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OPTION A

THE SECRET LIFE OF PASSWORDS

1 We despise them –yet we imbue them with our hopes and dreams, our dearest memories, our deepest meanings. They unlock much more than our accounts. In our authorship of passwords, in the fact that we construct them so that we (and only we) will remember them, they take on secret lives.

5 Often they have rich back stories. A motivational mantra, a criticism at the boss, a hidden shrine to a lost love, an inside joke with ourselves, a defining emotional scar — these keepsake passwords, as some people call them, may derive from anything: horoscopes, nicknames, lyrics, book passages. Sometimes the passwords are playful, but they can also memorialize loss or mark painful turning points: a college student, trapped for several years in a relationship with a physically abusive boyfriend who routinely spied on her email, used for her new password the date of her decision to break up with him plus the word ‘freedom’.

15 Douglas R. Hofstader, professor of cognitive science at Indiana University thinks that many passwords are silent celebrations of things we hold dear. His primary password, he says, is the same one he has employed since 1975, when he was a visiting scholar at Stanford.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A AND B (3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

According to the text, what is our purpose when constructing our passwords?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 point each).

- B1. Passwords reveal more than the key to our accounts.
- B2. Keepsake passwords cannot derive from lyrics or book passages.
- B3. The college student mentioned in the text did not change her password after breaking up with her boyfriend.
- B4. Professor Hofstader has been using the same primary password for 40 years.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS A, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a) **Put into the passive:** People often make fun of bosses in passwords.
- b) **Complete:** You should change your password if...
- c) **Transform into reported speech:** I was trapped in a toxic relationship when I was very young. **Begin with:** *Sylvia remembered yesterday that...*
- d) **Combine into one sentence containing a relative clause:** Douglas R. Hofstader is a famous professor. I do not agree with his opinions.

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH ANSWER).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) familiar or humorous names given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real names
- b) in a fixed and regular way

- Find a synonym for each of the words below:

- c) build
- d) resolution
- e) mute

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Write about your best or your worst memory.



OPTION B

**BRUSHING OFF A FRENCH STIGMA  
THAT DOGGIE BAGS ARE FOR BEGGARS**

1 Fabrice Moya, a restaurant chef, has no problems with doggie bags. 'We've always been used to letting people take what they haven't finished,' he said on a recent morning in his kitchen, where several of his cooks were chopping carrots and filling buckets with chickpeas for the day's lunch  
5 service. But it rarely happens -one doggie bag per week at most, out of 500 customers, he estimated. That is not to say nothing is ever left behind. Though the French remain resistant to taking leftovers home, a small movement is afoot to change attitudes. It has been encouraged by difficult economic times, rising consciousness about food waste, and an environmentally minded  
10 younger generation that is more familiar with takeout culture. As part of a wider drive to cut down on food waste, the authorities in Lyon started a campaign last month to promote the use of doggie bags in local restaurants. Still, there is a long way to go to overcome French prejudices about taking home leftovers. Dining out is thus a rare experience, to be enjoyed in situ, not  
15 bundled up in plastic foam containers and reheated in the microwave. Indeed, finishing one's plate is something of a French institution.

**QUESTIONS**

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A AND B  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words)  
(1 point).

Why are French people reluctant to use doggie bags as frequently as in other countries?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

B1. Fabrice Moya is reluctant to the use of doggie bags.

B2. Customers at Fabrice Moya's restaurant always eat up all the food they are served.

B3. Younger people consider food takeout an environmentally friendly habit.  
B4. Going out for lunch or dinner is highly appreciated by French people.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a) **Fill in with the correct tense:** The doggie-bag custom used to be more common in the mid-20th century in France, when people ..... (not hesitate) to ask for leftovers from an unfinished dish; but now they ..... (strike) by snobbery, and they don't ask anymore.
- b) **Rewrite into the passive voice:** Elisabeth Manzon has directed food projects at the government agency for a long time now.
- c) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** We've always been used to letting people take what they haven't finished.
- d) **Transform into reported speech:** "If you cook with passion", Mr. Moya emphasized, "people will eat it." **Begin with:** *Mr Moya emphasized that...*

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) interested in or concerned about a particular subject
- b) warmed up again

- Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below:

- c) cutting
- d) clients
- e) awareness

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

What do you think about the use of doggie bags in restaurants?