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Important Notice: Write the comprehension paragraph & grammar ones on a separate lined sheet.

A. Read the following article carefully, then answer the question that follows. (20pts.)

Neither Here nor There

By: Bill Bryson

I awoke to a gloomy day. The hillsides behind the town were obscured by thick fog and Naples across the bay appeared to have been taken away in the night. There was nothing but a plane of dead sea and beyond it the sort of tumbling fog that creatures from beyond the grave stumble out of in **B-movies**. I had intended to walk to the hilltop ruins of **Tiberius's** villa, where the old rascal used to have guests who displeased him hurled over the ramparts onto the rocks hundreds of feet below, but when I emerged from the hotel a cold, slicing rain was falling, and I spent the morning wandering from café to café, drinking **cappuccinos** and scanning the sky.

Late in the morning, running out of time to see the villa unless I stayed another day, which I could barely afford to do, I checked reluctantly out of the Hotel Capri and walked down the steep and slippery steps to the quay where I purchased a ticket on a slow ferry to Naples. Naples looked even worse after Sorrento and Capri than it had before. I walked for half a mile along the waterfront, but there was no sign of happy fishermen mending their nets and singing **'Santa Lucia'**, as I had fervently hoped there might be. Instead there were just dangerously-looking people and mountains – and I mean mountains – of rubbish on every corner and yet more people selling lottery tickets and trinkets from cardboard boxes.

I had no map and only the vaguest sense of the geography of the city, but I turned inland hoping that I would mistake some shady square lined with small but decent hotels. Surely even Naples must have its finer corners. Instead I found precisely the sort of streets that you automatically associate with Naples – mean, cavernous, semi-paved alleyways, with plaster peeling off walls and washing hung like banners between balconies that never saw sunlight. The streets were full of overweight women and unattended children, often naked from the waist down, in filthy T-shirts. I felt as if I had wandered onto another continent. In the center of Naples some 70,000 families live even now in cramped bassi – tenements without baths or running water, sometimes without even a window, with up to fifteen members of an extended family living together in a single room.

The worst of these districts, the Vicaria, where I was now, is said to have the highest population density in Europe, possibly in the world now that the Forbidden City in Hong Kong is being demolished. And it has crime to match – especially the pettier crimes like car theft (29,000 in one year) and muggings. Yet I felt safe enough. No one paid any attention to me, except occasionally to give me a stray smile. I was clearly a tourist with my rucksack, and I confess I clutched the straps tightly, but there was no sign of the scippatori, the famous bag snatchers on Vespas, who doubtless sensed that all they would get was some dirty underpants, half a bar of chocolate and a tattered copy of H.V. Morton's ***A Traveller in Southern Italy.***

1. ***B-movies*** – low-budget films, often horror
2. ***Tiberius*** – a Roman emperor
3. ***Cappuccino*** – coffee with a frothy milk foam
4. ***Santa Lucia*** – a traditional song from Naples

Comprehension question: The way Bill Bryson described Naples is considered to be both funny and negative. In your opinion, does this way encourage people to visit Naples or not? Explain your answer supporting it with examples from the text. Write 10 lines only.

B. Grammar. (Total points: 30)

1. **Supply the simple present and/or the present continuous for the verbs in brackets of the following paragraph. (15pts. 1pt. each)**

   It's 8:00 A.M. Tony Martin **(drive)** to work. He **(drive)** to work every day. The trip usually **(take)** 45 minutes, but today **(take)** longer. Workers **(repair)** the highway this morning. Due to the construction, Tony **(use)** Parson Road. Normally, he **(use)** Route 93. Traffic always **(move)** faster on Route 93. Today, the weather **(slow down)** the traffic, too. It **(rain)** hard, and the roads are slippery. Tony is a careful driver. He always **(drive)** slowly when the roads are wet. The radio is on, and Tony **(listen to)** the traffic report. He daily **(listen to)** the radio on his way to work. The announcer **(describe)** an accident on Parson Road. Tony **(not want)** to be late for work, but there's nothing he can do.

2. **Supply the present perfect simple and/or the present perfect continuous for the verbs in brackets of the following paragraph. (15pts. 1pt. each)**

   Frederick a is a dedicated football fan. He **(save)** 25% of his salary for the last two years to attend The World Cup in November 2022. Most of his life, he **(save)** to watch football matches locally. Yet this time it's different. He **(decide)** that buying unnecessary items can wait for football's sake. Brazil **(be)** his favorite team since he was 10 years of age, he **(watch)** them for many years, even when they lost in 2018. His loyalty **(not depended)** on a single loss or two. Frederick **(work)** as a part time delivery worker to cover travel expenses. He **(consider)** that extra work helps in making a person's dream come true. He **(miss)** many parties to avoid spending too much. What he **(miss)** most for the last four years is watching live football matches. Lately he **(adapt)** to thrifty living. He **(anticipate)** the one in a lifetime reward of physically being in World Cup matches for so long, and he finally **(reach)** his goal. He successfully **(obtain)** the full sum of $20,000. This experience **(turn)** him into a mature young man who knows how to manage his finances.

I believe in you! You can do this! You are a great student!!
Mrs. Lilian ☺

SE01/20222023 English Answer Key

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A. Comprehension opinion answer (20pts.)

I think that the way Bill Bryson described Naples with, wouldn't encourage me to visit this city. The reason I believe that is because of how dirty and unattractive he projects it to be as he mentions the streets. For example," and I mean mountains – of rubbish on every corner." "Instead I found precisely the sort of streets that you automatically associate with Naples – mean, cavernous, semi-paved alleyways, with plaster peeling off walls and washing hung like banners between balconies that never saw sunlight." Simply by reading this the tourist would be shocked at the condition Naples is in even though it's a famous Italian city. His tone seems to be quite negative as he says, "Surely even Naples must have its finer corners." This is enough evidence for myself as a reader to avoid going to Naples once I visit Italy. I couldn't see the humor anywhere in the article.

B. Grammar Paragraph. (30mpts. In total)

1. **Simple present/Present continuous (15pts. 1pt. each)**

   Is driving / drives / takes / is taking / are repairing / is using / uses / moves / is slowing / is raining / drives / is listening to / listens to / is describing / doesn't want.

2. **Present perfect simple/Present perfect continuous (15pts. 1pt. each)**

   Has been saving / has saved / has decided / has been / has been watching / hasn't depended / has worked / has considered / has missed / has been missing / has adapted / has been anticipating / has reached / has obtained / has turned.