

Answer Key

THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE

I. COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

A. CHOOSE THE BEST TITLE (1 pt)

2. The psychology of effort and success.

B. TRUE / FALSE & JUSTIFICATION (3 pts)

1. **True:** "With a few taps on a screen, we can order food, find information, or solve a problem instantly."
2. **False:** "Participants consistently chose the easier option even when the harder one provided a better reward."
3. **False:** "Productivity experts argue that 'strategic laziness'... is a sign of intelligence."

C. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS (3 pts)

1. Effort aversion is a natural tendency to avoid tasks that feel demanding.
2. The danger is that people rely on quick impressions and superficial solutions instead of understanding complex issues.
3. It revealed that they were more likely to give up easily as adults.

D. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES (2 pts)

1. ...thoughtful reflection / understanding complex issues.
2. ...face challenges / embrace the struggle.

E. WORD SEARCH (3 pts)

1. smart: **clever**
2. superficial: **superficial** (or "quick" depending on interpretation, though "superficial" is used directly in para 3)
3. result: **growth** (In the context of para 5: skip the struggle, skip the *result/growth*)

F. REFERENCES (3 pts)

1. this approach: **achieving results with minimal work / taking the easiest route.**
2. it: **technology.**
3. they: **students (who avoided difficult tasks early in life).**

II. LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A. FILL IN THE BLANKS (2 pts)

1. non-profit
2. empowerment

B. WORD FORMS (2 pts)

1. unemployment
2. discoveries

C. PHRASAL VERBS (2 pts)

1. put off
2. set up

D. TENSES (3 pts)

- Ahmed **started**...
- ...he **will have completed**...
- He **has been studying**...

E. REWRITE THE SENTENCES (3 pts)

1. The teacher told me that **he/she would call me the following day (or the next day)**.
2. A new library **is being built in our neighborhood**.
3. If Leila **had known the address, she would have attended the party**.

F. MATCHING FUNCTIONS (3 pts)

1. **b** (Expressing sympathy)
2. **c** (Making a request)
3. **a** (Expressing lack of understanding)

III. WRITING (10 POINTS)

TASK 1: Paragraph Completion (4 pts)

Accept any logical completion.

Example: First, the internet provides instant entertainment through games and videos. Second, it allows them to stay connected with friends 24/7 via social media...

TASK 2: Article (6 pts)

Scoring based on:

- Relevance to the topic (Advice on working smarter).
- Cohesion and coherence.
- Grammatical accuracy and vocabulary.
- Adherence to article format.