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Part One: Reading

(15 points)

A. Comprehension

(08 pts)

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

Bribery is the crime of giving or receiving something of value to influence official action. Both the person giving and receiving the bribe are guilty of bribery.

Bribery is illegal for two reasons: Firstly, it usually involves a public official using his or her office for personal gain. Secondly, it can cause officials to make unfair decisions that affect citizens. Bribery is a very old crime. There is evidence of bribery dating back more than 4,000 years.

Usually, a person who bribes a public official is paying to get special treatment. This special treatment can come in many forms. For example, a company might bribe an official to win a government contract.

Bribing a public official is the most common type of bribery. In the United States, officials convicted of bribery may be fined, removed from office, and sent to prison for up to 20 years. Commercial bribery, the bribery of owners or employees of private companies, is also illegal in many places, but it is less commonly punished.

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1. *the text is* (1pt)

- a) argumentative b) narrative c) descriptive d) expository

2. *Are these statements true or false according to the text?* (2pts)

- a. Only the person who takes a bribe is guilty of bribery
- b. Bribery is a new global phenomenon
- c. Bribery exists only in developing countries
- d. People bribe public officials to help citizens

3. *Answer the following questions according to the text.* (3pts)

- a. Why is bribery illegal?

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- b. What do people use bribery for?

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4. *What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?* (2pts)

- a) it (§2)
- b) it (§4)

