

1- Reading Comprehension (16 Ms)

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In summer, as the ice melts, some bears return to the shore, fasting until the colder weather and sea ice return. Others continue to hunt. They swim in the icy water until they reach floating sea ice where they can wait for a seal. Bears who have been fasting all summer weigh less and are weak. They have lost too much of their fat, which is needed to keep them warm and as a source of energy.

Global warming has **increased** the temperature in the Arctic so much that the warmer weather comes sooner each year and it lasts longer. It has been predicted that by the end of this century there will be no sea ice left. As the temperature continues to rise, the cold winter will be much shorter.

a) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d : (6 X 2 = 12 marks)

- 1) Which of the following is **the title** for this story?
 - a. Temperature of Arctic
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- 2) The underlined word '**It**' in the (1st) paragraph refers to:
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 - c. the arctic
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- 3) What is the author's purpose in writing this text?
 - a. tell us about the bad effects of global warming on polar bears.
 - b. inform us about the floating of sea ice
 - c. explain how polar bears hunt in winter.
 - d. compare between polar bears and grizzly bears .
- 4) What is the **meaning** of the underlined word ,**increased**' in the 4th paragraph?
 - a. got colder
 - b. got fatter
 - c. got higher
 - d. got taller
- 5) Why do some bears weigh less ?
 - a. They feed on seals only
 - b. They live in the north pole
 - c. They have been fasting all summer
 - d. The weather is very cold
- 6) All the following statements about polar bears are **TRUE except**:
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 - b. Temperatures are rising in the Arctic.
 - c. The cold winter will be much shorter.
 - d. In summer some bears weigh less.

B) Answer the following questions : (4 X 2½ = 10)

7) Why are temperatures rising in the Arctic ?

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8) What will happen to the polar bear if the ice melts in the Arctic?

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3-Reading Comprehension

Read the following passage then answer the questions below:

A newly-married **couple** had just moved into a new apartment. One evening, they gave a party on that occasion. Many of their friends and relatives were quite rich, so they have received a large number of valuable and expensive wedding-presents. The fine collection of presents was on show in one of the rooms and **it** was much admired.

The next morning, they received an unexpected late present by post. In an envelope were two tickets for the best seats at a theatre, and a little note saying, "heartiest congratulation. Guess who has sent these " the young couple tried to find out what generous friend had sent the tickets, but they were to see the play and spend a most enjoyable evening. They returned late at night and found that a thief had broken into their apartment. All their valuable wedding presents had been stolen. On the bare table in the room where they had displayed them was a little note. On it was written " Now You Know ".

All of us meet people who are good and others who are very bad. We should be careful while dealing with people whom we don't know before. Dealing with people innocently all the time may lead to misfortune. A wise man is the person who has the ability to judge people's behaviour.

A) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

1- What is the best title for this passage?

- a- At the party
- b- The businessman
- c- How to rob a flat
- d- Moving to a new flat

2- The underlined pronoun " it " in the 1st paragraph refers to:

- a- The two-couple
- b- wedding dress
- c- a collection of presents
- d- rich relatives

3- What is the meaning of the underlined word " **couple** " in the 1st paragraph?

- a- Husband and wife
- b- father and mother
- c- man and woman
- d- father and son

4- What is the purpose of the writer in this passage?

- a- to show how flats are rubbed
- b- to persuade us to be kind with rubbers
- c- To tell a personal experience
- d- to inform us that the couples have expensive presents,

5- It is good to behave with people:

- a- innocently
- b- carefully
- c- cunningly
- d- carelessly

6- According to the passage, all the following statements are **NOT TRUE** except:

- a- All people are good and kind.
- b- The couple received the unexpected present in the afternoon.
- c- The couple knew that generous friend.
- d- The fine collection of presents was kept in the cupboard.

B) Answer the following questions:

7- Why did the couple give a party?

8- What did they receive next morning?

4-Reading Comprehension

47 of 55 following passage then answer the questions below:

The dictionary is the most important tool for all language learners. It gives them the different meanings and spellings of words. Most dictionaries help to pronounce words correctly by providing pronunciation and phonetic symbols. Moreover, they show the learners how to use the words correctly by giving them examples in meaningful sentences.

When you find a new word in a comprehension passage, it is not a good way to think directly of using the dictionary all the time to know its meaning. It is better for you to try first to understand the main idea of the passage and guess its meaning. Second, don't forget to look at the opposite of the word and try to **remember** it. If these two ways are not helpful, get the dictionary then and look it up. You will find different meaning for one word. You infer the suitable meaning through the text.

Some books have a mini-dictionary at **their** backs. The electronic dictionaries are the **latest**. They have more advantages than the printed ones because they are easy to download and carry, you can take them with you everywhere and listen clearly to the correct way of pronouncing words. Fortunately, smart phones can be supplied with different dictionary applications.

A) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

- 1- What is the best title for this passage?
 - a) Phonetic Symbols
 - b) Language Learners
 - c) The importance of dictionaries
 - d) New words
- 2- The underlined pronoun " their " in the 3rd paragraph refers to:
 - a) exams
 - b) books
 - c) symbols
 - d) meanings
- 3- What is the opposite of the underlined word "**remember**" in the 2nd paragraph?
 - a) find
 - b) guess
 - c) forget
 - d) try
- 4- What is the purpose of the writer in this passage?
 - a- to suggest ways to get dictionaries
 - b- to inform us that smart phones have dictionaries.
 - c- to tell us about the most important tool for language learners
 - d- to show how we guess the meaning of words
- 5- The electronic dictionaries:
 - a- used at home only
 - b- were very old
 - c- aren't better than the printed ones
 - d- have pronunciation
- 6- According to the passage, all the following statements are **NOT TRUE** except:
 - a- Most dictionaries don't have pronunciation or phonetic symbols.
 - b- You should directly use a dictionary when you don't know the meaning of a word.
 - c- It's impossible to download a dictionary on smart phones
 - d- Some dictionaries give examples and use the words in meaningful sentences

B) Answer the following questions:

7- What are the advantages of the electronic dictionaries?

8- Why is using the dictionary all the time directly is not a correct way?

People grow two sets of teeth during their lifetimes – the primary or baby teeth, and the second, permanent teeth. The first primary teeth appear when a child is about six months old. The rest of them grow between the sixth and the thirtieth month, and there are only twenty teeth in this set.

The permanent teeth in humans appear between the sixth and the fourteenth years of a child's life. In many cases, children still have their baby teeth as well as the permanent set, or some of them, until they are about ten or twelve. This can look very odd, because the permanent teeth are often bigger than the baby teeth, and because the first of the second set to appear are usually the two front teeth, making the child look very funny. There are thirty-two teeth in the second set, although the four wisdom teeth don't usually appear until the person is in his or her late teens or early twenties. It is as well to remember that this set is the one you will have for the rest of your life, so great care must be taken to make sure that they won't go bad or have to be pulled out!

A) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

- 1- What is the best title for this passage?
 - a. Our teeth
 - b. Our school
 - c. Babies
 - d. our lives
- 2- The underlined pronoun " them " in the 2nd paragraph refers to:
 - a. teeth
 - b. children
 - c. people
 - d. humans
- 3- What is the meaning of the underlined word " appear " in the 2nd paragraph?
 - a. be seen
 - b. hide
 - c. suffer
 - d. steer
- 4- What is the purpose of the writer in this passage?
 - a- to suggest ways to have healthy teeth
 - b- to inform us that adults have 32 teeth
 - c- to tell us about the two sets of teeth during lifetimes
 - d-to show that permanent teeth are often bigger than the baby teeth
- 5- The first primary teeth appear when a child is:
 - a- between the sixth and the tenth years
 - b- about sixteen months old.
 - c- two months
 - d- about six months old.
- 6-According to the passage, all the following statements are **TRUE** except:
 - a- There are two sets of teeth during life time.
 - b-Great care must be taken for permanent teeth.
 - c-Permanent teeth are often smaller than the baby teeth
 - d-Wisdom teeth don't usually appear until the person is in his or her late teens.

B) Answer the following questions:

7. Why should one be very careful about his second set of teeth?

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8. What makes a child look funny?

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5-Reading Comprehension

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following passage then answer the questions below:

Louis Braille was born in 1809 in a village in France. When he was only three years old, he had an accident while he was playing in his father's shop and became blind. His father tried to teach poor Louis how to read but he couldn't. Young Louis was very clever. He was also very good at music. At that time the blind were trying to read and write in different ways, but it was very difficult for them. Something should happen to enable the blind to read.

When Louis was sixteen years old, he had the idea of using dots, so he invented this kind of reading and writing by touching dots with the fingers. This is really the same way the blind use today. In 1828 Louis worked as a teacher for the blind. He died in January 1852 at the age of forty-three. Nowadays millions of blind people can read Braille in many languages. The blind can read in Arabic too.

We shouldn't forget to respect and encourage people who serve the humanity. In the Arab world, there isn't enough encouragement to the disabled or talented people. Sometimes, our societies ignore them.

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- a- A Clever Blind Man
- b- A Clever Father
- c- A Clever Teacher
- d- Braille Way of Reading

2- The underlined pronoun "he" in the 2nd paragraph refers to:

- a- Louis
- b- Louis's father
- c- A village
- d- the Arab world

3- What is the meaning of the underlined word "humanity" in the 3rd paragraph? a- kind people b- animal kingdom c- bad people d- people in general

4- What is the purpose of the writer in this passage?

- a- to tell us about the Braille story
- b- to inform that Braille worked as a teacher
- c- to persuade you of Louise accident
- d- to decide that Arab societies ignore talented people

5- Young Louis was very:

- a- angry
- b- stupid
- c- proud
- d- intelligent

6- According to the passage, all the following statements are **NOT TRUE** except:

- a- Louis Braille was born in 1909.
- b- Louis worked as a teacher in 1882
- c- Braille can be read in Arabic.
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