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**Le sujet comporte 4 pages  
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## I. READING COMPREHENSION

### A. THE TEXT

1. I am Anne-Marie Bonneau, 56. My interest in environmental causes began when I was a kid growing up in Eastern Ontario, Canada. When I was a teenager in the 1980s, I helped my dad, who was freaked out about the oil crisis, build a solar heater for our pool. It was so simple and worked so well and saved us around \$1,000 each summer. Some of our neighbors thought we were nuts and others thought my dad was brilliant. That made a big impression on me.
2. In 2011, my older daughter and I decided to break up with plastic. One of the first things we did was to make our own really simple reusable produce bags and we've been using them ever since. In 2018, I organized a produce-bag sewing bee to get more bags out into the world. Since then, my friends and I have met every month or two to sew the bags out of unwanted fabric, and we give them out at a local farmers' market in Sunnyvale, California.
3. When we give out the bags for free, people are so excited. You'd think we were giving away winning lottery tickets. People mob our table at the farmers' market. Some look at us suspiciously and ask: "What's the catch?" I tell them: "The catch is you have to use it." People are really generous and they've donated money for thread and equipment, like a secondhand serger machine to speed up the line.
4. We've given away over 4,000. I've sewn the bags in person twice now at Rainbow Grocery in San Francisco for Zero Waste Month. The giveaways start conversations on plastic pollution. At the farmers' market, people will say things like: "I don't like all of this plastic, but I don't know what else to do." I've had people say they're going to make their own bags at home. People ask: "Can we steal this idea?" and I say: "Please do!"

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### B. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1. Read the text and tick (✓) the right option. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about:

- a. fighting plastic waste through community-driven efforts.
- b. tackling plastic pollution through selling recycled bags.
- c. describing the process of making reusable produce bags.

  
  


2. For each of the following statements, pick out ONE detail from the text showing that it is false. (3 marks)

a. Anne and her friends go door to door offering their sewn bags. (paragraph 2)

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b. People showed limited interest in funding the project. (paragraph 3)

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c. Anne objected to others imitating her product. (paragraph 4)

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3. Complete the table with reference to paragraph 1. (3 marks)

Problem	Effect on Anne's father	Solution	Benefit
Oil shortage	a..... .....	b..... .....	c..... .....

4. Find words in the text meaning nearly the same as: (2 marks)

a. crazy (paragraph 1):.....

b. come together around (paragraph 3):.....

5. What do the following words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

a. our (paragraph 2) refers to .....

b. giveaways (paragraph 4) refers to .....

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

What do you think of Anne and her daughter's initiative?

I think .....because.....

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### III. LANGUAGE (6 marks)

#### 1. Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box. (3 marks)

trouble / deficits / from / thrived / among / pursue / well / adaptive

Success for individuals with learning disabilities (LDs) is entirely achievable with the right support and mindset. Many successful figures, ..... entrepreneurs to artists, have learning disabilities but have ..... by focusing on their strengths and using their challenges as a source of resilience. In fact, some research suggests that the problem-solving and ..... skills developed by individuals with LDs can lead to innovation and creativity in their chosen fields. One key strategy for long-term success is focusing on strengths rather than ..... Encouraging individuals with LDs to ..... areas of interest where they excel — whether it's art, sports, or science — can help them build confidence and develop skills that will serve them ..... throughout their lives.

#### 2. Put the words in parentheses in the right tense or form. (3 marks)

Smartwatches could be used to help people quit smoking, a study suggests. Researchers have developed pioneering motion sensor software that can detect the **(type)** ..... hand movements that occur when someone is holding a cigarette. When cigarette use is detected, an alert **(flash)** ..... up on the smartwatch screen. An app on the device delivers a vibration with a text message designed by smokers and former smokers, **(offer)** ..... support to stop smoking.

One message reads "Stopping smoking lets you **(breath)** ..... more easily. Quitting is good", while others contain a tally of how many cigarettes **(be)** ..... smoked and the total number of drags taken that day. The researchers, from the University of Bristol, believe their app is the first just-in-time intervention for preventing smoking relapse that runs **(entire)** ..... on a smartwatch and does not need to be paired with a smartphone.