



Part I-Reading

You are going to read an article about time and its importance. When you are through, answer the questions that follow.

Time is Gold

- 1- Time is something that we all are taking for granted these days. We spend hours watching TV or playing applications on our mobile phones thinking that this is just normal. We spend a lot of time waiting in traffic jams or standing in lines to pay our bills. I find this a waste of time. It is hours and days of our lives that we can never get back. We probably get to live up to 100 years old if we are lucky. Every second counts, and we should rethink of ways on how we plan to spend them.
- 2- Spend each day doing things that really matter. Spend time with your family and friends and talk about the good times you've had together. Enjoy a nice hot meal and eat it slowly. Give yourself time to play and spend enough time for sleeping soundly. Little things like this may seem irrelevant to a busy person, but the truth is, the little things are what matters most in life.
- 3- Every moment is special. Do not allow yourself to wallow in the past, regretting the things you failed to do or about decisions that went wrong. That is done and cannot be undone. Make every second count by staying awake and alert. Every day is a new adventure and you have to keep your eyes and ears open to new opportunities. It may not be opportunities like a big promotion or anything else, but it may be an opportunity for a new experience. You may just find a true friend in someone you meet unexpectedly. Who knows? You may even find love in the least likely of places. You may just pass this chance that you are too busy looking ahead to the future or simply daydreaming your time away.
- 4- I always tell my students to do their best in every task as if the world will end tomorrow. I advocate this also to everyone I know. If you have this one chance to do something for someone, why don't you do it to the best of your ability? Whether you are being paid or rewarded for a task, it should not matter. You should be able to take pride in your work because you know that you've done your best in making it happen. And trust me, quality effort will be eventually rewarded. Also, if you do a task really well, you won't have to redo some touch ups afterwards, right?
- 5- Lastly, every moment you spend doing things is a time taken from your life. How would you like to spend it? Don't waste your time away working day and night hoping for loads of money when you retire. Don't just see time valued by the amount you are paid per hour. That is not your life's worth. The value of your time is measured by how you spend it and whom you choose to spend it with now.



A- Match these headings (a - c) with their correct paragraphs.

(Score 1.5)

a- Stay Awake

b- Believe in Quality Time

c- Live a Little

B- Pick out from paragraphs 2, 3,4 and 5 words that have the same meanings as the following:
(Score 3)

1- unrelated

2- slip, stumble

3- recommend

4- self-importance

5- tons

6- stop work willingly

C- Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own.

(Score 3)

1- What does the writer mean by the underlined sentence in the article? (2 lines)

2- What lesson did you learn from the article? (3 lines)

D- Restate these sentences to have the same meaning.

(Score 3)

1- You are paid or rewarded for doing good tasks.

If you.....

2- He has to redo some touch ups afterwards.

Some touch ups.....

3- She wishes she had stayed aware and alert.

She regrets.....

E- Correct the one grammatical error in each sentence.

(Score 1.5)

1- I am used to do my projects perfectly when I was at the university.

2- Would you mind to open the window because it's a little hot?

3- He didn't know anything about astronomy, nor he was willing to learn.

Part II- Writing

(Score 8)

Procrastination is the thief of time, so it is important not to waste your time because lost time is never regained. Do you agree or not?



Develop your writing in a well- organized paragraph of about 10→15 lines, using examples from your daily life. Provide a tit

Answer key

A-Match these headings (a - c) with their correct paragraphs. (Score 1.5)

a-Stay Awake 3

b- Believe in Quality Time 4

c-Live A Little 2

B-Pick out from paragraphs , 2, 3,4 and 5 words that have the same meanings as the following: (Score 3)

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1-Unrelated / Irrelevant | 2- slip, stumble/ wallow | 3- <u>recommend</u> / advocate |
| 4-self-importance / pride | 5-tons / _loads | 6-stop work willingly / retire |

C-- Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own. (Score 3)

What does the writer mean by the underlined sentence in the article?

What lesson did you learn from the article?

D-Restate these sentences to have the same meaning. (Score 3)

1-You are paid or rewarded for doing good tasks.

If you didn't do good tasks, you wouldn't be paid.....

2-He has to redo some touch ups afterwards.

Some touch ups have to be done.

3-She wishes she had stayed aware and alert.

She regrets not staying aware and alert.



E-Correct the one grammatical error in each sentence.

(Score 1.5)

- 1- I used to do my projects perfectly when I was at the university.
- 2- Would you mind opening the window because it's a little hot?
- 3-He didn't know anything about astronomy, nor was he willing to learn.