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I. Reading Comprehension: choose the one best answer to each question. 20%

When my English teacher recently asked me to write an essay, I was stuck for a subject. So I dug into my handbook for an idea. It said "choose a topic on which you're well versed."

1. What advice did the handbook give?
- a. To be stuck for a subject.
 - b. To write an essay in verse.
 - c. To dig into any reference book for an idea.
 - d. To pick up a familiar topic.

The Gypsies, it is thought, wandered out of Central Asia about 4,000 years ago. They have never stopped moving. They arrived in Europe in the late Middle Ages, and used the annual religious pilgrimages they found there as pretexts for large tribal gatherings, since they ordinarily traveled in small groups to avoid the authorities. At the gatherings, they conducted family business--baptisms, marriages, trials--and exchanged news.

The Gypsy is happiest in the natural world, where he can hear the rain at night on his caravan and smell the woods. He lives from day to day, and he likes uncertainty. He has known practically from infancy that sudden changes from comfort to discomfort are essential for a healthy life. As a result, he has a deep sense of self-reliance.

2. Which is correct?
- a. The Gypsies took part in the religious pilgrimages to pray.
 - b. The Gypsies took part in the religious pilgrimages to escape from authorities.
 - c. The Gypsies joined the pilgrimages so they could meet their fellows.
 - d. The Gypsies did a lot of profitable businesses while they traveled.
3. Which one of the following is not the Gypsy belief?
- a. Sudden changes in physical comfort are good for health.
 - b. It is good to plan ahead of time exactly and carefully.
 - c. Being close to nature is an important source of happiness.
 - d. Uncertainty makes you depend on yourself.

As far back as 700 B.C., man has talked about children being cared for by wolves. Romulus and Remus, the legendary twin founders of Rome, were purported to have been

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cared for by wolves. It is believed that when a she-wolf loses her litter, she seeks a human child to take its place.

This seemingly preposterous idea did not become credible until the late nineteenth century when a French doctor actually found a naked ten-year-old boy wandering in the woods. He did not walk erect, could not speak intelligibly, nor could he relate to people. He only growled and stared at them. Finally the doctor won the boy's confidence and began to work with him. After many long years of devoted and patient instruction, the doctor was able to get the boy to clothe and feed himself, recognize and utter a number of words, as well as write letters and form words.

4. Which of the following statements is not true?

- a. She-wolves have been said to substitute human children for their lost litters.
- b. Examples of wolves' caring for human children can be found only in the nineteenth century.
- c. The French doctor succeeded in domesticating the boy somewhat.
- d. The young boy was finally able to use human speech.

5. The legend of Romulus and Remus proved that

- a. the motherhood of she-wolves can extend to some other species of animals.
- b. humans can be turned into wolves.
- c. French doctors are always better than those in other countries.
- d. The French doctor succeeded in teaching the Roman brothers to behave like humans.

II. Reader-response: Respond to the following story in no more than 30-60 words: 20%

A young man had been caught in the daring act of theft and had been condemned to be executed for it. He expressed his desire to see his mother and so speak with her before he was led to execution and of course this was granted. When his mother came to him he said: "I want to whisper to you," and when she brought her near him, he nearly bit her ear off. All the bystanders were horrified and asked him what he could mean by such brutal and inhuman conduct. "It is to punish her," he said. "When I was young I began with stealing little things and brought them home to mother. Instead of rebuking and punishing me, she laughed and said: 'It will not be noticed.' It is because of her that I am here today."

"He is right, woman," said the Priest; "the Lord hath said: Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart therefrom."

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III. English-Chinese Translation: Translate the following into good Chinese. 30%

1. Darwin's theories still provoke opposition. One hundred and forty years after *The Origin of Species*, backers of creationism have made a comeback in states like Kansas, pushing evolution out of the schoolroom. Yet Darwinism remains one of the most successful scientific theories ever promulgated. There is hardly an element of humanity--not capitalism, not gender relations, certainly not biology--that can be fully understood without its help.

2. Consciously or not, every oppressed people or group with a cause has practiced what Gandhi preached. Sixties kids like me were his disciples when we went South in the Freedom Summer to sit in for civil rights and when we paraded through the streets of America to stop the war in Vietnam. Our passionate commitment, non violent activism, willingness to accept punishment for civil disobedience were lessons he taught.

IV. English Writing: Write on the following in 100-200 words. 30%

Describe any dramatic event to which you were an eyewitness.