

1- My life will never be the same since my parents died. My mom passed away four years ago on May 31. She died of a massive heart-attack. She was my best friend. She was wonderful. She was funny. She was my right side of my heart. My dad was a wonderful man. He died of lung cancer on October 22, 1997. He was the left side of my heart. My parents were not rich but they made a wonderful life for their family. My mom would have taken anyone in who needed her help. My father never minded. They were the perfect couple. I knew when my mom died, my father was on borrowed time.

2- My mom kept our family together. We were all very close when she was still living. I remember in the hospital the week my mom was in a coma. No one ever left her unattended. We were always there. The devotion in my father's eyes said it all. He loved her so much. Everyone loved her.

3- She passed away and we slowly separated. We didn't want my father alone. I lived with my fiancée and my son only a few miles away. I saw my father every morning. My brother and his girlfriend lived with my dad. My older brother was by himself.

4- The news came. My brother and his girlfriend wanted a new house. They convinced my dad to move. The sale of our house we grew up went towards the purchase of my brother and his girlfriend's new house. We were all happy for them. He would have a better life than I could give my dad if he had moved in with me.

5- Life went sour. My brother's girlfriend took off her costume and became a real witch. She convinced my brother to get rid of my dad. The man who did all he could for his children. She convinced my brother that my dad was a monster. My dad never did anything to hurt anyone.

6- My dad moved out. Shortly after, he developed lung cancer. It was the hardest thing in the world to watch the man you looked up to, suffer as much as he did.

7- My father never said a bad word about my brother, but I knew it broke his heart. My dad died. My brother who lived 15 minutes from him could not find the time in one month of agony on my father's part to visit him. He said he had a wife to take care of.

8- My dad died without seeing his son. My sister, my older brother, myself, and all our other relatives attended the funeral. Only flowers were sent by my brother. He did not come.

9- How could he not come? He lived with my father for 25 years of his life. No one disliked him. What happened to my brother? I loved him. Almost 8 months have passed. I had contact with my brother one time since then. We acted as if nothing happened. It was all small talk. We ended our visit nicely. Promising to get together soon, I couldn't bear to talk about the past.

10- Now I found out that my brother suffered a nervous breakdown. I guess all the guilt inside of him came out. What do I do? Do I treat him like the prodigal son? My one brother wants nothing to do with him. He is the strong type. I never realized how weak my youngest brother was. It is so hard to forgive. So many things have pulled us apart. Do I forgive and forget? I don't know what to do!! He will always have a place in my heart, but as you have read, my heart is broken in two.

End of term test N 2

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A- READING COMPREHENSION (15 pts):

1- Fill in the table with information from the text (4pts):

Family member	description	Cause of death
Father
Mother

2- The following statements are FALSE. Correct them with details from the text (4)

- a- When the mother died the father was in a good health. (parag1)
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- b- The mother used to have a minor role in the family. (parag2)
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- c- It was the brother who decided to get rid of the father. (parag5)
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- d- All the family members were present at the funeral. (parag8)
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3- Find words in the text which mean the following. (3pts):

- a- To die =(parag1)
- b- To cause pain =..... (parag5)
- c- Extreme mental or physical suffering = (parag7)

4- What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (3pts):

We (parag4) refers to.....
Man (parag5) refers to.....
Him (parag9) refers to.....

5- If you were the writer, how would you behave with your youngest brother?
 Would you forgive and forget or not? Why? Why not? (1pt):

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B- LANGUAGE (10 pts):

1- Complete the following paragraph with words from the box. There are 2 extra words (3.5 pts):

me - over - answer - enough - a lot - depressed - but - get.

I live in a squalid flat. I'm out of work and on the dole. I didn't have a good education; in fact I left school at fifteen without any qualifications. I wrote about fifty job applications and didn't (1).....a single job. I went for (2).....of interviews, but I don't really know how to behave at interviews, I can't (3).....their questions very well. I sit at home every day, watching TV, and smoking. I get through about forty cigarettes a day, so I don't have (4).....money to go to football matches any more. A friend of mine from school has got a job at a travel agency. He travels all (5).....the world for his holidays, and he's always telling me about wonderful trips to Spain and Greece. I've never been abroad! I'm so (6)..... I think the worst thing is having nothing to look forward to. I'm nineteen, and I have a lifetime of nothing in front of (7).....

2- Circle the correct alternative (3.5 pts):

It never occurred to me to become an actor till I was 22. When I was a painter and decorator. I announced, at 21, that I was going to drama school, everyone laughed. The only person (1. Whom- which- who) was my father. He was incredibly (2. Helping- help- helpful). He was born in 1930 to a family of 13 who lived in one room. (3. So- And- Because) he gave me an insight into that life. But as I used to be a (4. worse- bad- badly) pupil my teachers had regarded me as a failure by the time I (5.am- was- have been) 17. I'm sure everyone of (6. they- them- their) would be shocked by what I have achieved. I'm 38 now and I feel (7.unfortunately- fortunately- fortunate) doing what I do.

3- Put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form. (3 pts):

At last it's here: tomorrow is Exam Day. There's no more homework to do, you have done lots of revision and you've had plenty of (1.use).....practice with past papers. So what should you (2.to do).....now? An idea is to practise, as a singer or a musician does what you already know.

In order not to feel sleepy the next day, (3.to go)..... to bed early and get up at your (4.usually).....time. You may be a little bit nervous but that (5.to be).....probably just a sign of your determination to do your (6.good).....in the exam.

C- WRITING (15 pts):

- 1) Use the following notes to write a short paragraph about this boy (add the suitable linkers) (5 pts)

Jack – lost parents- 12 years old – a foster home – loneliness- work - maltreated

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- 2) When coming back home after school, you saw a child working as a mechanic. You felt sorry for him and you decided to write to a local magazine about this phenomenon to talk about the reasons behind working children at an early age and the possible solutions for that. (10 pts)

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