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NGOs (non-governmental organizations) are independent organizations that practise voluntary activities to relieve suffering, promote the interests of the poor, protect the environment, provide basic social services, or undertake community development. In wider usage, the term NGO can be applied to any association which counts, in whole or in part, on charitable donations and voluntary services.

The World Bank points out that "Since the mid-1970s, the NGO sector in both developed and developing countries has experienced a huge growth.... It is now estimated that over 15 % of total overseas development aid is channelled through NGOs."

Such organizations must operate as a non-profit group. While NGOs are meant to be politically independent, in reality this seems to be a difficult task, because they must sometimes receive funding from their government, from other institutions, businesses and from private sources. All or some of these can have direct or indirect influence on decisions and actions that NGOs make. On the one hand, these donations have created additional monies for NGOs to develop; but on the other hand, they risk becoming so reliant on governments that their independence is threatened. Their decisions might become suspicious and impartial, too.

There has also been criticism on the use of the funding and other monies that NGOs receive. Many point out that only small amounts of them go to people who are in need, that a lot goes to recover costs, and to pay very high salaries of the people at the top. These arguments have been used by those who wish to paint a dark picture of NGOs in general. Of course, NGOs need money to pay for their expenses, for permanent staff and for various other costs incurred!

On the positive side, there is also an increasing number of organizations from developing countries doing important work, helping to raise important issues or tackle various problems. If the current political, economic and social policies persist around the world as they are, the need for work from various non-governmental groups will still be needed.

I Comprehension (15 POINTS)

A Are these statements TRUE or FALSE? JUSTIFY your answers. (3pts)

- 1 NGOs do obligatory services.
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- 2 NGOs make money from their services.
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- 3 Running an NGO costs money.
.....

B Answer these questions in your own words. (4pts)

- 1 How do NGOs take part in sustainable development? (2pts)
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- 2 What is the positive effect of government funding on NGOs?
.....
- 3 Why do some people criticize NGOs?
.....

C Complete the following sentences with information from the text. (2pts)

- 1 NGOs risk becoming so reliant on governments that their independence is threatened despite
- 2 There is an increasing number of organizations from developing countries which not only help to raise important issues,

D The purpose of the writer of this article is: (1pt)

- 1 To criticize NGOs for wasting money.
- 2 To explain that they are not independent in their decisions.
- 3 To show that they are important despite their pitfalls.

E Find in the text words which mean almost the same as: (2 pts)

- 1 sent (para. 2):
- 2 continue (para.5):

F What does each of the underlined words refer to in the text? (3pts)

- 1 this(para2):
- 2 them (para 3):
- 3 the (para 5):

II LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A Put the words between brackets into the correct form. (3pts)

- 1 He made the announcement in a (speak) on television.
- 2 The government is launching a campaign to encourage adult (literate)
- 3 The question clearly (angry)him.

B The underlined verbs are in the wrong tense. Correct them. (3pts)

- 1 While Andy played tennis last Sunday, he was hurting his knee.
- 2 When it started to rain, the children have already stopped playing football.
- 3 How long is it normally taking to get there?
- 4 Look at that window! Somebody broke it.
- 5 John stays with his parents until he finds somewhere to live.

C Rewrite the following sentences as suggested. (3pts)

- 1 She's fluent in French and German. She also speaks a little Italian.
Along with
- 2 Many people try to learn Chinese. It is difficult.
Despite
- 3 I didn't want to miss the beginning of the film. I arrived at the cinema early.
..... so that

D Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words from the list. (1.5 pt)

- who whom whose which where when

Adil Imam,sense of humour is appreciated by many people, is an Egyptian actor has played funny roles in many plays and movies. He often acts out simple situations can make you laugh for hours.

E This is the end of a letter for Danny. Put the verbs between brackets into the correct form. (3pts)

... Mary is mad at you because she thinks you should (1 call) in last holiday.
We're looking forward to (2 hear) from you as soon as possible. Let us (3 know) beforehand if you intend to come here next time.

F Match each expression with the corresponding function. (1.5 pts)

Expressions		Functions	
1	Would you mind explaining that again, please?	a	indifference
2	The fact that you no longer seem to care doesn't concern me.	b	disagreement
3	He seems to be against the death penalty.	c	request
		d	lack of understanding

- 1
- 2
- 3

