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Comprehension: Read the text carefully and answer the following question. (20 pts.)

The Importance of Being Organized

By: Sophie Allen

Anyone that knows me is probably already aware I'm maybe, sort of, just a tiny bit absent-minded. Okay - so I'm very absent-minded. My thoughts are scrambled, I'm incapable of remembering anything important and I'm probably one of the messiest people I know. I also consistently forget at least one essential item when I get the train between college and home; usually it's a toothbrush, once it was trousers and recently, I forgot my tablet and my train ticket. Great. Knowing from experience how annoying being so scatter-brained can prove to be, I know first-hand the value of effective organizing. When it comes to college, school, work, business and even social lives, getting yourself organized could not only save you time and money, but a whole lot of stress, too.

Clutter (both physical and mental), bad time management and poor accounting can make a hugely negative impact not only on business, but on personal and academic productivity. At this time of year, with exams, assessments and, for some, the dreaded 'real world' job search looming, keeping organized is essential if you want to be super-productive and really achieve your best. So, here is a brief guide to how to start getting your life in check, by someone who really knows. Probably one of the most essential items in my organizational survival pack is my beloved academic planner. When I say 'beloved', that's probably a bit of an understatement. I'm more or less obsessed with it. A well-kept planner can help you to keep track of the work you need to do, people to call, people to see, shifts at work and, well, everything, as well as being a pretty nice way of looking back on what you've been doing and achieving once it's full. Having your whole life in one place is extremely useful. Unless you lose it of course.

'I haven't started yet. I'm making lists.'

Sometimes it can be easy to get important tasks jumbled up – even if you've written them in your planner – which makes it difficult to get on and complete them. A 'To Do' list can really help when you're struggling to manage your workload or even tasks like making important phone calls or tidying your room. It's important, though, to list tasks effectively. Break down big tasks like 'do literature essay' into tasty, bitesize chunks, or maybe even into little crumbs if it's a particularly hefty task you have on your plate, to avoid giving yourself mental indigestion. If you stick to your list of small jobs to do, that big task that seemed so scary will be completed in no time. This is great for working on essays and revision, but also a valuable tip for you all – become a ruthless task splitter and, if you're not working alone, don't be afraid to delegate the chunks or discuss sharing them out. You will really start getting things done. As someone who has a tendency to experience an emotional breakdown when things get too much, I find that well-written lists are absolute lifesavers.

'Tidy room, tidy mind …'

Jess, my little sister (she's 18, but still little to me) uses this as her mantra. Whenever she gets stressed, or has a lot of coursework or revision to get on with, the first thing she does before she starts anything else is tidy her room. It's usually pretty tidy anyway compared to mine, which looks like I've either been burgled or have been setting off explosives, but the fact is that a cluttered and untidy environment

can really hinder productivity. If your working environment is untidy, it can be difficult to find things, it can disrupt your concentration and it can stop you from being able to spread out. Removing physical clutter is like removing mental clutter – having clean, organized surroundings can make you feel calmer and more in control and more prepared to get on with the tasks at hand.

Finally ... Remain calm.

You won't always achieve all of the tasks you set out to do, but getting flustered, stressed out or upset when you realize you haven't had time to do something will only make things worse. Stay calm, keep your mind organized and take things a step at a time. So, there we have it. A few easy steps to making things that bit more manageable, and preventing any major meltdowns be they related to work, school, college or just life in general.

Do you agree or disagree with the writer that being organized makes your life easier? Explain why or why not. Support your answer with examples from the text.

Grammar: (Total: 30pts.)

A. Change the active sentences into the passive. (10pts. 2 pts. each)

1. The friends celebrated Emma's birthday party on Sunday.

2. The author has signed his new book at the public library on Saturday.

3. They are sitting the Science exam for class ten at the moment.

4. Jacob was purchasing a Ferrari car, when a truck crashed into the dealer's shop.

5. Jane sings to her children in the living room every afternoon.

B. Change the active sentences into the passive in two ways. Make sure to change non-action verbs as well. (20pts. 2pt. each)

1. The princess offered the guests a splendid feast.

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2. The professional cook has baked a delicious cake for the newlyweds on their ceremony.

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3. I believe that the dancer will not win the competition tomorrow.

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4. Everyone supposed that she has received a noble prize for art.

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5. She assumes that the fox is attacking the chickens every week.

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6. The dancer gave the orphans free tickets for the upcoming performance.

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7. He thought that his wife has just travelled to France.

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8. People expected her to excel in the competition.

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9. Joanne is going to send you an email tonight.

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10. Everyone knows that the ozone layer is permanently damaged.

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A. In Comprehension. (20pts.)

I totally agree that being organized does indeed make life much easier on many levels. Organization seems to be hard to achieve at first, but once a person gets used to it, they can not live without it. As mentioned in the text, "getting yourself organized could not only save you time and money, but a whole lot of stress, too." This is very true since being organized saves so much wasted time in order to sort one's self out. For example, if students do not put a fixed schedule before studying for exams, they will be rushed as the time draws near and may not be able to catch up on revising or even be prepared properly for the exams. As mentioned in the text, "a "To Do" list can really help when you're struggling to manage your work load." Getting one's self organized prevents a great deal of stress, and helps in forming a stable mental health on the long run. If someone finds being organized hard to achieve, then the best way to do it is adapting a step-by -step plan that can be put into practice.

B. Grammar (30pts.)

A. 1. Emma's birthday was celebrated by the friends on Sunday.
2. The author's new book has been signed at the library on Saturday.
3. The Science exam for class ten is being sat at the moment.
4. A Ferrari car was being purchased by Jacob, when the dealer's shop was crashed into by a truck.
5. Jane's children are sung to by her in the living room every afternoon.

B. 1. a) The guests were offered a splendid feast by the princess.

b) A splendid feast was offered to the guests by the princess.

2. a) A delicious cake has been baked for the newlyweds by the professional cook on their ceremony.

b) The newlyweds have been baked a delicious cake by the professional cook on their ceremony.

3. a) It is believed that the dancer will not win the competition tomorrow.

b) The dancer is believed to not win the competition tomorrow.

4. a) It was supposed that she has received a noble prize for art.

b) She was supposed to have received a noble prize for art.

5. a) It is assumed that the fox is attacking the chickens every week.

b) The fox is assumed to be attacking the chickens every week.

6. a) The orphans were given free tickets for the upcoming performance by the dancer.

   b) Free tickets were given to the orphans for the upcoming performance by the dancer.

7. a) It was thought that his wife has just travelled to France.

   b) His wife was thought to have just travelled to France.

8. a) It was expected for her to excel in the competition.

   b) She was expected to excel in the competition.

9. a) An email is going to be sent to you by Joanne tonight.

   b) You are going to be sent an email by Joanne tonight.

10. a) It is known that the ozone layer is permanently damaged.

    b) The ozone layer is known to be permanently damaged.