



I. READING COMPREHENSION **6 marks**

Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1- Since my father died, everything has changed. We were lonely and sad. There was no laughter in our home anymore.
- 2- Although my mother was depressed, she was always there for me. She was a wonderful, supportive and generous woman. She wanted me to work hard and become a doctor.
- 3- Once, my teacher asked me to obtain my parents' signature on the maths test paper. I got a 95 % score. I went home and showed my mother the test paper. Holding the paper and checking the score, **she** said : "you did a good job, John!". I said : "Mum, the teacher wants your signature". She said after a moment of silence : "But I can't sign !".
- 4- It never occurred to me that Mum was not able to write even her own name. I looked at her hands. **They** were good at almost everything, but not writing.
- 5- I held her hands and said : "Mum, I'll teach you how to write !" She was surprised. Her eyes brightened and she said : "Good, teach me !" It only took fifteen minutes and Mum was already writing her name. I gave her the test paper and she wrote her name. We looked at the test paper and smiled. Ever since, after doing my homework, I taught Mum some new words. We brought back laughter and happiness to our home.

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Comprehension Questions :

1. Are the following statements true or false ? Tick (✓) the proper box. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Statements	True	False
a. The mother didn't care about her son's school results.		
b. John's school results were bad.		
c. The mother refused to learn how to write.		
d. It was easy for John to teach his mother.		

2. Complete the following sentence with words from the text. (0.5 x 2 =1mark)

The son decided to ①..... his mother how to write when he discovered that she was unable to ②..... his test paper.

3. Find in paragraph 3 two words that nearly mean : (0.5 x 2 =1mark)

a.result :

b.get :

4. Circle two adjectives that best describe the mother. (0.5 x 2 =1 mark)

careless – helpful – aggressive – kind – severe.

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

a. she (paragraph 3) refers to.....

b. They (paragraph 4) refers to

II. LANGUAGE 8 marks

1. Complete the following paragraph with six words from the box. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

newest – of – could – from – think – protect – waste – landfills.

We live in a throw-away society. On an individual level, we must do our own small part to
 Ⓐ..... our environment. Change is possible and necessary. Unfortunately, a lot of
 people are too lazy or simply don't Ⓑ..... about the fact that something they are
 throwing away Ⓒ..... be used by someone else. There may be some perfectly
 good and useful things in the Ⓓ..... . As parents, our role is to teach the next
 generations that it is not necessary to have the Ⓔ..... model of everything, and to
 tell them that happiness does not always come ⓫..... a store.

2. 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. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A		Column B	
⓫ Cora Slade who spent 44 years working		Ⓐ there is no one to help her.	
⓬ She gave her life to her profession		Ⓑ forget about you when you get old .	
⓭ Now that it is her turn to ask for help,		Ⓒ doesn't get on well with her parents.	
⓮ She thinks that it is unfair that people		Ⓓ without getting anything in return.	
		Ⓔ is now 74 years old.	
1 +	2 +	3 +	4 +

3. Fill in the blanks with the right options from the margin. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

Kayle had to move to another school after her first
 school failed to protect her from aggression.
 Ⓐ..... Kayle had serious stomach problems,
 a girl at her school Ⓑ..... her in the
 stomach. The school Ⓒ..... to consider this as an
 act Ⓓ..... violence.
 Though the headmistress assured the mother that Kayle
 would be Ⓔ....., the same girl followed her
 and pushed her ⓫..... to the playground
 when she went back to school.

- Ⓐ Although, But, And.
- Ⓑ hit, met, argued.
- Ⓒ complained, refused, apologized.
- Ⓓ of, in, for.
- Ⓔ calm, safe, hard.
- ⓫ violently, safely, slowly.



