

THE TEXT

- 1- Things have never been the same since our daughter Sophia, who's 13, discovered the Back Street Boys. They have taken control of our life, our house and our daughter. At first, she just read their life story in magazines, collected their photos and walked around happily attached to her personal CD player.
- 2- Then, last November, I got a phone call at work. "Mum ! **They**'re playing a concert at Wembley Arena ! Can I go with my friend Rebecca ? " I wanted to please her, so I agreed. But it was only later that I started to worry. Terrible scenes passed quickly through my mind. I imagined my little girl in a huge crowd of strong fans. I worried what would happen if she got separated from **her friend**. I feared she wouldn't get up for school the next day. And I was terrified the noise might damage her ears. Perhaps I should accompany them, I wondered.
- 3- So, before I booked tickets, I phoned some friends and asked about their daughters' first concert experience. All advised me to wait for her outside, in a café at Wembley. When the ticket finally arrived she felt so excited. I understand her reasons although it's twenty years since I went to a concert myself.
- 4- To be honest, now the Boys' concert is so near, I wish I could go myself. I know the words of most of their songs, thanks to my daughter singing along and the band looks decent after all.

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1. READING COMPREHENSION 7 marks

1. Which is the best title ? Tick (✓) the right box. (0.5 mark)

- a- Sophia Joins a Pop Group .
 b- She's Going to her First Concert.
 c- My Mother Goes to Wembley.

2. Complete the table with the proper information from the text. (0.5 x3 = 1.5 marks)

Name	Age	Her friend's name	Her favourite Pop band
Sophia	Ⓐ.....	Ⓑ.....	Ⓒ.....

3. Are the following statements true or false? Tick (✓) the proper box . (0.5 x5 = 2.5 marks)

Statements	True	False
a- Sophia's life changed when she discovered the Back Street Boys.		
b- Her mother refused to let her go to the concert.		
c- Her mother has never been to a concert before.		
d- Her mother didn't like the Back Street Boys.		
e- Sophia wanted to go to the concert with her friend.		

4. Complete the paragraph with words from paragraphs 2 et 3 (0.5 x 3 =1.5 marks)

Sophia's a Back Street Boys' fan. When they came to London, she wanted to go to their Ⓐ..... at Wembley Arena. Her mother Ⓑ..... about her so she Ⓒ..... some friends to ask for advice.

5. What do the underlined words in paragraph 2 refer to ? (0.5 x 2 =1 mark)

- a. "They" refers to.....
 b. "her friend" refers to.....



II. LANGUAGE 8 marks

1. Fill in the blanks with six words from the box. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

easiest – approve – after – ironing – think – help – others – parents.

It is pleasant to see parents and children share the responsibility of the house. Women, who usually look **a**..... kids and do housework need some **b**..... Many husbands don't mind giving a hand but **c**..... would never like to do the **d**..... routines like the washing-up or the **e**..... They **f**..... that housework is a woman's job.

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct alternatives. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

Dave and Jenny have known each other for many years. They **a**..... neighbours since they were children. They grew up together, **b**..... to school together and visited each other almost everyday. Now, Dave **c**..... because he **d**..... a new job in another city. Dave and Jenny have been an important part of each other's lives ; **e**..... it's difficult to say goodbye. Dave has promised to call Jenny **f**.....

- a** have been , are, were
- b** left, went, studied
- c** is leaving, left, leave
- d** applied, found, asked
- e** but, so, until
- f** rarely, regularly, only.

3. Match the sentence parts in Column A with those in Column B to get a coherent paragraph. There is one extra part in Column B. The parts in Column A are in the correct order. Write your answers in the space provided. Number 4 is an example. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A	Column B
① Riding a motorcycle is sometimes more dangerous	a he was hit by a lorry.
② Last night, the hospital received	b than driving a car.
③ While he was riding his motorcycle on a country road,	c he just broke his left leg.
④ He smashed into a tree and fell	d a new casualty, Laurel Johnson.
⑤ Fortunately, he wasn't badly hurt ;	e he'd be handicapped forever.
	f off his motorcycle 10 yards away.

Answers	1 +.....	2 +.....	3 +.....	4 + f	5 +.....
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