomplishing nothing of any great purpose.

And that's the point — to have no apparent point. We spend so much of our working time striving! Summer laziness allows us to deposit our working baggage at the door and really relax.

What's funny to me is the number of people who criticize themselves for being "lazy", yet when asked what they've accomplished today, they can tick off ten or twenty things. They don't see laziness as an art, but as a notion which is anathema to productive living.

But the art of being lazy is just as creative as any other art. While you're being "lazy", you are allowing your fertile mind to grow and bloom. You are creating something new. A new you.

Being lazy is taking a walk — not to get an aerobic workout, but to look at the flowers. Lazy is taking the time to read a book the whole way through — in one sitting. Lazy is a catnap — without caring about the chores awaiting you. Lazy is a two-hour talk with a friend about nothing at all, and everything in the world.

Being lazy means loving yourself enough to let go of the need to impress and achieve, long enough to really and truly relax and recharge.

QUESTION 3. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS: (2.5 POINTS)

3.1 Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points; 0.225 each)

- a In which word are the underlined letters pronounced differently? *post, clock, got, box, lost, most, cost, lot*
- b In which one of the following words is the ending "-ed" pronounced /t/ as in "cooked"? *touched, fainted, listened, arrived*
- c In which 2 words is there a silent consonant? *suit, step, crazy, walk, debt, time, enough, mind*
- d Which pair of words does not rhyme? 1. *bread, said*; 2. *clear, dear*; 3. *hush, push*; 4. *bled, fled*; 5. *rhyme, crime*.

3.2 Block 2. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.6 points; 0.4 points each)

- a No one had collected the rubbish all week.
...been....
- b When did you begin to protect the environment?
How long...
- c It's a pity people don't care about nature.
If only ...
- d Recycling is not so easy as it appears to be.
It's not ...

QUESTION 4. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS: (2.5 POINTS)

4.1 Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points; 0.225 each)

- a Which of the following words have the same consonant sound as the letter underlined in "patient" (3 words)?
question, creative, fertile, notion, conscience, science, vision, mission
- b In which of the following verbs is the "-ed" ending pronounced /d/? *accomplished, created, criticised, ticked.*
- c In which two words is the letter "t" pronounced? *fasten, fertile, hustle, listen, castle, faster, nestle, hasten*
- d In which two words is the underlined vowel sound pronounced /əʊ/ as in "hopes"?
sons, love, trouble, though, dove, glove, globe

4.2 Block 1: Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.6 points; 0.4 points each)

- a You cannot be lazy if you are trying to accomplish something all the time.
...impossible...
- b "I will practise the art of being lazy next summer"
She said that...
- c She hasn't had a lazy summer for the last three years.
...ago.
- d They think that he is hiding in a foreign country.
He...

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: What will life be like in 100 years? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)

QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: Are you going to laze around this summer or do you have any specific plans? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)