

## Text:

I didn't want to turn out like my mother. I was 38, the same age my mother was when she had a stroke and died. I was just a year old. Haunted by what had happened to her, I knew I had to get my life in check. It was hard to believe that up to the age of 30, I'd been a health nut. I'd counted calories, gone for six-mile runs and lifted weights. People admired my figure and I weighed 11st 7lb, much of which was muscle. But I was secretly angry- angry with my mother for dying when she did. Food became an outlet for that anger. Before long my weight crept up.

As I gained weight I stopped going out, and had meals delivered to my door. At first, I'd walk downstairs to get them, but then I had the delivery person bring them right to me! I got so huge I couldn't fit into my car. But still I didn't acknowledge how big I was, despite reaching 34st.

The wake-up call came when my doctor made me realise that if I wanted to live to see 40, I needed to lose weight. That night I called my dad and for the first time in ages I had an honest conversation about my weight. 'How on earth do I lose 22st?' I wailed. 'I don't know, but I'm behind you all the way', he replied.

The next day I went online and came across the Rice Diet, a low-fat, low-salt diet that had a 60-year track record of treating obesity, diabetes, heart disease and kidney disease. But following it would be expensive- enrolling into the residential clinic, the Rice House, cost thousands- and it would mean moving from my home in New York to Durham, North Carolina. Still I was willing to do anything to be slim and healthy again. So I decided to sell my house and my office supplies company to raise the money I needed. It was scary giving it all up. But I couldn't continue as I was. This was a new start for me- the diet wasn't a quick fix. Once in Durham, I took on several jobs to make ends meet, picking up people at the airport and doing accounting for my former company. The rest of the time I spent at the Rice House, where I learnt the diet was more than an eating plan. It was about overall wellbeing and thinking of your whole self in a new, positive way. The three meals a day I ate consisted of rice, fresh fruit and vegetables, grains, fish, and legumes (beans).

I also learnt to manage stress, did yoga for flexibility and talked in group- support therapy. Still, there were times when I wanted to cheat. 'I can't do this!' I cried. But I knew if I cheated, I'd lose the battle, so I'd use the Rice House mantra, HALT, to work my way through a crisis. There are four reasons a person eats, and these are because they are, 'Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired'- making up the word HALT. It took the power from the food and gave it back to me. Once I'd worked out why I wanted food, I didn't want it any more.

My two- and-a- half- year stay in Durham cost me 70.000\$ (35.000€), that included the Rice Diet plus workout activities and personal trainers, but it saved my life.

At 41, I'm in a happy relationship and I'm loving life back in New York. I've lost 22st already and want to reach 9st, but even if I don't, I'll still be worthy, kind, precious, loving and funny. I've lost all my anger, along with my weight. I now give talks to medical students and others about the mind- body component of weight loss. Finally my life is motivated by something more powerful than a doughnut!

*WOMAN, 5 Nov 2007*

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## Reading Comprehension: (12 marks)

### 1- Fill in the blanks with words from the text (5marks):

Deeply affected by the ..... of her mother who had suffered a deadly ....., the writer resorted to ..... to release her ..... As a result, she too much ..... However, thanks to her ..... 's warnings and her ..... 's support, she managed to join the Rice House and stick to a ..... that ..... her life.

### 2- Find in the text equivalent words or expressions to the following (1mark):

- a- A way of expressing strong feelings: .....
- b- A phrase that is repeated again and again: .....

### 3- The following statements are false. Pick out details from the text to correct them (4marks):

- a- Health and nutrition had never meant anything to the writer.  
⇒ .....
- b- The writer soon became aware of her excessive weight.  
⇒ .....
- c- Apart from its high cost, enrolling in the Rice House was an ideal solution.  
⇒ .....
- d- The impact of the writer's stay at the Diet House was basically physical.  
⇒ .....

### 4- Circle the four adjectives that can apply to the writer's present character (2marks):

sensible / greedy / realistic / regretful / lonely / ambitious / cheerful / demanding

## Language: (6 marks)

1- Fill in the blanks with words from the box below (3 marks):

reverse / authentic/oversaw /self-portraits/privacy/virtual / envisioned/reach/incentive

The Facebook founder's "law of sharing" asserts that the amount of information shared digitally will double every year. This will never be more evident than in 2013. Expressing our ..... identity will become even more pervasive in the coming year. Profiles will no longer be outlines, but detailed ..... of who we really are, including the books we read, the music we listen to, the causes we support, our likes and our links; and this shift to authenticity will provoke cries about lost ..... But people will increasingly recognize the benefits of such expression. Because the strength of social media is that it empowers individuals to amplify and broadcast their voices. The truer that voice, the louder it will sound and the farther it will ..... Social media will continue to defy conventional wisdom by using technology to unite rather than separate. The science-fiction writers of the last century ..... a world where modernity led to alienation. In fact, the ..... has occurred. Technology is bringing the world closer together in both obvious and surprising ways.

2- Put the bracketed words/verbs in the right form/tense (3 marks):

Each year, approximately 200,000 Iranians, many of them highly-educated, leave the country for the U.S.A, Canada, Europe and Australia. The international Monetary Fund ranks Iran as having the highest rate of brain drain in the world. The reasons aren't difficult to pinpoint, unemployment, government (restrict)..... on investment and lack of democracy. Therefore, Iranian expatriate workers are among the (likely) ..... in the world to return.

Young people feel their personal rights (threat) ....., so they say good riddance to these conditions and decide to leave. For the same reasons, very few return. Actually, most of them (sink/already) ..... into life in the U.S.A and no longer feel the need to go home. The loss of this talent pool is (doubt) ..... a setback for Iran. But in the short term, it's the best solution. The country would explode if they (not allow) ..... to leave. The economy can't absorb them and there would be more political and social problems

## Writing (12 marks):

1- Use the information in the table below to write a five-line paragraph about the Chatham House and the prize it awards (4 marks):

Chatham House	*international "think tank" organization.
Mission	*Foundation date: 1920 /*Location : London *Encourage / independent thinking and new influential ideas / international relations *Purpose: build / prosperous / secure world / all
Prize	*First awarded: 2005/*Granted /every year/ politicians / significant contribution / improve/ international relations.

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## 2-ESSAY:

Mrs Helen Rogers has recently decided to quit her job after a two-decade career as an executive in an important corporation. She publishes a letter on the [www.womenatwork.com](http://www.womenatwork.com) in which she explains the main reasons that forced her to opt out. Write her letter (12 lines)

**III – WRITING:** (12 MARKS)

**A – Use the following information to write a 4-line biography about Mark Twain:** (4 marks)

- *Real name: Samuel Longhorne Clemens.*
- *Birth details: 1835, Hannibal, Missouri.*
- *Formal schooling: ends early.*
- *Work experience: journalist in Hannibal, St Louis, Philadelphia and New York. Later: river pilot (Mississippi steamboat).*
- *1865: success as story teller.*
- *1870: write his best novels.*
- *1900: write a moral fable.*
- *1910: death (knowing that: last 2 decades meet financial and family problems).*

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**B – Essay:** (8 marks)

*Modern technology has brought more harm than good. Write a 12-line article expressing your opinion and supporting it with examples:*

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**II – LANGUAGE:** (6 MARKS)

**A – Fill in the blanks with the right words from the box below:** (3 marks)

for instance / academic / degree / guaranteed / rather than / research / though / graduate / enrolled

These days Germans are aghast at the diminished state of their universities. Overcrowded and underfinanced, they produce too few students with often outdated skills. Those who survive a dropout rate of 27% are, on average, 29 years old when they <sup>(1)</sup>..... Innovation and entrepreneurship have suffered. The last time a German won a Nobel Prize was three years ago – and he was doing his <sup>(2)</sup>.....in the United States. Today it's the Germans looking up to the likes of Harvard. To be sure, the rest of Europe faces a similar problem. In France, <sup>(3)</sup>....., top universities like the Sorbonne and INSEAD are still competitive, but non-elite institutions are struggling. The Germans, <sup>(4)</sup>....., have set their sights highest. Declaring, that 2004 would be “the year of innovation”, Chancellor Gerhard Schröder promised to create nothing less than “a German Harvard.” The idea alone is close to a German Revolution. For decades, Germans have prided themselves on their egalitarianism in education, just as elsewhere in their society. The entire university was supposed to be worth just as much as another. Laws and regulations <sup>(5)</sup>.....that every university would be run exactly the same, turning these once proud institutions into virtual extensions of the government bureaucracy. Professors and staff became civil servants, earning the same pay at every university, based on seniority <sup>(6)</sup>.....merit.

**B – Supply the correct tense or form of the bracketed words:** (3 marks)

As the 20<sup>th</sup> century began, the general theory of relativity, which **(fundamental)**.....changed our understanding of gravity, was advanced by the German-born **(physics)**.....Albert Einstein.

He described gravitation as the curvature of space and time. His **(theory)**.....work explained certain things that Newton's theory of relativity could not. For example, certain peculiarities in Mercury's orbit of the sun could not be adequately described by Newton's theory.

In 1919, a team of astronomers **(lead)**.....by the British astronomer Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington used the occasion of a **(sun)**.....eclipse to measure the deflection of starlight as it passed by the sun and arrived at numbers that **(agree)**.....with Einstein's predictions.

**I – READING COMPREHENSION: (12 MARKS)**

**A – Read the text and complete the following table: (3 marks)**

<i>Paragraphs</i>	<i>Topic Sentences</i>
- Paragraph 1	• .....
- Paragraph 2	• .....
- Paragraph 3	• .....

**B – Correct these FALSE statements with details from the text: (3 marks)**

- 1- Passengers know about this new kind of physical and mental disorder.  
⇒ .....
- 2- Underground users easily identify the nature of their health trouble.  
⇒ .....
- 3- Claustrophobia makes women hysterical.  
⇒ .....

**C – Answer the following questions with reference to the text: (2 marks)**

- 1- What makes the passengers panic-stricken?  
⇒ .....
- 2- What does overcrowding engender?  
⇒ .....

**D – Find in the text words having nearly the same meaning as: (2 marks)**

- 1- Severe (§ 1) : .....
- 2- Vaccinate (§ 3) : .....

**E – What do the underlined words in the text refer to: (2 marks)**

- 1- It (§ 1) : .....
- 2- Their (§ 2) : .....

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## **READING PASSAGE**

- 1- Most people are unaware of the fact that a new ailment has developed among underground users. Called “Underground Syndrome”, it causes people to turn pale and cold and even to faint. Users misdiagnose the symptoms – acute chest pains and nausea and rush to hospital emergency rooms in the belief that they are about to succumb to a heart attack. Hearing that their heart attack is only a case of nerves makes them feel better.
  
- 2- What makes people get sick on underground? Several things. One is that push off to work in the morning without having eaten proper breakfast. Sudden dizziness attacks them. A second cause is the overcrowding and the following feeling of claustrophobia, which brings on stress and anxiety. In addition, they are so afraid of mechanical failure, fire or crime that they show signs of panic, men by having chest pains and women by becoming hysterical. Contributing especially to their stress are other factors: continual increase in the numbers of passengers, and people’s inability to avoid interacting with strangers.
  
- 3- Noise, lack of space, summer heat. fear of entrapment underground, it is a wonder that more people don’t have subway syndrome. What therapeutic measures can a user take to inoculate himself or herself from the disease? Eat a good breakfast, concentrate on pleasant thoughts as you stand surrounded, bounce a bit on your toes, and roll your head. Thus, mind and body will be restored to a semblance of normality despite the adverse conditions of subway transportation.

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**Task 3– Fill in the blank with the right word from the box: (4.5p<sup>ts</sup>)**

both / skills / typed / will / opportunities / exhibition / managing / either / access / would / connected / flexible / ensure / avid / exposure / concise / tutoring

Computers are an incredible resource for accessing and .....amounts of information and computer skills which are important to .....success in the society. Children see what the Internet offers according to instantaneous worldwide communication. They enjoy many fun computer games and early .....prepares them for the development of more advanced ..... There is no way to prevent children from dealing with them. If we attempt to restrict .....to computers until children are older, we .....fail. Computer technology, like any technology, has .....positive and negative effects. However, if parents engage in their children’s lives, children can take advantage of the .....these computers provide for learning, having fun and being .....with the world.

**Task 4 – Match a sentence-part in A with another in B so that each sentence makes sense: (3.5p<sup>ts</sup>)**

Column A	Column B
1. Cultural literacy refers to a person’s knowing..	a- as computer science, economics, geography, and literature.
2. That information is basically needed..	b- favor the development of a national curriculum and national testing.
3. It includes basic skills in such fields..	c- for success in the modern world.
4. The cultural literacy movement aims at..	d- should read certain important books.
5. Many supporters of this movement..	e- the basic information an individual needs.
6. They believe, for example, that all students..	f- improve knowledge.
7. The importance of these books is in the fact that..	g- unifying general education in the United States.
	h- they help students understand their culture.

The right answer is: 1 + ... 2 + ... 3 + ... 4 + ... 5 + ... 6 + ... 7 + ...

**III- Writing: (10 p<sup>ts</sup>)**

**Task 1– Correct the underlined mistakes in the space provided: (3p<sup>ts</sup>)**

Dear Mr. Foley,

I am really (1)greatful to you and to Mrs. Foley for the wonderful time I (2)had had last weekend. After several months away from home, I appreciated being with a family. I also enjoyed (3)meet your neighbors and seeing the pictures of their vacation trip. (4)What kind (5)are they!

After returning to school, Sunday evening, I wrote a long letter to my parents telling them (6)on my wonderful stay at your place.

- 3. apprehension (§ 3) : .....
- 4. fulfilled (§ 4) : .....

Task 7– What do the underlined words in the text refer to: (1p<sup>ts</sup>)

This (§ 1): ..... ; they (§ 3): .....

Task 8 – Bearing the text in mind, and the advantages of working at home, would you appreciate this type of work? Why? Why not? : (1p<sup>t</sup>)

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**II - Language: (16p<sup>ts</sup>)**

Task 1 – Circle the correct alternative to get a meaningful paragraph: (4p<sup>ts</sup>)

Paragraph	Choices
By the time a school-ager reaches eight, he should be able to complete simple tasks with just an occasional push. In these years, a child's sense of responsibility takes shape...(1)... . By fourth grade, a child is able to set up a school...(2)..., put her goals on a calendar and follow through. Parents should be able to rely...(3)...her to get on the bus by herself and get ...(4)...at the correct stop. She can even reheat a meal ...(5)...she comes home after the rest of the family...(6)... . As with independence, teaching responsibility mans entrusting it to kids and then helping them carry it...(7)... . When the children part ...(8)... in the decision-making process they are more likely to follow through.	1. rapid / rapidity / rapidly 2. project / master / academy 3. at / in / on 4. of / off / from 5. if / whether / unless 6. was eating / had eaten / has eaten 7. out / up / on 8. advantage / part / care

Task 2– Supply the right tense or form of the bracketed words: (4p<sup>ts</sup>)

Dear Williams,

Thank you for your letter of 12 June in which you stated that following the visit of your chief buyer Mr. Lindfield, you are considering placing an order for our table wine.

We can arrange (provide) ..... you with an initial order of 1000 cases, and I enclose our current price list which I believe you will find very (compete) ..... . If you decide to go ahead with the order, we (agree) .....to give the 14% quantity discount you (mention) ....., and details are (enclose) ..... . Please note that we guarantee to deliver firm orders within four weeks.

Please do not hesitate (contact) .....me if you have any (far) .....questions. I'm looking forward to (hear) .....from you soon.

Yours sincerely,  
 B. Adams – Managing Director

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**I - Reading Comprehension: (14p<sup>ts</sup>)**

**Task 1 – Read the text and supply the suitable word for each blank to complete this short summary: (2p<sup>ts</sup>)**

The number of home-workers in Britain as well as in many other countries has been .....dramatically making this new phenomenon, working while at home, a real attraction to many people who, like John Smith and Danny O’Neil, are ..... to change their jobs just to spend .....time in the office and more time with their families. Many workers do this well, others, however, do not respect the .....put in them.

**Task 2 – Focus on paragraph 3 and name the two reasons which have led to the increase in the number of home-workers: (2p<sup>ts</sup>)**

- a- .....
- b- .....

**Task 3 – Correct these false statements with details from the text: (4p<sup>ts</sup>)**

- a- The salaries received by home-workers are lower than those received by those who work in offices.  
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- b- Some people choose to work at home because they do not have the necessary qualifications to work in an office.  
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- c- The largest number of people working from home exists in Europe.  
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- d- It is possible to carry out any type of office work from home.  
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**Task 4 – Tick (✓) the correct answer: (1p<sup>t</sup>)**

The percentage of people who work at home in Britain is almost:  
( ) 4% ; ( ) 30% ; ( ) 25%

**Task 5 – Tick (✓) the right meaning with a focus on the underlined words: (1p<sup>t</sup>)**

- 1- “...most of their office-bound contemporaries...” (§2):
  - a- people who commute to their offices ( )
  - b- people who work far from their offices ( )
  - c- people who work only in their offices ( )
- 2- “Danny O’Neil resigned as head of the insurer...” (§3):
  - a- was dismissed and sacked by his boss because of his laziness ( )
  - b- gave up his work willingly seeking a better position ( )
  - c- retired and gave up work once and for all ( )

**Task 6 – Go through the text and find words having nearly the same meaning as the followings: (2p<sup>ts</sup>)**

- 1. hired and engaged (§ 1) : .....
- 2. desire and long for (§ 2) : .....

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### **READING PASSAGE**

1) Britain has become the stay-at-home capital of the developed world. Almost one in four working Britons is choosing to work from home instead of commuting to the office. This compares with 20% of American employees and 15% in continental Europe according to a study to be published by the research firm Datamonitor.

John Smith, the senior civil servant appointed to a key post in a very important company, and who made the headlines after demanding a contract allowing him to spend more time with his family, is typical of the new breed who spend at least a day a week working from home.

2) The study reveals that home-workers tend to be better-paid and more highly-qualified than most of their bound-office contemporaries. They are efficient professionals who yearn to spend more time with their families – and their elevated status gives them the power to do so.

3) The rise in home-working has been made possible by technology such as the use of the Internet and e-mails. British Telecom reports a rapid rise in the number of new phone and computer connections. The other factor which has contributed to the rise in the number of home-workers is the fear of some companies of losing their best workers if they do not allow them to work at home. Danny O'Neil resigned as head of the insurer Britannic Group after just seven weeks, to spend more time with his family. Another company offered him a post where he will work three days at home.

4) However, people sometimes take advantage of the trust placed in them. It has been found that home-workers are likely to watch television, listen to the radio and even drink alcohol while they work. Besides, there are times when certain jobs simply cannot be done at home and have to have an office environment to be accomplished.

5) Those are the times when a father has a client on the phone and a little child is crying outside the office door, or running in and out of the room demanding to be given her glass of milk. And there are those times of crisis when the same child looks up at her father with pleading eyes to say, "Oh, I don't think you'll be able to do this, daddy. I want my mummy."

*The Sunday Times, (Adapted)*  
20 January 2002

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c) Quel procédé d'écriture traduit le mieux le sentiment du narrateur et donnez l'effet qu'il produit.  
(1,5 point)

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**II - LANGUE : (4 points)**

① Réécrivez les phrases en utilisant la nominalisation en opérant les transformations nécessaires :

↳ Comme je proteste, il me menace de son arme. (0,5 point)

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↳ Ces hommes sont épuisés, mais ils poursuivent leur chemin. (0,5 point)

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② Mettez les verbes entre parenthèses aux modes et temps convenables : (1 point)

➢ Il faut que nous (franchir)..... la frontière pour que nos femmes et nos enfants (pouvoir)..... trouver refuge.

③ Complétez la phrase : (1 point)

➢ Si l'armée républicaine avait gagné la guerre civile, .....

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**III - ESSAI : (10 points)**

La guerre n'est que le caprice de gloire d'une personne qui laisse sacrifier plusieurs milliers d'hommes à une cause qui ne les concerne pas.

Que pensez-vous de cette affirmation ?

Vous développerez votre opinion en vous appuyant sur des arguments et des exemples précis.

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*Aux premiers jours de février 1939, au terme de la guerre civile, l'armée républicaine espagnole en déroute prend le chemin de l'exil ; elle se dirige vers la France toute proche, où elle espère trouver refuge et accueil.*

**C**e jour-là, 12 février 1939, le froid humide pénètre jusqu'au plus profond des os. Des nuages sales couvrent le ciel, ajoutant à la tristesse et à la froideur de cet instant. Nous allons franchir la frontière.

Les Pyrénées regardent arriver ces hommes épuisés, affamés et meurtris. Que va-t-il advenir de nous ? Pendant plus de deux ans, nous avons soutenu la guerre contre Franco<sup>1</sup> et ses alliés. Cette guerre, nous la laissons derrière nous. Une immense angoisse s'empare de moi à mesure que mes pas me rapprochent du sol français.

Une dernière fois, je tourne mon regard vers cette terre où reposent tant de camarades de combat. Mon corps est secoué de spasmes douloureux. Mes yeux voudraient déverser des torrents de larmes mais demeurent secs, terriblement secs...

Poussés doucement par des mains amies, je franchis la frontière.

Mes premiers pas dans le pays de la Liberté, de l'Égalité et de la Fraternité, dans le pays des Droits de l'homme me conduisent devant un policier ou un employé de douanes, je n'en sais rien. Ici, tous les représentants de l'autorité portent le même genre de képi. Aussitôt, il prend le Leïca qui pend à mon cou. Je crois que c'est pour en retirer la pellicule et me le rendre. Mais non, il le garde. Comme je proteste, il me menace de son arme et me pousse brutalement en criant : « Allez ! Allez ! » Ces mots-là, je n'ai pas fini de les entendre...

**Luis Bonet**, *Une auberge espagnole*, 1994

<sup>1</sup> Franco, Francisco (1892-1975), général, puis homme d'État espagnol qui, au terme de la guerre civile (1936-1939), a imposé à l'Espagne un régime autoritaire, catholique et conservateur qui a perduré jusqu'à sa mort.

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# DEVOIR DE SYNTHÈSE

NOM & PRÉNOM : ..... CLASSE & N° : .....

## I - COMPREHENSION 8 (7 points)

① a) Quel état physique et moral caractérise les réfugiés avant de franchir la frontière ? Justifiez du texte votre réponse (2 points)

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b) Relevez et nommez un procédé d'écriture qui en rend compte et précisez-en l'effet de sens produit. (1,5 point)

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② a) Quel accueil les réfugiés ont-ils reçu de la part des autorités françaises ? (1 point)

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b) Cet accueil correspond-il aux attentes du narrateur ? Pourquoi ? (1 point)

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## Travelling abroad on business? Just grab your "phone passport"

1-As the leaders in the airline industry continue to do battle, making it even easier for us to hop on a plane, the latest clever idea is to eliminate check-in. From this spring, fares are being slashed by nine per cent by one airline, and passengers who arrive with only hand luggage will be able to walk straight onto the plane (after security checks). All they'll need is their passport.

2-If conducting business abroad has proved expensive for you, one area that can prove extremely costly is communications. Keeping in touch with colleagues, clients and family back home while you are abroad has certainly proved a high-cost requirement in the past.

3-But now, in the same way as the low-cost airlines are slashing fares and letting you hop on a plane carrying just your passport, one leading mobile phone company, Vodafone, has introduced another so-called "passport" that lets you slash your call costs. When you subscribe to this service, the Vodafone Passport lets you talk when you're abroad on the same price plan that you do at home. Customers use standard UK rates and the "passport" covers a wide range of networks and countries.

4-This innovation, a second "passport" to slip into your pocket, is the mobile phone industry's equivalent to the low-cost airlines' version of traveling light, making life simple, easier and cost-effective for the business traveler. There are substantial savings to be made on calls back home, as well as within the country you're visiting, and you also get a discounted flat rate on texts sent from abroad.

5-As the mobile business executive spends an ever-increasing percentage of the working week away from the office, customer-friendly mobile communications technology and incentive schemes such as this are both timely and welcome. The traditions of the foreign business trip are changing: the next time you travel, you may wish to leave your six heavy suitcases behind - and just grab your two passports instead.

Adapted from The Daily Mail  
30/01/2005

III/ WRITING ( 10 marks )

1. Correct the underlined mistakes in the paragraph below. ( 3 marks )

Serious comparisons between the cost of study in Britain 1 compares with, for example the U.S.A and Australia tends 2 showing that Britain is 3 little expensive, especially if one takes into account that undergraduate degree programmes can normally be completed in three years. In addition, students who 4 assist full-time courses lasting more than six months, get free medical treatment and in their countries this can be very 5 cost, which very often 6 discourges students to pursue their studies.

- 1- ..... 2- ..... 3- .....  
4- ..... 5- ..... 6- .....

2. You are an advice columnist in a local magazine. You received the following letter from a helpless mother. Read it and then write her a reply. ( 7 marks )

Dear advice columnist,

Six months ago, my husband bought a computer for my son Jim, 16. At first, I thought it was a good idea. Then, I had to change my mind because that machine has made a mess of his life. He has become so obsessed with computers and internet surfing, which makes me feel uneasy about his future. I'm really afraid he might fail at school because he has given up any interest in his studies. I'm in a confusing situation and I don't know what to do.

Please help!

A helpless mother.

Dear helpless mother,

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## II/ LANGUAGE ( 16 pts )

1. Put the bracketed verbs in the right tense and/or form. ( 4 marks )

The savagery of Simpson's alleged ( to kill ) .....of his ex-wife and her friend Ronald Goldman in Los Angeles ( to reveal ) ..... yesterday. Nicole Brown could not scream for help because her attacker's knife, ( to believe ) ..... to be 18 inches long, cut her voice back. Investigators initially thought the wound ( can inflict ) ..... by a Japanese Samurai sword. The killer apparently stood over her ( to stab ) ..... her ( to repeat ) ..... in the chest. Goldman, the 25-year-old waiter murdered with her, ( to return ) ..... sun-glasses she ( to leave ) ..... at his restaurant.

2. Fill in the blanks with words from the list below. *N.B: There are 2 extra items.* ( 4 marks )

career – essential – scholarships – such – tutors – field – paying – applicants – graduate – most

In recent years, competition for the highest ..... jobs in America has become so intense that it is necessary to have a ..... degree to apply for..... . Americans consider a college education absolutely .....for a successful ..... in almost any ..... . Education is very expensive in many colleges, but .....students receive government loans or ..... from the university. Even so, a typical student who gets his diploma may take a long time to pay back his college loans.

3. Circle the right alternative to get a coherent paragraph. ( 4 marks )

Since computers ( had been / have been / were ) introduced to the public, technology has changed a great deal. The first computers were simple, individual machines ( designer / designing / designed ) for basic tools. Such machines didn't have much memory. They didn't have significant power ( either / too / neither ). However, with the advent of the internet, these simple machines of the past have evolved into an international network of ( knowledge / skills / experience ). When the World Wide Web began in 1990, few people suspected how successful it ( will become / became / would become ). But as almost everybody is well aware, the web can be painfully slow. Most people still connect ( on / in / to ) the internet using modems and telephone lines. Because the ( data-carrying / carrying-data / data-carried ) capacity of telephone lines can be slow, receiving electronic data ( may be taken / may have taken / may take ) a long time.

4. Match the sentence parts in A with those in B to get a coherent paragraph. ( 4 marks )

1- A private group of scientists has announced a plan to	a- first cloned baby within two years.
2- The American doctor Panos Zavos says the team hopes to produce the world's	b- putting it in the woman's uterus.
3- Doctor Zavos plans to offer human cloning	c- only to women currently not able to become pregnant and produce children.
4- He says the effort will be to assist people	d- to that used to clone animals.
5- The technology would be similar	e- make an exact copy of a human being.
6- It would involve clearing genetic	f- and the risks are too great.
7- Doctors would then place genetic material from the woman's husband into the egg before	g- to the idea of cloning humans.
8- Many medical experts and other groups are opposed	h- material from a woman's egg.
9- That is because the chances of success are too small	i- to attempt to clone a human being.
	j- who want to have their own biological child.
Right order	1 -    2 -    3 -    4 -    5 -    6 -    7 -    8 -    9 - F

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END OF TERM TEST N° 2

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**1/ COMPREHENSION: ( 14 marks )**

1- These statements are False. Pick out details from the text to correct them. ( 3 marks )

a) Vodafone is a small airline company.

.....

b) You can use the Vodafone passport only in the U.K.

.....

c) The SMS service is not included in this offer.

.....

2- Find equivalents in the text for the following words: ( 1.5 mark )

a) Choice ( paragraph 3 ): .....

b) Economical ( paragraph 4 ) .....

c) Since ( paragraph 5 ): .....

3- Answer these questions about the Vodafone offer: ( 3 marks )

a) What is the main similarity between the airline's offer and Vodafone's offer ?

.....

b) Why is this type of offer so popular with business executives?

.....

4- What do the following words refer to? They are underlined in the text. ( 2 marks )

a) they: ( paragraph 1 ) .....

b) This innovation : ( paragraph 4 ) .....

5- Complete this table with information from the text: ( 3 marks )

Innovations	Advantage for the customers
Eliminating check-in at airports	
Slashing fares	
Vodafone's passport	

6- Choose the right alternative to explain the following expressions: ( 1.5 mark )

a) conducting ( paragraph 2 ): ( driving - leading - carrying out )

b) substantial ( paragraph 4 ): ( significant - trivial - negligible )

c) ever-increasing : ( paragraph 5 ): ( constantly increasing - temporarily increasing - hardly increasing )



C) Fill in the blanks with words from the list.(4.5 marks)

*judged / to / stage / audience / speech / from / nervous / hard / perfect / fear / really*

I love to perform. Getting up in front of an ..... and singing, acting, reading or just speaking is about the most fun thing I can think of. But many people find that ..... to imagine. Research shows that what North Americans ..... more than anything else – more than snakes and even death – is public speaking. Not listening to it but doing it. You can call this ..... anxiety, since that's the formal term for it, but I call it "stage fright." Fear of public speaking is really a fear of being ..... by the audience. The speaker starts imagining and over-imagining all the horrible things that will happen if his speech isn't ....., and then every little problem adds ..... his fear, since one of the things speakers most fear is appearing nervous. But studies show that audiences are ..... bad about judging when a speaker is ....., and generally they don't care, if they're interested in what the speaker has to say.

D) Match the sentence parts in A with the correct ones from B to get a meaningful paragraph. (3.5 marks)

A	B
1) Like any other subject, cooking can be learned by	a. while attending special classes and home-economics courses.
2) To be able to read and use recipes to produce good meals,	b. sharing information on the properties of the food they prepare.
3) In many countries, pupils can acquire the art at school,	c. the required ingredients for every dish.
4) When they become cooks, they can begin	d. or in booklets inserted in packages.
5) Some cookbooks offer recipes with useful directions,	e. anyone who will read, watch, and practice.
6) Many recipes, however, are offered in food advertisements, on can labels,	f. collected from these and other personal sources.
7) A file of useful recipes can thus be	g. while others add scientific knowledge, discoveries, and skills.
	h. it is necessary to know the vocabulary of cookery.

*The answers :*

1 + .....	2 + .....	3 + .....	4 + .....	5 + .....	6 + .....	7 + .....
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b. As she couldn't see, Sara kept ..... to what was read to her.  
This was another way to keep her .....

5) What does the following pronoun refer to? ( 1 mark)

it ( paragraph 4) refers to .....

6) What do you think of the role played by the parents in teaching children how to read at an early age? Justify your answer. ( 1 mark)

.....  
.....

### *B. Language : (16 Marks)*

A) Give the correct tense or form of the words in parentheses.(4 marks)

It has become easy to find a babysitter for your child on the Internet nowadays. Thanks to websites, parents can get advice on how ( find ) ..... a babysitter service provider. We found a babysitter whom my kids ( absolute ) ..... adore. She stayed for some time with us and my son actually ( get ) ..... upset when she left. I knew then that we had made the right ( choose ).....

In fact, the internet offers a highly ( advance ) ..... online sitter service to help parents choose the ( much )..... appropriate person. This wide service network ( already / extend ) ..... to many countries in the world. There are in-depth profiles on each babysitter, ( help ) ..... people to locate and determine which one can best suit the family's requirements.

B) Circle the correct option: ( 4 marks)

In our complex world, homeschooling ( teaching children at home ) allows parents to control the social and academic development of their children. But is homeschooling suitable (to / for / at ) your family? Will homeschooling allow your child to ( soar / develop / require ) the educational and social skills necessary for success in life? For homeschooling to succeed, you must (assume / take / make ) extraordinary efforts. Even if parents can meet the ( swift / artificial / academic ) needs of the child, they may not be able to provide the crucial social interaction that formal schools provide.

Before deciding to teach your children at home, you need to consider both its risks and benefits. ( Although / In spite of / Moreover ) personal education from a loved one can greatly benefit a student, potential problems exist. Many parents choose to teach their children at home because they are concerned about what their children might be ( learnt / taught / considered ) in a normal school setting. They want to ensure that their children learn values that agree ( to / for / with ) their own and that their children will not be influenced by other views. Some educators regard this type of protection as unrealistic and potentially ( helpless / harmful / flawed ) to the child.



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**A. Reading Comprehension : (14 Marks)**

1- Tick  the correct answer. ( 1 mark )

The main message of the text is:

- a.  How brothers and sisters can learn how to read together.
- b.  How a blind child can learn how to read alone.
- c.  How to make children love and learn how to read from an early age.

2) The following statements are false. Pick out details from the text to correct them. ( 6 marks)

- a. After Sara was born, the family had no hope for a good future for her. (paragraph 1)  
.....
- b. The mother started reading to her children as soon as Sara was born. (paragraph 2)  
.....
- c. By leaving some words off at the ends of sentences the mother's main aim was to teach her children how to fill in the blanks. (paragraph 3)  
.....
- d. It was easy for Sara's mother to find books to read to her blind child. (paragraph 3)  
.....
- e. Sara had no idea which books her mother was reading to her. (paragraph 3)  
.....
- f. Until now, Sara still needs her mother's constant help. (paragraph 4)  
.....

3) Tick the alternative that explains the following underlined expressions. ( par. 3 ) ( 1 mark)

"This would expand their understanding of her blindness" means:

- This would make them {
- provide medicines and care to cure her blindness.
  - realize the difficulties she faces because she is blind.
  - cope with their disability.

4) Complete the following with the appropriate expressions / words from paragraph 3. (4 marks)

- a. In order to keep Sara awake while she is reading to her, the mother made her ..... and urged her other children to ..... for her so that they can understand her handicap better.



## LANGUAGE (6MARKS)

### Task1 : Put the words in brackets in the right tense or form (3marks)

An FAS study released this week, titled "Harnessing the power of video games for learning," reports that best-selling games **(to build)** ..... in surprisingly pedagogical ways. Players improve at their own pace. Beating a level requires experimentation, failure and learning from mistakes. Most new games can **(to play)** ..... online, requiring **(collaborate)** ..... and leadership. Game play is **(precise)** ..... calibrated to balance challenge and progress. It's a stark contrast to a typical classroom in which one teacher tries to engage 30 students with printed information. "It's like **(to hire)** ..... an individual tutor for every student," says FAS president Henry Kelly of using videogames to teach. "There's a big argument going on now about whether kids are being tested too much or too little. In a game, you're continuously being tested and you **(not mind)** ..... it."

### Task2 :Fill in the blanks with words from the following list (3marks)

digital - sold - music - consists - also - musical - store

iPod is a brand of portable media players designed and marketed by Apple and launched on October 23, 2001. The line-up currently ..... of the hard drive-based iPod classic, the touchscreen iPod touch, the video-capable iPod nano, and the screenless iPod shuffle. iPod classic models ..... media on an internal hard drive, while all other models use flash memory to enable their smaller size . As with many other ..... music players, iPods, excluding the iPod Touch, can also serve as external data storage devices.

Apple's iTunes software is used to transfer ..... to the devices. As a jukebox application, iTunes stores a music library on the user's computer and can play, burn, and rip music from a CD. It ..... transfers photos, videos, games, and calendars to those iPod models that support them. Apple focused its development on the iPod's unique user interface and its ease of use, rather than on technical capability. As of October 2007, the iPod had ..... over 141 million units worldwide making it the best-selling digital audio player series in history .

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**READING COMPREHENSION: {12 marks}**

Task 1 : Tick the most appropriate answer { 2 marks }

\* The text is : a- descriptive  b- expository  c- argumentative

\* The text is mainly about :

- a- The positive effects of reserve brain drain
- b- The negative effects of brain drain on developing countries
- c- Reserve brain drain threatens U.S economy.

Task 2 : Correct the following statements with details from the text { 3 marks }

a- " Reverse brain drain" helps the United States to be the leader of the world. { p2 }

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b- Compared to others, the U.S economy is no longer dynamic { p4 }

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c- Talented foreigners are encouraged to emigrate to the United States {p5}

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Task 3 : Focus on paragraph 1 and state two reasons that make talented foreigners emigrate to the United States { 2 marks }

a-----

b-----

Task 4 : Find words in the text having nearly the same meaning as {2 marks }

a- using one's authority to prevent or suppress something {p3}=-----

b- to gain an advantage by being cleverer than somebody {p5}=-----

Task 5 : What do the underlined words in the text refer to ?{2 marks }

a- catagories {p3 }=-----

b- Here { p5 }=-----

Task 6 : Do you think that the country and the companies with the best brains will always win ? why ? or why not? { 1 mark }

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1/ Until recently, if Americans heard the words "brain drain," they knew clearly what that meant: Bright, talented scientists, engineers and other techies from all over the world were migrating to the United States. They were drawn here by the world's best universities, the most dynamic companies, the freest economic and social environment and the highest standard of living. Today Americans are starting to hear a new term: "reverse brain drain." What it suggests is the United States is pursuing government and private-sector policies that, over the long run, could lead to a significant shift in the world's balance of brainpower.

2/ As the economy globalizes, and as first-class creative minds go abroad, stay abroad or are produced abroad, other nations may challenge the United States' role as the leader in innovation and creativity. The prospect of that challenge tomorrow is what the debate over America's economic future ought to be about. A recent article by Carnegie Mellon professor Richard Florida in *The Washington Monthly* magazine makes a persuasive case that the Bush administration's policies are shooting this country's economy in the, well, the brain. Florida's book, *The Rise of the Creative Class*, demonstrates that the most competitive communities are those that have the highest concentration of talented individuals, a high degree of technological innovation and a high level of tolerance for diverse lifestyles.

3/ But, Florida says, the United States is losing its edge in these categories. He cites the case of Roger Pederson, one of the leaders in stem-cell research, who left his job at the University of California to pursue research in the United Kingdom. Why? The British government recruited him at the same time the Bush administration was clamping down on stem-cell research. Losses such as Pederson's aren't being filled by enough new arrivals. Talented foreigners aren't coming here, sometimes because we aren't letting them in. A National Science Board study found that U.S. visas for immigrants to work in science and technology dropped by 55% from 2001 to 2002.

4/ American firms are contributing aggressively to the reverse brain drain. For decades, they shifted blue-collar manufacturing jobs to parts of the world with low labor costs and acceptable quality standards. Now, they are outsourcing knowledge work — engineering, software, product design and development — to such countries as China, India and Russia. No one disputes the fact that, when it comes to economic dynamism, the United States still ranks at the top. But the combination of these "reverse brain drain" policies presents a clear danger to America's future competitiveness.

5/ The long-term trends in the world economy are clear: We are shifting inexorably toward a knowledge economy, where productive, well-paid work is based on ideas, information and adaptive thinking. Work involves more intangibles (brains) and fewer tangibles (muscles). The country and the companies with the best brains will win. The only way for the United States to out-think, out-smart and out-innovate the competition, is to look hard at government policies that either send our best brains overseas or discourage more brains from coming here; to question business practices that increase reliance on foreign brains while "buying out" our own; and to demand more from our education system. It's not too late to stanch the reverse brain drain. But first we have to put our own brains to work on the problem.

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## II/LANGUAGE {6 marks }:

1/ Fill in the blanks with words from the list below { there are 2 extra words {3 marks }

about- inventive-afford- bliss- expanding- guarantee- consumption- educational

The Internet has made it possible for people all over the world to communicate with one another effectively and inexpensively . An individual who has Internet access can communicate , post information for general-----, retrieve information , use distant applications and services , or buy and sell products . Actually, the explosive growth of the Internet has raised concerns -----the creation of a " digital divide " between those who can-----Internet access and those who cannot. Will the poor be left behind as jobs and other opportunities increasingly shift to Internet-related business ? Will those with Internet access enjoy -----advantages over those without such access ? Should the government step in to help ? Mark Schwartz argues that free-market services in the U.S.A are lowering costs and-----access more quickly and efficiently than any government action could . Tony Wilhelm, director of the Benetton Foundation's Communication Policy program , counters that the government needs to intervene to-----access for all citizens .

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It's a

3/ Modern technology is very beneficial , however, it is accused of having destructive effects .

In spite of

4/ I said to her : " Why don't you use the new procedure ? "

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## Text

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1-As of 2004 nearly every home in the United States with children had one or more of the most popular game systems , for example , Nintendo Game Cube, Sony Playstation2. or Microsoft Xbox. Few children have not been exposed to some form of video game , and access to the games is readily available to children from all walks of life.

2-Video games for home use proved popular from the start . Children are particularly attracted to them for a variety of reasons.Fantasy characters and situations appeal to young imaginations and provide an escape from everyday routine and the stresses presented by parents , friends , and school .In addition , the games give children a level of control that they do not experience in real life , as the characters on the screen respond to the children 's commands . Players also receive immediate rewards for making the right moves . Most games can be played at a variety of skill levels so that every player can be challenged..

3-The popularity of video games has been matched by the controversy they have sparked among parents,psychologists and educators . The most prevalent objection results from the violent themes and characters that dominate in most video games . A 1989 study by the National Coalition on Television Violence {NCTV} found that , of the 95 most popular home video games .58 percent were war games and 83 percent featured violent themes. As technology has improved to allow the games to show situations and characters that are more realistic, debate has escalated about the potential effects of video games on children's behavior . One NCTV study that monitored the playground behavior of eight-to ten- year -olds immediately after playing a laser-weapon game found an 80 percent increase in fighting . There is also added concern that repeated exposure to violence desensitizes children to its effects . Other experts and video game manufacturers contend that negative effects have not been proven adequately, and, in fact, playing such games gives players an avenue for the harmless release of stress and aggression.

4-In the past , the issue of gender bias in video games was another area of considerable debate.Not only were most video games male-oriented sports and combat games , female characters in the game were portrayed as victims to be rescued by the male hero or objects of violence or sexual desire . In the early 2000s , however , an increasing number of games had girl-oriented themes and an increasing number of gender neutral games became available .

5-Besides the socializations concerns presented by video games , medical concerns were also raised in the early 1990's , when video games were linked to epileptic seizures experienced by some 50 children. About one third of the children had experienced previous seizures .And there were questions about whether the seizures they experienced were related to playing or watching a video game .

6-Despite the controversy surrounding video games, benefits have also been noted ; development of hand-eye coordination, increases in concentrations, logical thinking skills , and healthy competition among children, as well as socializations skills gained from sharing strategies and the heightened self-esteem resulting from successful performances . One research study even found that doctors who had played more video games had better surgical skills..

Children's Health  
Encyclopedia

## THE TEXT

WITH 11 children in the house, Debbie and Steve Shepherd could be forgiven for packing their brood off to school each morning with a sigh of relief.

But as lessons start each morning, time off is the last thing on their mind. For the Shepherds don't believe in school - at least in the conventional sense - and educate their children at home.

Mrs Shepherd, 43, who is eight months pregnant, said: 'People are amazed when they discover not only that we have 11 children but that we educate them all at home.

'It's a set-up that works well for us. In many ways it's actually easier having 11 children than it was having just the first few, because they are good at entertaining one another'.

They may escape school but the Shepherd children don't escape study. They have three hours of lessons each morning, with the afternoons left free for trips to the park, museums, libraries, or playing in the garden.

But their lifestyle will be the envy of the average school pupil - they never have homework and don't sit exams, as they are not legally required to take them. The law says that it is a parent's responsibility to ensure their children receive an education suitable for their age, aptitude and ability at school 'or otherwise'. 'As long as the word "otherwise" appears in that stipulation then parents are free to home-school their children,' said Mr Shepherd.

The couple teach their children at their seven-bedroom Victorian property in Grantham, Lincolnshire, using a recognised home-schooling curriculum, which includes maths and English. Other subjects are tailored to the children's interests.

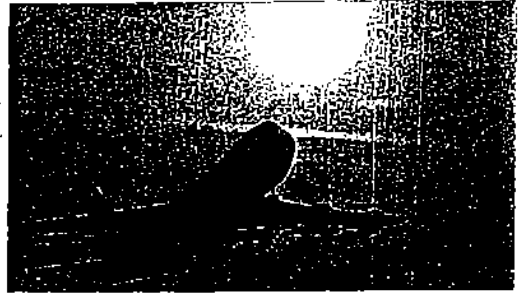
Although neither parent has formal teaching qualifications, they do get advice from a support group. The Shepherds make extensive use of the internet and local libraries, and council officials monitor their lessons every six to 12 months.

None of the children will complete their schooling with a GCSE or an A-level to their name. But this doesn't seem to be holding them back: Joe has been accepted on a one-year media course at Lincoln College. Rhiannon is applying for a distance journalism course. Jed, who is already tackling a biology course to an A-level standard, has designs, on being a vet. Tom, the eldest, who has just finished his home schooling, wants to be a pilot. Only he has ever set foot in a state school. It was Tom's experience as a four-year-old which led his parents to home schooling. Within days he became withdrawn and another mother suggested that his parents teach him at home.

Mr Shepherd said: 'Part of the reason for wanting to teach our children at home is to give them a proper childhood where they don't feel the pressure to grow into mini-adults well before their time. And I disagree with the number of tests imposed on children as young as seven. 'I believe standards have fallen markedly over the years,' he added.

Rhiannon said: "I don't feel I've missed out by not going to school. I've had a brilliant education".

Daily Mail, Tuesday, August 28, 2007



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III/ WRITING : (12 marks)

1) Use the following notes to write the biography of the American novelist Henry James : (4 marks)

- \* Birth: 1843 / New York.
- \* Ancestors: From Scotland and Ireland.
- \* Father + elder brother → famous philosophers → strong impact on his personality.
- \* Schools: New York / \* Later: London, Paris and Geneva → broad knowledge
- \* First steps: short stories / U.S. newspapers.
- \* First book: Roderick Hudson (1875) → His career took off.
- \* Literature Prize (1915) → contributed /fame.
- \* Death: 1916.

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2) ESSAY: (8 marks)

You have just come back from a holiday which was spoilt because several things went wrong on the journey. Read the advertisement and the notes which you have made, then write your letter of complaint to Eagle Airlines. (No more than 12 lines!)

B/ Mr Shepherd believes that school-education systems.

- a- have improved slightly.
- b- have become less effective than before.
- c- are as bad as they used to be.
- d- will definitely get worse.


→ .....

6) If you were to choose, would you opt for home education? Why? Why not? (1 mark)

→ .....

**II/ LANGUAGE : (6 marks)**

1) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box : (3 marks)

commit / balance / dating / psychological / pace / schedules / effective / learning

In order to professionally advance and keep an edge, today's working professionals have recognized the necessity for lifelong learning - Satisfying the need for highest flexibility caused by busy (1)..... and personal demands, distance learning programs have enabled students to construct unique (2)..... plans and study at a time and speed that suits them best.

Distance learning is not new, (3) ..... back to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century but advances in technology and communications have made cross-border educational opportunities a powerful force in education.

Adult education has become the hottest market for online learning as working professionals require the flexibility afforded by this method in order to (4)..... lifelong learning with the demands of career and family. The adult learner can search for the most (5) ..... and appropriate curriculum regardless of location and scheduled class times. He can also decide on the (6)..... of studies, the calendar to adopt and the costs to incur.

2) Put the words between parentheses in the right tense/form : (3 marks)

Each year in the first week of May, Canada's capital City of Ottawa becomes a flower-enthusiasts' mecca as millions of tulips all over the city burst into full bloom. These beautiful blooms announce the arrival of spring and the official (1) (open) ..... of the Canadian Tulip Festival. Concerts, floral competitions and dazzling firework displays are just some of the many things to see and do during the (2) (event that lasts 10 days) .....

Why does Ottawa celebrate the tulip with such enthusiasm? The tradition began 60 years ago when Canada gave asylum to the Dutch heir, Princess Julianna.

After the German army (3) (invade) ..... Holland in May 1940, the Royal family left their country for London. While her mother, Queen Wilhelmina remained there, Julianna and her family left for a safer heaven in Canada where she remained until the end of the Second World War. To show her (4) (grateful) ....., Julianna gifted Canadian citizens with 100,000 of the Netherlands famous tulip bulbs in the fall of 1945. This started as a tradition and every year another 100,000 bulbs were delivered to Ottawa and planted all around the city. Tourists started making Ottawa their destination in early May.

The Canadian Tulip Festival originated from a simple, yet (5) (heart / feel) ..... gesture by the future queen of the Netherlands and (6) (grow) ..... into the largest festival of its kind any where.



Pioneer School, Nabeul  
 Name:.....  
 Number: .....

Mr L. Ben Zaida & Mrs L. Houes  
 TEST: 2

Dec, 20008  
 4<sup>th</sup> Form:.....

**I/ READING COMPREHENSION : (12 marks)**

1) What are the two most unusual characteristics of the Shepherds? (2 marks)

a- .....

b- .....

2) Fill in the blanks with words from the text: (2 marks)

For the Shepherds, home education is a ..... compared to ..... one. In fact, they consider this ..... highly effective. The children not only study at home, but also keep ..... one another.

3) Explain in your own words the following sentence. (It is underlined in the text): (1 mark)

\* But their lifestyle will be the envy of the average school pupil.

→ .....

4) The following statements are false. Pick out details from the text to correct them (4 mks)

a- Parents of home-schooled children can design their own programmes no matter what the subjects are.

→ .....

b- Home-delivered lessons are seldom supervised by educational authorities.

→ .....

c- Those home-schooled siblings are discouraged by not being able to take any national exams.

→ .....

d- They regret not going to school.

→ .....

5) Put a tick in front of the correct alternative and justify with a detail from the text.

(2 marks)

A/ The Shepherds decided to home-school Tom after:

a- he'd spent a few days in a state primary school.

b- his state school excluded him.

c- advice from the school staff.

d- serious adaptation problems.

→ .....

## Big Nanny Rules.

*Ross Clark reports on the red tape binding parents' hands and narrowing our children's horizons.*

The growing interference of the state in the bringing up of children came home to us the day in 2005 when my wife went to a post box 50 yards from our house with our eight-year-old daughter.

Unknown to my wife, shortly before they set out our daughter had managed to lift the telephone receiver and dial 999. While my wife was out, the police rang back and found out that our 10-year-old son was alone in the house. Was there, they wanted to know, anyone else with him? Who normally lived with him? Briefly, the Cambridgeshire constabulary had a major incident on its hands.

My wife returned to another call from the police. The policewoman she spoke to accepted her apologies for our daughter having caused a false alarm for the 999 service, but told her that leaving a child under the age of 11 alone in the house, no matter how short a time, constituted neglect.

Whether my wife thought our son trustworthy or not was irrelevant, said the policewoman. As far as the police were concerned, a 10-year-old left alone in a house was on a par with a missing child.

Given that my wife had returned **in the nick of time**, the police presumably felt able to call off the helicopters, but the matter did not end **there**.

A social worker telephoned to arrange a visit. Fortunately \_although it was within her powers\_ the social worker decided against calling a full-scale investigation under the Children's Act. But the incident left us gasping. Is it now illegal to leave a responsible 10-year-old child in your house for five minutes while you go out to post a letter? And, if so, who made up this law, when was it debated and did anyone speak about the sheer **daftness** of it?

I'm afraid answers to these questions evaded me during my researches for my book, **How to Label a Goat : The Silly Rules and Regulations that are Strangling Britain**. But I know there is no Act of Parliament that states you must not leave a 10-year-old alone in a house for five minutes. Indeed, there would have been uproar had such a law been proposed. Rather this is an informal rule that has been created by **stealth**, by police, social workers and other professionals who are wielding increasing power over family life.

Bringing up a child in 21<sup>st</sup> century Britain bears little resemblance to the childhood I remember in the 1970's.

<u>Pilot School</u> – Gabes <u>Teachers:</u> Ms. Gadri, L. Mr. Ben Hamida, K. Mr. Ayadi, M.	<u><b>FULL-TERM TEST N°1</b></u>	<u>School Year:</u> 2006-07 <u>Level:</u> 4 <sup>th</sup> Formers M. & Sc. Ex. <u>Duration:</u> 2 Hours
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### **READING PASSAGE**

1- For until just two weeks ago, Rosalie was a slave. It is only by good fortune that she managed to flee and make her way back to Benin. And if it isn't much to come to, it is far better than what she endured after she was sold as a slave in Nigeria. There, she was beaten and half-starved and made to cook and clean from dawn until after nightfall. Driven to desperation, she ran away. Unable to speak any language but her native tongue, she could not ask for help and spent three nights sleeping rough on the streets of Lagos, the most dangerous city in this hazardous continent.

2- It is a dreadful mischance that young girls such as Rosalie end up in Nigeria as victims of a well-organized business, the export of young slaves which is Benin's major invisible prosperous trade flourishing in a climate of corruption, poverty and ignorance. Its wickedness is made doubly so by the fact that in its early stages, it depends for its success not on force but on the willing participation of the victims' own families.

3- Rosalie's story started as such. One day, two well-dressed young men arrived on foot at Rosalie's hut and spoke to her mother, Celestine. "They promised me money if they could take my daughter away to be educated. They said that she'd have to work as well, but that she'd earn good money, enough to send some back to me. Because of our miserable conditions and of the better future waiting Rosalie, I accepted the promise," recalled Celestine.

4- Celestine was a mother among the many black Africans who behaved blindly to their Benin Videmegon Customs which allows very poor families to give their children in the care of richer relatives so as to be clothed, fed, educated and well-brought up. But, in reality, the two men who came for Rosalie were not relations. They were strangers. Yet, Celestine still allowed her daughter to be marched away. Was it money that really persuaded her? In fact, Rosalie was the eldest child of a mother who devoted herself to her small three fatherless kids who never went to school, but were forced to work in the forest at an early age to survive.

**Daily Mail**

L. P. Ariana

ENGLISH Test N° : 2

Time : 2:00 Hrs.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : 4<sup>th</sup> N° : \_\_\_\_\_

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I. / READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS. (14 Pts.)

1. - Tick the correct alternative in the space provided. (1

Pt.)

The account is taken from

. reality [ ]

. fiction [ ]

2. - Complete with information from the passage. (3 Pts.)

Helie left South Korea to settle in \_\_\_\_\_ . Much

later she returned to her native country, firstly in order to

\_\_\_\_\_ , secondly \_\_\_\_\_ her

North Korean relatives.

3. - Answer with reference to the passage. (3 Pts.)

A. / What relationship is there between the book "Still Life

With Rice" and the account in the article.?

B. / How did the idea of reunion come to the family?

C. / Why did members of the same family have to stay away from each other for so long?

4. - Complete the table with details about the time and place of the family meeting. (2 Pts.)

First encounter	April 1997	
Second encounter		South Korea

5. - Justify why the following statements are false. (2 Pts.)  
A. / The reunited family is made up of 9 members.

B. / There had been no correspondence between the two halves of the family.

6. - Focus on lines 18 to 32 and find words meaning the following. (2 Pts.)  
Relative : \_\_\_\_\_ to cry hysterically : \_\_\_\_\_

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7.- How would you address the reunited family? Tick what you

- "What a play! Nice work!" [ ]
- "With all my regards." [ ]
- "You could have been more cautious." [ ]

II./ LANGUAGE. (16 Pts.)

1.- Supply the correct form of the bracketed words. (2.5 Pts.)

A major task of teachers and librarians [like] \_\_\_\_\_ to see that children have [accessory] \_\_\_\_\_ material that will help them answer [issued] \_\_\_\_\_ they have about the world. If a critical goal of schools is to help students learn to cope with the world and its [diverse] \_\_\_\_\_, libraries must make such material available, although it is certainly not [necessity] \_\_\_\_\_ that schools have all the material in each category of learning.

2.- Fill in the gaps with the right alternatives. (2 Pts.)

Access to [a. \_\_\_\_\_] education is a human right. And education is the key to development and a more [b. \_\_\_\_\_] future. Yet decision-[c. \_\_\_\_\_] must choose. Which programs should be emphasized? How should resources be allocated? What means are needed for [d. \_\_\_\_\_] national goals? It is UNESCO's task, in consultation with its constituency, to guide and inform the debate.

- a. basic/ basically/ base.
- b. Promised/ promising/ promise.
- c. Doers/ sponsors/ makers.
- d. Scoring/ finishing/ achieving.

3.- Choose nine 9 words from the box below and fill in the blanks. (4.5 Pts.)

who tragic aristocrat romance an which their  
perishing against opens sinks

Titanic is \_\_\_\_\_ action-packed \_\_\_\_\_ about a handful of fictional characters \_\_\_\_\_, together with the actual historical figures, board the Titanic for its maiden voyage. \_\_\_\_\_ story, involving a love story between Rose, a first-class \_\_\_\_\_ and Jack, a steerage passenger who \_\_\_\_\_ her eyes to the possibilities the world holds beyond her cage, plays out \_\_\_\_\_ the actual events of the \_\_\_\_\_ luxury ship.

4.- Write the correct form/tense of the verbs and the correct form of the words. (4 Pts.)

Actor Chow Yun-fat (to receive) \_\_\_\_\_ an honorary doctorate from a Hong Kong university Wednesday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The university said the degree recognized Chow's (contribute) \_\_\_\_\_ to Hong Kong as a role model for (to learn) \_\_\_\_\_ . Soon after the ceremony, Chow (to quote) \_\_\_\_\_

## READING PASSAGE.

## A story-book reunion in Seoul

1. SEOUL (R) — A Korean-American's novel about her family on the

divided Korean peninsula had a happy ending Tuesday when she and her family

were reunited with relatives from North Korea.

4. "For my own sake, and my mother and my grandmother's sake, we had to

rescue this family," said Hellee Lee, author of "Still Life with Rice", a

novel based on her family's history, including relatives in the North.

7. Nine North Korean family members were reunited with their relatives

from the United States at the Royal Duksoo Palace in Seoul, South Korea,

after arriving from "a third country".

10. Hellee's father, Lee Jae-hak, 62, started the odyssey by asking a

friend who worked for a South Korean television station in Seoul if he

could track down the relatives in the North. That led to an exchange of

letters between the families. "Without my father, this mission would have

been impossible," Hellee told a news conference. "My father has proved to be

a true hero."

15. Details of how the nine family members escaped from the North were

not revealed for security reasons, but family members said they asked for

help "from Chinese people".

18. The two families first encountered each other in April of this year,

when Lee Jae-hak and other family members, including Hellee's 85-year-old

grandmother Bae Hong-yong, travelled to China to try and make contact with

their North-Korean kin. They made it as far as the Uprok River that divides

North Korea and China. But all they could do was wave to each other across

the river at that time, family member told the news conference. But in

August, the family of nine finally made their escape to a third country,

before arriving in South Korea. "So many things could have gone wrong,"

Hellee said. "We are incredibly lucky to have made it this far." The North

Koreans arrived at the palace where their U.S.-based South Korean relatives

were waiting in a National Security Planning Agency van. They immediately

fell to the ground, sobbing, and 63-year-old Lee Yong-woon, who led the

group, cried: "Thank God," before they ran into the arms of their

relatives. "Before I die, I just had to meet my son, Yong-woon,"

grandmother Bae told the news conference.

33. It was the first time in 47 years before the start of the 1950-53

Korean conflict that any of the divided family members had seen each

other.

36. Hellee, who left Korea when she was four, said she was inspired to

write her novel after visiting the 1988 Olympics in Seoul with her

grandmother Bae. She stayed on to do research and became curious about her

northern relatives.

Riyadh Daily Dec. 31, 1997.

as saying "I'm (happy) \_\_\_\_\_ than Ang Lee" by the South China Morning Post. Chow admitted he was (nervous) before the ceremony. He has appeared in more than 72 movies and (to win) \_\_\_\_\_ awards. \_\_\_\_\_ and (number) \_\_\_\_\_

5.- Match each part in A with one corresponding part in B. (3 pts.)

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| <p>A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prince Charles angered food experts</li> <li>2. The prince said he</li> <li>3. Brits find Charles' Italian choice hard</li> <li>4. British cuisine is now so comprehensive</li> <li>5. The prince was twice asked</li> <li>6. There are many British recipes</li> </ol> | <p>B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. that books include Italian recipes</li> <li>b. that the prince could have chosen</li> <li>c. by saying he prefers Italian food</li> <li>d. has selected Italian cuisine</li> <li>e. had selected the Italian dishes</li> <li>f. to make a British choice</li> <li>g. to digest</li> </ol> |
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Correct order : 1- → / 2- → / 3- → / 4- → / 5- → / 6- → .

III. WRITING. (10 pts.)

1.- Lengthen the recipe instructions by filling in the blanks with the right words. (3 pts.)

Sautéed Lamb  
Cut the lamb shoulder \_\_\_\_\_ 2-inch pieces. Wash and dry \_\_\_\_\_ pieces. Squeeze the \_\_\_\_\_ juice of \_\_\_\_\_ lemon over the lamb, \_\_\_\_\_ and marinate \_\_\_\_\_ a few minutes. Heat the butter and oil \_\_\_\_\_ slowly in \_\_\_\_\_ frying pan. Add the flour to make \_\_\_\_\_ smooth batter.

2.- Develop the following notes into an expository writing providing some specific points of contrast between the myth and the folktale in literature for children. (7 pts.)

myth	Folktales
Dealing with the three mysteries of life : creation, nature of life, death	Dealing with everyday matters, not too philosophical.
Centers on one strong character who is named	More familiar → more universal/ seldom named.

Good luck!

myth	Folktales	Events	Unique experiences/ not happening to anyone else or in any other setting/ not happening to mortals	Endings	Almost always tragic	Tone	pessimistic
	Experiences are out of the ordinary/ yet presented as something which could happen to anyone	Despite hardships almost always happy					Optimistic, however serious some events may be.



**I- READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks )**

Soussse Pioneer School 9 March 2013 Allotted time: 2 hours		/30 = /20
END OF TERM PAPER		4 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR / N: _____
Name: _____		

1. Tick the most suitable title for the text. ( 1 mark )

Technology: A short-lived Craze  
 Technology: An effective Educational Tool  
 Technology: A Necessary Evil

2. Justify each of the following statements with a detail from the text. (2 marks)

a) Teachers have become powerless when facing the new trend. (para 3)

b) Schemes devised to handle the trend seemed utterly futile. (para 6)

3. Correct each of the following statements with a detail from the text. (2 marks)

a) Students stop using their laptops as soon as the lesson starts. (para 2)

b) When using the internet, students don't take what they find online for granted. (para 4)

4. Pick out 3 negative effects of technology on the students' (3 marks)

- \* Concentration (para 1): \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Literacy (para 1): \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Cognitive skills (para 5): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Fill in each blank with **ONE** word from paragraph 3. (2 marks)

To \_\_\_\_\_ the problem of unauthorized use of high-tech gadgets in the classroom, students are required to leave their \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_, otherwise the school resorts to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ equipment.

6. Complete the sentence with reference to paragraph 6. (1 mark)

If schools are to make the most of the use of technology in the classroom, they have to

South Korea boasts of being the most wired nation on earth. In fact, no other country has so fully embraced the Internet. Online gaming is a professional sport, and social life for the young ( revolves / interacts / builds ) around the dim Internet parlors. Compulsive Internet use has been identified as a mental health issue in other countries. ( Although / However / Meanwhile ), it may be a particularly serious problem in South Korea. It ( became / has become / had become ) a national issue here in recent years, as users started dropping dead from exhaustion after playing online games for days on end. A growing number of students have ( dropped out / missed out / skipped ) school to stay online. Up to 30 percent of South Koreans, are at risk of Internet addiction, said Ahn Dong-hyun, a child psychiatrist who just completed a three-year government-( financial / financed / financing ) survey of the problem. Up to a quarter million probably show signs of addiction, like the inability to stop themselves from using computers and the withdrawal symptoms like anger and craving when ( denied / deprived / prevented ) from logging on.

## 2. Circle the right alternative. (3 marks)

Stem cells derived from a mouse's skin won Shinya Yamanaka the Nobel Prize yesterday. Now researchers in Japan are seeking to use his \_\_\_\_\_ technology for an even greater prize: restoring sight. "The \_\_\_\_\_ of Shinya's technology for regenerative medicine is obvious," R. Sanders Williams, president of the Gladstone Institutes in San Francisco said in a telephone interview. While Gurdon and Yamanaka's \_\_\_\_\_ were groundbreaking, treatments based on induced pluripotent cells may be "way down the line," Julieen Zierath, the deputy chairwoman of the Nobel committee which \_\_\_\_\_ Shinya the prize, told reporters yesterday. There are few moments in science that are regarded as genuine \_\_\_\_\_ and simplicity," said R. Sanders Williams. Other applications may be to study diseases such as Alzheimer's, or to test drugs against certain types of cells in a lab dish without the risks of \_\_\_\_\_, Gurdon said.


\* awarded \* achievements \* creativity \* side effects \* dedicated \* pioneering \*  
\* implication \* rewarded \*

## 1. Fill in the gaps with 7 words from the box. (3 marks)

## II- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

7. Give a justified personal answer to the following question. (1 mark)

If you were a teacher, would you allow pupils to use their high-tech gadgets in the classroom as they wish?

9 March 2013	End of term test (2)	Soussse Pioneer School	
GRAMMAR AND SPELLING MISTAKES WILL BE PENALIZED!			

1. Instant access to information has revolutionized how students learn today. From an instructional perspective, education technology sounded great, but with its growing prevalence in America's public schools, its true impact is gradually being revealed. And the news is not all good. A Pew Research Center survey found that nearly 90 percent of teachers believe that digital technologies were creating an easily distracted generation with short attention spans. About 60 percent said it hindered students' ability to write and communicate face to face.

2. Between class periods, the halls of American high schools resemble a traffic jam on the interstate as they glare hypnotically into a screen. Some scroll their fingers up, down and across a tablet, others text faster than professional typists, while others bob their heads to music. Yet, this behavior does not always stop at the classroom door. Teachers are now forced to perform the "put that away, unplug that, please log off" dance every class period, resulting in a waste of valuable instructional time.

3. Saturated by entertainment media, students are experiencing stimulation that teachers cannot keep pace with. To remedy this, all technology should be left in lockers and not allowed in the classroom. Failure to comply should be met with confiscation of the device, which would only be returned to the parent. If parents believe that it is acceptable for their child to violate established school policies, then the schools are left with no other option than to seize them. For many, technology has become a catalyst for

distraction and off task behavior with students tweeting, or prowling through YouTube when they're supposed to be listening to the teacher or doing classwork.

4. Quick access to information can lead to a lack of critical thinking about sources and quality of information. Many students will likely click one or two pages into a Web site, but no further. This means that students who multitask too much develop a tendency toward skimming rather than in-depth reading and analysis. This, more than anything, will hurt grades and the development of the intellect.

5. Commonly referred to by educators as the "Wikipedia problem" technology can create an expectation of easy access to information and instantaneous answers. Today students' idea of learning about a topic is to believe what they read online. Teachers reported that students are distracted constantly. Their memory is highly disorganized. Recent assignments suggest a worsening at analytic reasoning. Further, they wonder if we are creating people who are unable to think well and clearly.

6. Schools across the country are struggling to deal with the growing prevalence of the technology. Most have created policies that are intended to guide the use of gadgets in the classroom; enforcement is proving to be difficult. The issues engendered by the reality of education technology demand that schools leap ahead in developing a "Digital Citizenship" curriculum to appropriately guide students beginning from kindergarten on technology usage.

Rajiv said: (Sun, Jan 6, 2013 08:21:17 PM)


In my view, there's no such loss as the notion of brain drain for a developing country. Our nation has made it possible for us to become skilled enough to aspire to a life abroad. But in fact, the least we could aspire to is gratitude towards our motherland.

<http://www.indiabix.com/group-discussion/brain-drain-has-to-be-stopped/>

2. You've come across the following comment on a forum and decided to post your opinion stating your specific arguments as to the pros and cons of such an important issue. (8 marks)

N.B.: Grammar, spelling and punctuation mistakes will be penalized!

Fluency	/2	Language	/2	Mark:	/4
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Name	Irene Joliot-Curie / daughter of Marie and Pierre Curie
Date of birth	12th November, 1897
Personality traits	Show / mathematical genius / early age Inspire / parents / make great / discovery
Field of studies	Specialize / nuclear physics
Achievement	Discover / artificial radioactivity
Award	Irene + husband: Frédéric Joliot Nobel prize / chemistry / 1934

1. Use the following notes to write a paragraph about Irene Joliot-Curie. (4 marks)

### III- WRITING (12 marks)





*The Text*

Devoir de Synthèse	Lycée : ..... Lycée Filiale de Sfax
12 Mars 2005	Matière : Anglais
Durée : 2 heures	4 <sup>ème</sup> Sc. Exp. / Math. / Tech.

① Sara was born at home within a close circle of family. She was born blind. Feelings flowed deeply, sadness true but also good feelings. We were given the unique opportunity to witness the depths of love and understanding shown by others because she was so special in the neighbourhood. It was a time of change, a time of growth, a time of acceptance. And then it was time to get on with making Sara's life as full and complete as possible.

② Sara's brother, Lucky, was only a year-and-a-half old at the time, but already we had spent many hours reading and sharing books. Those were some of our most special times together. Times I didn't want to miss with Sara. Lucky, like most very young children, spent most of his time looking at and talking about the pictures. What could possibly replace this attraction to books for Sara?

③ Because it was difficult to find specially designed books, we spent most of our time reading regular ink print books. I was always trying different ways to make this reading exciting and meaningful to Sara. Whenever we all sat down to read together (including little sister Dixie now), Sara's part was to turn the pages. This helped to keep her involved in the process, otherwise she had a tendency to fall asleep. I encouraged Lucky and Dixie to describe to Sara what was happening in the pictures, also hoping that this would expand their understanding of her blindness.

While reading I would leave words off at the ends of sentences for them to fill in the blanks. I hoped this would help them all to develop the important reading skill of prediction. This was just another way to keep Sara actively involved. It was working. She was listening. She could answer questions about what we read. She had favorite books, and would ask for them to be read over and over again.

④ Sara is now five years old. She is in a regular kindergarten class with itinerant vision services. She is learning Braille letters and tactual print letters both. It is not easy. I know it'll probably take longer for her to learn to read than it will for many of her sighted peers. But I'm not worried. She walks around the house by herself and finds the bookshelf. She's on her way.

Diane D. Miller





II Language (6 marks )

1- Put the words in brackets in the right form ( 3mks)

This is a serious problem given that many of (1- excite) and newest applications for humanoid robots require them to cooperate with people as a capable cooperative and (2- clever/social) partners. For instance, humanoid robots are being developed to provide (3- able) with assistance in their home. Such a robot should be (4- persuade) in ways that are sensitive to the person, such as helping to remind them when to take medication without (5- annoy) or upsetting; it must understand what (6- our needs/be) and the urgency for satisfying them so that it can set appropriate priorities.

1	2	3
4	5	6

2- Choose the right alternative and write it in the box below (3mks)

An Internet Christmas shopping boom which brought disaster to many Highstreet stores yesterday, claimed the head of HMV and Waterstone's. Sales through HMV's bricks and mortar outlets fell 5.5 percent on a year ago, (1-while/ although/despite) those through the Waterstone's bookshops fell 2.4 per cent. The HMV/Waterstone's group superficially blamed tough (2- constraints/ vibrancy/competition) from internet retailers and supermarkets, which (3-hammered /enhanced/boosted) sales all last year. The battle for business meant the company (4- might/had to/needn't) reduce prices, which hit profit margins. As a result, the company's operating profits for the six months to the end of October tumbled 82 percent or £ 12.9 to stand (5- up/at/out)£2.8 million. The poor results coincided with an announcement from chief executive, AlanGiles, 51, that he (6- will step/would step/will have stepped) down next December after eight years

1	2	3
4	5	6

PIONEER SCHOOL NABEUL Name: ..... Class:.....Number.....	Mrs Abdrazzak Mrs Largueche	March 2008 4th form
ENGLISH TEST N 2		

I Reading Comprehension: (12 marks)

1- Complete the information with a word from the text (5mks)

Although he was ..... and had acquired the ..... necessary to ..... at Edinburgh, Georges thought of dropping out of university because of ..... though he had spent ..... there

2-Choose among the following the two reasons which usually make some students leave university (2mks)

Deprivation - bullying - incompetence - syllabus - aimlessness

3-Focus on paragraph 4 and complete with the right information (4mks)

	PAST	NOW
Access to university		
Financial layout		
Academic support		
Working life start		

5-According to the writer, how can the authorities tackle the issue? (1mk)

.....rather than  
...../

1-About the first thing our eldest said when he came home for Christmas was that he was fed up with university and was going to drop out of his course . With a huge effort, I feigned indifference, muttered 'really ?' and carried on as calmly as I could with the crossword . Inside, however, I was bristling with exasperation and mentally shaking him by the throat. He had accumulated thousands of pounds worth of student debt and in the careers league he he'd fallen three years behind his contemporaries who went straight from school into a job. Make that four years, if you include his gap year in South America. And now, if what he was telling me was true, he wouldn't even have a degree to show for it.

2-It wasn't as if he had the excuses of most of the 22 per cent of students who, according to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) this week, are still dropping out of universities in spite of an £800 million government campaign to persuade them to stay on .He wasn't studying one of those new fangled courses that people of my generation find so laughable and many of Georges' find pointless and boring. He was reading Spanish literature and language -an absorbing and respectable academic discipline. Nor, indeed, did Georges have the other dropouts' excuse, identified by the PAC, of feeling out of their depth and lacking the basic literacy and numeracy to keep up, which they should have been taught at school.

3-George went to an excellent and expensive school, which gave him all the grounding he needed to prosper at Edinburgh. He's also bright enough to be able to work out for himself that it would be silly to give up Edinburgh with the winning post in sight. A couple of days after he dropped his bomb, I had the courage to ask him, "you're not really going to drop out, are you?" "Nah," he shrugged, "I s'pose not," It was just that he had these moments of disillusionment, he said, when he couldn't see the point .

4-The trouble with the authorities is that they've been pulling young people in opposite direction where higher education is concerned. On one hand, they've made it easier to get into universities by dumbing down entrance requirements and expanding the number of places available. On the other, they've made university life a much less attractive option than it once was. Not only do tuition fees and students grants mean that today's students run up huge debts, but the higher education expansion program has meant they get far less personal attention than they used to. In my day , it was the other way round : universities were harder to get ; but once there , we were looked after royally by our tutors , and I will be forever grateful for my free tuition that meant I could start my working life debt-free .My mind wasn't concentrated on getting on a return for any investment .

5-Instead of sending them unprepared into higher education and blowing £800million trying to keep them there shouldn't the government be concentrating its effort on teaching them the basics at school?



4) Match each sentence part in column A with the appropriate part in column B to get coherent sentences. There is one extra item in column B: (3.5 marks)

A	B
1- The <u>heat wave</u> has caused the temperatures	a) <u>warm</u> summers and mild winters.
2- The <u>drought</u> had lasted six months and farmers	b) to rise to 45°C.
3- The <u>fog</u> was so dense that visibility on the motorway	c) so there was great danger of an avalanche.
4- New Zealand has a temperature climate with	d) had been reduced to 50 meters.
5- There had been a heavy fall of <u>snow</u> followed by a <u>rise in temperature</u> .	e) had hardly any water for their animals and crops.
6- Even inside his sleeping bag he was <u>frozen</u> .	f) By the time she reached her office all her clothes were wet.
7- When she left her house, there was a light <u>drizzle</u> , but it soon began to pour with rain.	g) He put his head outside the tent and felt the <u>chill</u> air and saw the white <u>frost</u> covering the grass.
	h) to fall to 10°C.

1+	2+	3+	4+	5+	6+	7+
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II- **WRITING:** (10 marks)

1) The underlined words in the text below all contain mistakes. Provide their corrections. (3 marks)

As a volunteer, you will most likely find your experiences rewarded ..... When you donate your time to help individuals, organization ..... and causes, you also receive real advantages for yourself. A sense of done ..... something really worthwhile, a feeling of being accepted and valued, a chance to take on new responsibility ..... and sample different kinds for ..... work activity, an opportunity to lock ..... your potential and build your skills

1- Reading Comprehension:**The Battle Against Bugs Gets Serious**

(1) It's not easy for a workaday bug to turn itself into a deadly human pathogen capable of causing, say, a flu pandemic. In the past few years, plenty of ambitious viruses have knocked themselves out trying. The bird flu of 1997 was particularly deadly – it killed of all people infected. But authorities were able to wipe it out (they had to kill more than a million chickens) before it found the right combination of genetic mutations **that** would have enabled it to spread from humans to humans. The outbreak killed only six people, but it was a close call.

(2) What's got flu hunters spooked this season is the persistence with which these new bird viruses keep trying to make the jump to humans. Earlier this year, 30 million chickens had to be exterminated in northern Europe because they were infected by a bird virus. In early December yet another new virus killed 20,000 chickens and infected many others in farms near Seoul, forcing South Korean health officials to impose a 10-kilometer blockade around all poultry farms. When 3,000 ducks at yet another farm stopped laying eggs, officials exterminated the lot. In mid-December they put more than 100,000 chickens and ducks to death. Sooner or later, one of these new bugs is bound to find the right genetic code to break the genetic barrier. "The Big Flu is knocking on the door," says Robert Webster, a virologist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, who's currently doing research at the University of Hong Kong. "The virus is trying on different combinations to come up with the truly deadly one.

(3) Flu isn't the only worry, or even the biggest one. The SARS epidemic last year showed that new diseases can come from left field – in the case of SARS, from a cold-like virus of mammalian origin. SARS, though deadly, spreads slowly through a population, giving health officials time to contain. **it**. The persistence of viral transgressions is a clue that something has changed in the delicate balance between humans and microbes. It may be climate change, or the proliferation of airplane travel or a globalized food trade – or all of the above. Whatever the cause, the big fear is that some new type of bug will arise that kills like SARS and spreads like the flu, leading to loss of life on a grand scale.

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I- **LANGUAGE:** (16 marks)

1) **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words in the box. Be careful: there are 2 extra words.** (4 marks)

**network – e-mail – to – Internet – computers – connect – online  
– linked – from – data**

The best way to think of the Internet is as a vast global ..... connecting ..... across the world. These network range..... government departments and industrial and educational communication systems down ..... the personal online service providers.

At present, more than 33 million people use the Internet and over 3 million computers worldwide are ..... in. They use the Net for transferring ....., playing games, socializing with other computer games, socializing with other computer users and sending.....

Cyberspace is the term we give to this entire electronic domain. Whenever you are using one of the ..... services such as e-mail or the World Wide Web, you are in cyberspace.

2) **Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form:** (4 marks)

From Morocco, the two cycled into Algeria. And it was there that their adventure (**turn**) ..... to disaster. For neither cyclist (**prepare**) ..... for the (**freeze**) ..... temperatures in the hills of North Africa. The night became colder and (**cold**) ..... until one night they found it (**possibility**) ..... to move. They (**lie**) ..... there wearing every article of clothing they had with them and wrapping up in their (**sleep**) ..... bags, but it was no good. They just couldn't get warm. They (**should/bring**) ..... thick blankets with them.

3) **Circle the right alternatives:**(4.5 marks)

Our daughter has an addiction that's become a real problem: her mobile phone. She spends 200 pounds a month (**calling – talking – naming**) her boyfriend (**which – whom – who**) lives in the next village. He makes things (**badly – worse – the worst**) by phoning up and getting her to call him (**over – back – after**). She (**earns – wins – saves**) 40 pounds a week in the local supermarket and gets 50 pounds a month from (**we – us – ours**). Part of the trouble is her obsession (**in – at – with**) this young man. She always wants to know where (**is he – he is – was he**). To be truthful, I don't think he is (**bothered – bothers – bothersome**) whether he sees her or not.

Name : ..... Class: .....

1- **Reading Comprehension:** (14 marks)

A) **Tick the most appropriate alternative:** (1 mark)

The text is:

- a) narrative b) expository c) historical d) argumentative

B) **Pick out complete sentences from paragraph 1 showing that the following statements are false:** (2 marks)

1- The bird flu of 1997 spread from humans to humans.

2- Authorities didn't manage to eradicate the bird flu of 1997.

C) **Pick out information from paragraphs 2 and 3 showing that the writer is rather pessimistic about the scientists' fight against viruses.** (3 marks)

- 1- .....  
 2- .....  
 3- .....

D) **Fill in the table with the appropriate information from the text:** (3 marks)

Incident	Number of birds killed	Number of people killed	Other measures taken (if any)
1- The bird flu of 1997.			
2- The bird virus in Northern Europe.			
3- The bird virus in South Korea in early December			
4- The bird virus in South Korea in mid December.			

E) **Find in the text words having the following meaning:** (2 marks)

- 1- **virus** (paragraph 1) : .....  
 2- **killed** (paragraph 2): .....

F) **What do the underlined words refer to?** (2 marks)

- 1- **that** (paragraph 1): .....  
 2- **it** (paragraph 3) : .....

G) **How does the writer explain (in paragraph 3) the breaking of the balance between humans and microbes?** (1 mark)

.....  
 .....



He will probably be called backward, but Mitsuyasu Ota, the mayor of Hitara in Japan, doesn't care. In a bold and highly unpopular move, the boss of the town's municipal offices has just imposed a one-day-a-week ban on the use of computer equipment at work.

The move, Ota says, is intended to show staff how to work. "Despite administration being human contact work, there are a lot of young staff who mistakenly think that they are working just by sitting at their computers," he says.

Unsurprisingly, the Hitara City staff claim work will be left undone as a result. Writing by hand and communicating without email, they gripe, will be "inefficient" and waste paper. But Ota is not interested in their complaints. It was his own love of computers and his increased reliance on them, he points out, that prompted him to impose the computer-free day.

In our hi-tech modern world, such a step seems like self-inflicted torture. To most of us, wiping out computer use at work would be inconceivable to the smooth running of the office.

But perhaps Ota is right. Perhaps our computer-heavy culture actually does more harm to our work than good.

When computers were introduced in our working lives, they were seen as the key to a hyper-productive workplace. But

the promised benefits of increased IT investment have failed to materialise.

Take a peek at some of your co-workers and you might see why Ota has chosen to veto one of his favourite office tools. Those hands gliding across the mouse pad may actually be succumbing to the latest edition of computer solitaire.

Likewise, electronic mail has proved a mixed blessing in the workplace. As well as the time-consuming replies to friends and colleagues, experts admit that email exchanges at work are rarely as productive as face-to-face conversations. "Communicating via computer doesn't require you to interact with individuals," says Ivan Robertson, an occupational psychologist at UMIST<sup>(1)</sup>.

As people use computers continuously and intently, he argues, it is much harder for bosses to understand how and what work is being done. "A lot of it looks the same these days - just people staring at a screen. In the days of paper mail, people walking past could see whether or not you had stuff to deal with. Now anyone casually casting an eye over your desk can't tell how much work you have to handle and what's urgent and what's not. Work has become more privatised."

For that reason, it is harder to detect the time-wasters or those distracted from their work.

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