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Le sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4.

I) READING COMPREHENSION

A- THE TEXT

1. Off the coast of Isla Mujeres Bay in Cancun, Mexico, environmentalist and architect Richart Sowa lives comfortably on his island. It is made of over 150.000 recycled plastic water bottles connected to a bamboo frame, which is filled in with wood pellets and sand. Sowa built the island in 2005, but harsh weather destroyed it. On his third attempt of rebuilding his home — this time in calm waters — he succeeded in developing a **sturdy** home.

2. The three-storey house on Joyxee Island has solar panels, three showers, a kitchen, two bedrooms, a wave-powered washing machine and even Internet. After living on the island for several years alone, Sowa felt he was missing company in **his paradise** without anyone to share the island with him. In 2014, he met a famous Japanese supermodel over Facebook named Jodi Bowlin, and she was quick to adopt Sowa's simple lifestyle. "Living on the island looks like a **carefree** lifestyle, but there is a lot of physical work involved in keeping it up," said Bowlin in the Mirror. **The two** live on Joyxee together with a pet dog.

3. Sowa continues to improve the island, adding more and more features and slowly making Joyxee larger by putting more water bottles to the base. He intends to become completely self-sufficient as he still relies on parts of the mainland, including a 100 foot-long cord that connects to the shore to provide water and Internet. He makes a living through music, art and by showing interested tourists around the island in exchange for voluntary donations.

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B- Comprehension Questions (12 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the correct alternative. (1 mark)

In his project, Richart Sowa opts for:

- a. living with no companion. ☐
- b. settling in modern society. ☐
- c. leading an eco-friendly life. ☒

2. Focus on paragraph 1 and list three building materials Sowa used apart from bottles. (3 marks)

- a. Bamboo
- b. Wood
- c. sand

3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from paragraph 3. (3 marks)

As Sowa has no job on the island, he lives on the ① donations the tourists make. He gets some money in return for ② showing them ③ around Joyxee.

4- Tick (✓) the right option. (2 marks)

i- “sturdy” (Paragraph 1) nearly means:

- a- strong and solid ☒
- b- small and cosy ☐
- c- comfortable and peaceful ☐

ii- “carefree” (Paragraph 2) nearly means:

- a- stressful ☐
- b- anxious ☐
- c- unconcerned ☒

5- What do the underlined expressions in paragraph 2 refer to? (2 marks)

- a. “his paradise” refers to: the island/Joyxee
- b. “The two” refers to: Jodi and Sowa

6- Give a personal and justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

Would you enjoy going on holiday on Richart Sowa’s island? Why? Why not?

I.....because.....

(Any personal and justified answer is accepted as long as there is no contradiction between the statement and its justification.)

II- WRITING (12 marks)

1. Use the notes in the table below to write a 4-line biography of the British author Sir *Kazuo Ishiguro*. (4 marks)

Date and place of birth	8 November 1954, Nagasaki, Japan.
Education	M.A., University of East Anglia, UK.
Important works	<i>The Remains of the Day</i> <i>Never Let Me Go</i>
Important awards	Order of the British Empire, 1995. Nobel Prize in Literature, 2017.

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2. A friend of yours is likely to accept an interesting job offer in a big company in Europe. Write a 10-line e-mail to convince him/her to decline this offer as his/her country and family need him/her. (8 marks)

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III- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1. Circle the right alternative. (3 marks)

I'm addicted to information technology and gaming. I've always been (**interest** / **interesting** / **interested**) in video games from a very young age. It never (**reality** / **really** / **real**) started to get bad for me until middle school and into high school. As time progressed, it started to (**affect** / **addict** / **afford**) my school grades, interpersonal relationships, and things of that nature. My (**low** / **lower** / **lowest**) point was when I realized what I had been doing, that I was on the track to leave college. This would result (**at** / **in** / **on**) me being homeless because my parents had said they wouldn't (**supply** / **suppose** / **support**) me if I didn't succeed in college. At that point, I just decided something had to change.

2. Fill in the blanks with words from the box .There are 2 extra words. (3 marks)

waste / richest / into / memories / won't / relax / afford / from

Holidays matter. They are our lifeline to sanity, a chance to step away ① **from** everyday life and reconnect with the people we love. They are also a time to ② **relax** and to be the real us. And, once the sand has been washed from the toes, holidays can leave us with a suitcase of life-long happy ③ **memories**. Yet, today in the UK, at least 1.46 million families can't ④ **afford** a single day out together. In one of the ⑤ **richest** countries in the world, nearly five million people haven't even one day's outing to look forward to. This year, millions of British children ⑥ **won't** get to swim in the sea, build a sandcastle or lick an ice-cream.