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WRITTEN PAPER - USE OF ENGLISH
SUGGESTED ANSWER KEY**

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(40 points)

I. Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

(10 points)

A. Answer the following questions, according to the text.

(4 points)

1. *'.... it was the slight tremor in her voice and the unsteadiness of the usually still hands that gave her away...'*
2. *'...What made her stand out, though, was that she never forgot a face and mingled so that each of her guests felt important...'*
3. *'...we could organise a New Year's Eve party under the pretence of us all being together without my mother realising our ulterior motive: to remind her that she still had a life to live...'*
4. They felt relieved because they were worried that their mother wouldn't cope with it. *'...I could see her blossom. She hadn't lost her touch... our mother mingled with her guests as she used to...'*

B. Choose the right synonym for the words below, according to their meaning in the text. (3 points)

1. a; 2. c; 3. a.

C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning.

(3 points)

1. She **was given away by** the slight tremor in her voice and the unsteadiness of her usually still hands.
2. If **my father had not / hadn't died, things** would have been different.
3. The more **she (slowly) became involved in the planning, the more** I began to see glimpses of the mother we had known so well.

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each gap.

(10 points)

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| 1. MYSTERIOUS | 5. TRADITIONAL | 9. DESTINATION |
| 2. ORIGINALLY | 6. UNBELIEVABLE | 10. DEFINITELY |
| 3. FORTRESS | 7. COMMONLY | |
| 4. INHABITANTS | 8. ADDITION | |

III. Five sentences have been removed from the text below. Read the text and use the sentences A – H to fill in the gaps in the text.

(10 points)

1. E
2. G
3. A
4. F
5. C

IV. Fill in the gaps in the text below with ONE appropriate word in each gap.

(10 points)

1. ONLY; 2. WHICH; 3. BE 4. LONG; 5. WHETHER/IF; 6. IS; 7. TAKE; 8. FROM; 9. MAY/ MIGHT/COULD; 10. OTHER