

Achebbi Secondary School Teacher: Hatem Ben Salah	<b><u>END OF TERM TEST N° 2</u></b>	<i>Date:</i> March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 <i>Time allotted:</i> 2 hours
<i>Name:</i> .....	<i>Class:</i> Forth Year Arts	<i>Mark:</i> ..... / 40

## THE TEXT

[1] I remember, when I was a little girl, the way my mother would wash my hair and bathe me on Saturdays, because we had to be presentable for God on Sunday. It wasn't long after those days of childhood dreams that the famine started. Every night, the food was increasingly scarce. Our home was even becoming hard to heat. I was cold and I was hungry a lot. There was a lot of talk around Ireland of migrating to America for a better life. I wondered if it was better there. When I was about 16 years old, my mother suggested to my father that America was where I needed to be.

[2] When I arrived here in New York, I sought refuge in a tavern cellar with some of the girls I had met on the journey overseas. It may have been a bit chilly in the cellar, but at least there was something to eat. Not long after I had arrived, I met a very beautiful American woman. She told me that she might be able to use someone like me around the house; it was to be my first job! When I got to the house of the American woman, I found I was to be a keeper of the house. It seemed very fitting as I had no skills to offer aside from household duties. The Americans provided me with small living quarters of my own in which to stay until I could pay for my own home.

[3] During my stay and work at the American home, I learned a great deal about how to live and behave as Americans do. The lady of the house had many specific requests as I was required to learn and remember the order her house was to be run in. With so much work to do and so little time to do it in, I had very little time with which to spend my earnings, so I opened up an account at the Emigrant's National Bank. Before long I had earned enough money to buy passage to America for my parents and my younger siblings. I also could now afford to lease a small tenement flat for us to stay in.

[4] When my family arrived, they were puzzled at the differences in culture. Regardless of their reaction to the new customs, everyone was quite content for the time being. We were alive and no longer cold or hungry. It didn't take long for the family to become accustomed to life in America as I had. It wasn't Ireland, though we tried to bring a touch of the homeland into our home. Sometimes I miss the green pastures of Ireland, but then I remember why I came to America.

By Kari Lea Wilhems

**I- Reading Comprehension: (15 marks)**

1- Tick [✓]the right alternative. (1 mark)

- The best title is:
- Misadventure of a teenager
  - Journal of an immigrant
  - Disastrous journey

2- Pick up details from the text to complete the table. (3 marks)

Person: narrator	Native country	Job
.....	.....	.....

3- Pick out two push factors for the Irish people. (2 marks)

- i. ....
- ii. ....

4- Answer the following questions. (2 marks)

a) Where did the girl live when she first arrived to America?

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b) How did the young girl spend the money she saved?

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5- For each of the following statements pick out one detail showing that it is false. (2 marks)

a) The family didn't integrate in the American society. (paragraph 4)

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b) It was the girl's own decision to immigrate to America. (paragraph 1)

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6- Pick up equivalents: (2 marks)

- a. Not easy to find or get (paragraph 1): .....
- b. Confused (paragraph 4): .....

7- What does the underlined word in the text refer to? (2 marks)

**There:** (paragraph 1):refers to.....

**It:** (paragraph 3): refers to.....

8- Do you think immigrants can easily integrate in the new county? Why? Why not? (1mark)

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**II- Language (10 marks)**

**1- Fill in the blanks with words from the list below. (3.5 marks)**

Brain drain refers to the process of people leaving their native countries to seek better jobs, working environments, or other reasons. This is an especially.....problem in Africa as it is helping to.....the level of poverty high. One of the most relevant reasons perceived in Africa is lack of opportunity. In the medical....., a lack of funding in the public health sector causes health workers to seek employment outside the continent. ....nations welcome those workers and provide them with better working environment. Unfortunately, the result .....the brain-drain is more poverty. This problem will continue to grow and result in more diseases and poverty.....the African governments begin to actively work to keep their .....citizens there.

Wealthier - Highly - of - educated - emigrate - field - keep - unless - serious
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**2- Circle the correct alternative: (3.5 marks)**

Dr. Patricia Bath is the first African American female doctor to receive a patent for a medical invention. As a teenager she received recognition (**from / for / of**) her scientific skills and potential. In 1960, she (**has given / had been given / was given**) a Merit Award by "Mademoiselle" magazine for her (**outstanding/ insignificant / common**) contribution to science. Dr Bath graduated (**in / from / at**) the Howard School of Medicine in 1968. She invented the *Laserphaco Probe*, a device to remove cataract: eye disease. Her procedure is more accurate in (**removal / removing / removed**) cataracts and is more comfortable for the patient (**either / neither / too**). The highly praised Dr Bath also (**found / founded / find**) the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness.

**3- Supply the right form or tense of the words in parentheses. (3 marks)**

Teens problems and concerns (**recently / change**) ..... Social networking websites are becoming increasingly popular. More than 150 million use Facebook (**regular**) ..... to keep in touch with friends and share photographs and videos. However, these websites are causing alarming changes in the brains of young users, an eminent (**science**) .....has warned. Sites such as Facebook and Twitter are said to shorten attention spans, encourage instant gratification and make young people (**much**) .....self-centred. There are millions of people whose social lives depend on (**log**) .....on to their favourite websites each day. Parents and teachers complain that many youngsters lack the ability (**communicate**) .....or concentrate away from their screens. While the sites are popular - and extremely profitable - a growing number of psychologists believe they may be doing more harm than good.

