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Level: First year

Full Name:.....

Duration:1h30min

Group:.....

Answer Key for First Semester Exam

Part I: Reading Comprehension

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below.

Working at Global Solutions My name is Sarah, and I am an economist at a large company. I am very hard-working and organized. My job is interesting because I analyze market trends and plan strategies for economic growth.

Every Monday at 9 a.m., we have a regular meeting. Our Manager usually starts the meeting by setting the agenda. Today, the first item on our agenda is the quarterly sales report. We need to discuss the GDP, which grew by 2.5%, and the inflation rate, which increased by 3%.

Our company is very successful. Last year, our total revenue reached 526,481,934 dollars. We also managed a national project worth two trillion, three hundred forty-five billion dollars. Dealing with large numbers like millions and billions is a vital part of my job to support informed decisions.

After work, I enjoy my hobbies to reduce stress. I am passionate about playing a musical instrument. I always practice for one hour because it is very relaxing. I can play the guitar well, but I could not play it when I was 5 years old.

1/Circle the correct answer (True or False): (2.5 pts)

1. Sarah is a software developer. (True / False) (0.5pts)
2. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. (True / False) (0.5pts)
3. The inflation rate increased by 5%. (True / False) (0.5pts)
4. Sarah works with numbers in the trillions. (True / False) (0.5pts)
5. Sarah thinks playing the guitar is stressful. (True / False) (0.5pts)

2/Answer the following questions based on the text: (3 pts)

1.What is the first item on the meeting agenda? the quarterly sales report (1pt)

2.How do you write the revenue number (526,481,934) in words? Choose the correct option:

A. Five hundred twenty-six million, four hundred eighty-one thousand, nine hundred thirty-four. (1pt)

B. Five hundred twenty-six billion, four hundred eighty-one million, nine hundred thirty-four.

3.Why does Sarah have hobbies?

to reduce stress / because it is very relaxing (1pt)

Part II: Vocabulary & Grammar

1/Match the words with their definitions: (3 pts)

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. GDP | C. Any number in the millions, billions, or trillions. |
| 2. Inflation | B. Total value of goods and services produced in a country. |
| 3. Large Number | A. The rate at which prices for goods increase over time. |

1= B (1pt)

2= A (1pt)

3= C (1pt)

2/ Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the list (2 pts): (CFO - Cryptocurrency - 1st - Ad-hoc)

1. Bitcoin is the most widely known **Cryptocurrency** (0.5pts)
2. The **1st** place winner receives 1,000 dollars. (0.5pts)
3. An **Ad-hoc** meeting is called to address urgent issues. (0.5pts)
4. The **CFO** is the Chief Financial Officer. (0.5pts)

3/Choose the correct Preposition (in, on, at): (1.5 pts)

1. The meeting is **on** Monday. (0.5pts)
2. We finished the project **in** 2025. (0.5pts)
3. The session starts **at** lunchtime. (0.5pts)

4/Complete with can or could: (1 pt)

1. She **can** speak English now. (0.5pts)
2. When he was a child, he **could** not swim. (0.5pts)

5/Change to Negative form: (1 pt)

"She studied for the exam." \implies - She **did not study** for the exam. (1pt)

6/Complete with the Simple Present (2 pts)

1. He (work) **works** hard every day. (1pt)
2. They (go) **go** to the park on Sundays. (1pt)

Part III: Writing (4 pts)

- Write a short paragraph (4-5 lines) about your favorite hobby. Answer these questions:
- What is your hobby? (e.g., painting, sports, or reading)
- Is it creative, physical, or intellectual?
- How often do you do it? (Use an adverb like always, usually, or often)
- Why do you like it?

Content & Relevance (2 pts)

Use correct vocabulary/grammar (1 pt)

Sentence structure (1 pt)

Good luck!