

I. READING COMPREHENSION (6 marks)

Read the text and answer the questions.

THE TEXT

- ① Bridget Hickson, 13, starts each school day with a soft drink. The seventh grader in New York City drinks a bottle of coke before classes begin at eight o'clock in the morning. Bridget's passion for soda is not that unusual. Kids today are drinking more soda than ever before, and many are buying it at school. In 1997, kids spent \$750 million on soda, sweets, and chips in school vending machines.
- ② Health experts are concerned that selling soft drinks in schools encourages poor nutrition. They point out that a can of soda contains 10 teaspoons of sugar and has no vitamins or protein. They want schools to take their soda machines away. Their purpose is to encourage kids to buy milk and other healthy drinks at lunchtime.
- ③ **"Kids have to stop drinking soda,"** declares nutritionist Michael Jacobson. "It has no protein and no fiber". Consuming too many sugary drinks can lead to many health problems, including fatness and toothache. In addition, kids who fill up on soda instead of more nutritious foods miss out on important vitamins and minerals. Choosing soda over milk, for example, prevents some kids from getting the calcium they need to build strong bones and teeth.

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Comprehension questions :

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

The text is mainly about the effect of soft drinks on :

a- kids' school life.

b- kids' health.

c- kids' habits.

2- Are the following statements true or false ? Tick (✓) the proper box. (1x2 = 2 marks)

STATEMENTS		TRUE	FALSE
a	Bridget usually drinks coke before starting classes.		
b	Health experts encourage selling soft drinks in schools.		

3- Fill in each blank with **ONE WORD** from paragraph three. (1x2 = 2 marks)

Nutritionists say that kids who consume too many drinks may have problems like toothache and

4- Tick the function that corresponds to the following statement. (1 mark)

“Kids have to stop drinking soda” (paragraph 3) expresses :

a- prohibition

b- possibility

c- obligation

II. LANGUAGE (8 marks)

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

extinct - saw - forests - time - hunting - saved - is - looked

A century ago, a bird called the passenger pigeon lived in North America. There were many passenger pigeons at that People often great flocks of them flying overhead. Today, there not a single one left. The passenger pigeons have become They have disappeared for two reasons : first, the where they lived were cut down to make way for farms and cities. Second, many pigeons were killed because they were good to eat and there were no laws to protect endangered species.

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

Jane Parker is the most creative person that I have known. She (**started - starts - starting**) piano lessons when she was only six years old. At school, she was always creating (**interested - interesting - interest**) projects in her art classes. When she was only twelve years old, she (**earned - purchased - won**) a citywide poetry competition. Her parents were very proud (**of - with - at**) her.

Now Jane works as a sitcom writer for a popular T.V show. She works with a group of writers, and together they (**decide - think - make**) of fresh projects. They also come up with funny dialogues which make the audience (**share - quarrel - laugh**) and clap their hands out of pleasure.

3- Match the sentence parts in column A with those in column B to get a coherent paragraph. There is one extra part in column B. The parts in column A are in the correct order. Write your answers in the space provided. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A	Column B
① Daisy doesn't get on	Ⓐ money to cover her school expenses.
② They don't give her enough	Ⓑ intends to leave school.
③ They always ask her to	Ⓒ well with her parents.
④ Daisy is so sad that she	Ⓓ help with the housework.
	Ⓔ buying too many stationeries.

Answers :

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III. WRITING (6 marks)

Recently, you have noticed too much violence in your school (fighting - destroying school equipment - taunting, etc). Write a short article for your school magazine in which you give your classmates some advice on how to behave correctly at school.

These hints will help you :

respect - tolerant - school rules - friendly - help each other - politely

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN THE ARTICLE.

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