**ENG4C: Reading comprehension questions on Ch. 2 and 3 of The Outliers handout.**

*Instructions:* Read Chapter 2 and 3 From the Outliers (together in class) then answer the questions provided on lined paper. Please answer in full sentences.

1. What age did the violinists in the example Exhibit A begin playing? (1)
2. What two things did the psychologists theorize contributed to success? (1)
3. According to Mr. Ericsson what two types of people do not exist? Why not? (2)
4. What generally do successful people do to become top in their field and does this apply just to musicians? (1)
5. What is supposed to be surprising about the information provided on the musical prodigy Mozart? (1)
6. Why does the article suggest there is no one on the Czech and Canadian National Sports Teams who is born after Sept 1? (3)
7. Exactly how many practice hours does Malcolm Gladwell suggest you need in order to become an outstanding expert in your field and what might be the barriers to success that would prevent you from accomplishing that many hours? (3)
8. What is a typographical error? (1)
9. What was the solution to the programming problem prior to the mid-60s and how was it resolved? (2)
10. How did Bill Joy gain more than the allowed programming time which allowed him to become an expert? (1)
11. Do you agree with Malcom Gladwell’s hypothesis about the degree of importance of preparation? Use one example from your own experience (something you have done / are doing or something you have heard about/ read about) to support your opinion. (3)
12. If we took this Malcom Gladwell’s hypothesis seriously what impact might it have on the education system? What, if any changes would need to be made to accommodate for the amount of time required to achieve greatness or if you can see this hypothesis already in effect in the education system where/ how is it being applied? (1 = .5 x2)

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