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Read the following selection in which the writer sheds light on how self-confidence can change someone's life. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

Self-Confidence and Success

1 Self-confidence can be defined as the strong belief in yourself and your abilities. It is basically freedom from doubt. It is something that you develop by yourself. Self-confidence is an important characteristic that helps you achieve your goals and live a healthy and happy life. Besides, a self-confident person has a great opportunity to be independent, eager, optimistic, loving, and positive. As a result, success will be the **companion** of such a person.

2 Once, there was a businessman who had lost all his money and was in deep **debt**. He could see no way out because creditors and suppliers were always after him demanding payments. He was under much **stress**! The businessman felt as if the whole world was collapsing; he was helpless and unable to solve his problem. He sat on the park bench, head in hands, wondering if anything could save his company from bankruptcy. Out of nowhere, an old man appeared before him. "I can see that something is troubling you," he said. After listening to the businessman's problem, the old man said, "I believe I can help you." First, he asked the businessman about his name. Then, he wrote out a check and pushed it into his hand, saying, "Take this money. Meet me here at this same park exactly one year from today, and you can pay me back at that time."

3 Suddenly, the businessman found out that there was in his hand a check for $500,000, signed by John D. Rockefeller, one of the richest men in the world. "I can erase my money worries in an instant!" he realized. However, the businessman decided to put the check in his safe. He thought that keeping it there might give him strength to work out a way to save his business.

4 Now that the businessman felt optimistic, he regained his self-confidence and started working out solutions to find suitable ways to pay back his debts. Within a few months, he was out of debt and started to make money once again.

5 One year later, he returned to the same park with the uncashed check. At the agreed-upon time, the old man appeared again. Just as the businessman was about to hand back the check and share his success story, a nurse came running up and grabbed the old man. "I am so glad I found him!" she cried. "I hope he hasn't been bothering you. You know, he has lost his **memory**; he often forgets all about himself, and he leaves the elderly home alone and tells people he's the rich John D. Rockefeller." The nurse said these words and led the man back.

6 The shocked businessman just stood there, sinking in his deep thoughts! All year long, he'd been wheeling and dealing, buying and selling, for he was convinced that he had half a million dollars in his safe. At that moment, he realized that it wasn't the money, real or imagined, that had turned his life around; it was his self- confidence that gave him the **power** to achieve anything he went after.

7 To sum up, self-confidence is one of the most important traits that help you overcome difficulties and lead a successful life. Everything is easy for those who stay calm and strong when facing any upcoming situation. There are many people who struggle at some point in their life, but if they stay confident enough and trust their abilities, they can achieve whatever they want.

Questions

A. Answer questions 1 to 4 in complete sentences of your own.

1. Based on paragraph 1, what builds a self-confident person? **(01)**
2. What was the main cause of the businessman's problem? **(01)**
3. Based on paragraphs 2 and 3, why did the businessman become optimistic? Justify. **(01)**
4. What made the businessman rise again and save his business? **(01)**
5. Based on the indicated paragraphs, what does each of the underlined pronouns refer to? **(01)**

   a. It (Paragraph 1) b. there (Paragraph 3)

B. The reading selection has 7 paragraphs (1-7). Each of the following extracts (A) and (B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts A and B carefully, and then choose from paragraphs (1-7) the one that correctly fits with each extract. (01)

Extract (A): Finally, he turned and disappeared as quickly as he had come.

Extract (B): In brief, one has to keep on learning how to achieve self-confidence. Self-confidence is not built in one day. One has to believe in himself and keep trying.

C. Use contextual clues to figure out the meaning of each word in the box below. Then fill in the blanks with the correct word to complete the following sentences. (02)

companion (paragraph 1) debt (paragraph 2) stress (paragraph 2) memory (paragraph 5) power (paragraph 6)

1. All the experiences I have in life, good or bad, will always be kept in my ……..
2. The company may close completely because it is in total …….
3. The businessman had enough …… and determination to succeed in his job.
4. Due to the very long working hours, the actors felt tired and were totally under……..

D. Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated without changing the meaning. (02)

1. The jury asked Sarah, "Did Sabine prepare for the presentation?"

   → The jury asked Sarah _____.
2. Because he isn't working, he can't pay his debts.

   → If he _____.
3. Employers use different types of policies at work.

   → Different types of policies _____.
4. He doesn't believe in his individual abilities.

   → Never _____.

E. In each of the following sentences there is <u>ONE</u> grammatical error. Identify the error and then correct it. (02)

1. Although Mr. Hamad was absent from class yesterday, but he did all his assignments.
2. The old man has been trying to offer help for 2015.
3. Paula who I told you about her yesterday lives across the street.
4. Neither the assistants nor Mr. Labban have the will to accept the advice.

SE03 Answer Key
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A.
1. Believing in oneself and one's abilities/ freedom from doubting oneself or doubting one's abilities builds a self-confident person. **(01)**
2. The businessman lost his money and was in deep debt. **(01)**
3. An old man appeared and gave him a check for half a million dollar, so he thought he could erase his money worries in no time/ could pay his debts. **(01)**
4. The confidence he had in his abilities gave him the power to achieve anything he wanted successfully. He regained his self-confidence. **(01)**
5. a. It (Paragraph 1) refers to *self-confidence* b. there (Paragraph 3) refers to *the safe* **(01)**

B. (01)
Extract A completes Paragraph **2**
Extract B completes Paragraph **7**

C. (02)
1. memory
2. debt
3. power
4. stress

D. (02)
1. The jury asked Sarah *if Sabine had prepared for the presentation.*
2. If *he was/ were working, he could pay his debts.*
3. Different types of policies *are used* (by employers) at work.
4. *Never does he believe* in his individual abilities.

E. (02)
1. **Although** Mr. Hamad was absent from class yesterday, he did all his assignments.
Mr. Hamad was absent from class yesterday, **but** he did all his assignments.
2. The old man has been trying to offer help **since** 2015.
3. ***Paula who I told you*** about yesterday lives across the street.
4. Neither the assistant nor Mr. Labban **has** the will to accept the advice.