

READING COMPREHENSION.

Read the text then answer the questions.

THE TEXT

Last week I dropped my mobile phone face-down on the floor and the screen broke into pieces. I picked it up crying and all in tears. This meant I would have to replace the screen and be without my dear cell phone for a moment. I didn't have anybody's phone numbers memorized. Besides, without my iPhone, how would I know I got an e-mail or a notification on Facebook?

As the day went on, I started to enjoy my mobile-free experience. I took the time to enjoy watching my boys play. Together, we blew bubbles and played games without being stopped by incoming calls and text messages. I also enjoyed the sweet chirp of the birds and the pleasant smell of our neighbour's freshly baked cake. I did all the house chores in record time, because I wasn't stopping to check my phone every time I heard a beep.

The morning I gave up my mobile, I was anxious. But once my husband brought it home, my feelings were mixed. I was excited to have it back and felt no need to use it again. I asked my boys, "who wants to take a bike ride?" They both jumped up yelling, "I do! I do!". This sounded more inviting than a strong Wi-Fi signal. Off we went to explore the beautiful world, a world that is both connecting to daily.

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Comprehension questions

6 marks

1. Tick () the right option (1 mark)

The most suitable title for the text is:

- a. A badly- damaged mobile.
- b. A great experience outdoors.
- c. A day without my mobile.

2. Are the following statements true or false? Tick () the right box. (2 marks)

| Statements | TRUE | FALSE |
|---|------|-------|
| a) The mother spent a little time with her children before her mobile broke. (paragraph 2) | | |
| b) As soon as she got back her iPhone, the mother checked her messages. (paragraph 3) | | |

3. Find a word in paragraph 3 meaning nearly the same as: (1 mark)

worried (paragraph 3):

4. What does the underlined word in the text refer to? (1 mark)

"we" (paragraph 2) refers to:

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

Do you prefer to spend more time on your mobile or with your family? Why? Why not?

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.....because.....
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II. LANGUAGE 8 marks

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

never / biggest / if / lines / remains / certainly / unless / like

Online shopping is a glorious invention which allows people to buy things from the comfort of their homes. In fact, people do not have to stand in long at the checkout counter. The quick growth of electronic commerce has Changed the way we shop for the better. But Everything else, the world of online shopping is not all roses. There are a few problems that customers face while shopping online. The one is that you have no guarantee of a product's quality. Next, the issue of getting the correct size a serious drawback when shopping for clothes and footwear online. Besides, e-commerce sites are not secure, your personal data is at risk of falling into the wrong hands.

2. Circle the right option. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

There are obvious health benefits of cycling. Some extra movement as part (**for / from / of**) your daily routine can help you keep fit and healthy. Cycling on your way to work (**besides/ also / too**) makes you feel full of energy in the mornings. Importantly, cycling helps to (**ruin / waste / reduce**) air pollution. While cars pollute the environment, bikes are petrol-free. They are (**cheaper / cheapest / cheap**) to run, buy and fix than cars. Even if you don't have a car , a bike can pay for (**yourself / itself / herself**) when compared to the price of bus tickets. However, be careful (**why / where / when**) cycling! Always wear a helmet, pay attention to other traffic and don't forget your lights at night.

3. Match the sentence parts in column A with those in column B to get a coherent paragraph.

4. There is an extra part in column B. Write your answers in the space provided. (0.5x4=2 marks)

| Column A | | Column B | | |
|---|---------|---|---------|---------|
| ① Martin was inspired to begin "Kids and Smiles Club" at | | a- that they did not have much entertainment. | | |
| ② His parents encouraged him to get involved | | b- or giving a puppet show. | | |
| ③ When he made his first visit to the kids' hospital he noticed | | c- the tender age of 8. | | |
| ④ So he started entertaining them by playing music | | d- that these old patients didn't love him. | | |
| | | e- with community work in his hometown. | | |
| Answers | 1+..... | 2+..... | 3+..... | 4+..... |

III. WRITING 6 marks

On Earth Day, the headmaster asked all the pupils to collect rubbish and plant trees in your school. However, some of your classmates didn't like to join in.

Write in 10-line article for your school magazine to convince them to take part in this voluntary work.

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