The scientists of the past did their research in extremely difficult conditions. During centuries they didn’t have appropriate laboratories where to conduct their studies and the few instruments they used to handle were often inefficient and lacked precision. Very often they couldn’t keep contact with guidance. Most of them used to live with poor means and were generally surrounded by people who neither understood their views nor encourage them to overcome the various obstacles they met. They also used to take important risks and put their lives in danger mainly when they engaged in experiments which required strict precautions. Despite all those negative aspects, the scientists of the past showed a great optimism and an exceptional determination. They used to fight hard condition and go through long sacrifices in order to help their communities with the wonderful inventions and discoveries they managed to create.

It was thanks to their intelligence and their generous nature that they succeeded to improve gradually the existence of countless generations.
Questions

I) READING COMPREHENSION (09 PTS)

1. Read the text then answer the following questions.
   a- How did the scientists react to the difficulties they met?
   b- What was the social conditions of most of the scientists?
   c- What type of people did the scientists live with?

2. Find synonyms in the text for the following words.
   Suitable / marvelous / necessitate

3. What do the underlined words refer to.
   Where / them / which.

II) MASTERY OF LANGUAGE (06PTS).

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.
   a- July (not/to drink) tea, now.
   b- It was warm, so I (to take) off my coat.
   c- "Did you meet Lucy?", "Oh no, I forgot. I (see) tomorrow"

2. Give one noun from each of the following words.
   wonderful, famous, extremely, successful, to omit, to write

III) Written Expression (05pts)

   Complete these sentences using the following words: sugar,
   a moment, a biscuit, a question, an accident.

1) It was not your fault, it was ....
2) I am not ready yet. Can you wait ...... please?
3) Do you take ...... in your coffee?
4) Excuse me, but can I ask you ......?
5) Are you hungry? Would you like ...... with your coffee?

With my best wishes