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SECTION ONE : READING COMPREHENSION

(7 points)

Read the text carefully and answer the questions.

Peace : Where and How?

When I wake up each morning and read the newspaper, I ask myself, everyday, the same question , "What is wrong with the world?"

The world today is richer than it has ever been before. With the help of science, we are now able to use the wealth of our world to our maximum benefit. We are more educated than our ancestors ever dreamed of. We have access to more knowledge. I ask myself everyday what, then, is wrong with our world? I can answer that question with three words : it is sick.

It is sick with fear, instability and insecurity. Sick with tension and terrorism. Sick with power, greed and even with its own richness. And because there is so much sickness in the world today, it is in a state of perpetual war. Everyday, as I read the news, I see nations at war with each other.

Of the 4 billion people who live in our planet, nearly three quarters are undernourished and one quarter is overfed.

Just look at the contrast. In some developed countries, they burn crops to keep up their prices, whereas in poor countries, thousands of children starve to death in the desert sun. In western countries, they have mountains of butter melting to waste while in Asia and Latin America, a peasant often has to pay half a day's wage for cooking oil. In the rich countries, people live up to 70 years and more but if you are born in a developing country, the chances are that your life is finished before you are fifty. In the rich countries, on the other hand, people die not of hunger but of over-eating. Rich or poor, the reality we see all over the world is the same : the world is sick, it is at war.

But I am a dreamer. I hope that one day all the peoples of the world will work together rather than fight each other. They will establish a firm and lasting peace which promotes unity and brotherhood, based on mutual respect, understanding, and acceptance of the other.

Adapted from Youth in *Reconstruction of the World*.

Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. Is the writer worried about the world?
2. Do people lead a better life than before?
3. What are the causes of the world's sickness?
4. What are the writer's expectations for the future of the world?

SECTION II : MASTERY OF LANGUAGE

(8 points)

1. Find in the text words, phrases or expressions that are closest in meaning to the following.

a) fright (§ 3)

b) die of hunger (§ 5)

2. Find in the text words, phrases or expressions that are opposite in meaning to the following.

a) healthy (§ 2)

b) brief (§ 6)

3. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

If the birth rate in sub-Saharan countries (not decrease), there (be) one billion inhabitants by 2010. And as economic growth is slow, Africans (remain) as poor as they are today and as they (be) thirty years ago.

4. This is a conversation between A and B. Complete what B says.

A : Have you read the article about "The Children of Wars"?

B :

A : It is about terrible massacres of children in some countries during civil wars.

B :

A : It is awful, indeed. Children are abandoned, tortured, assassinated...

B :

A : They have done nothing to stop these crimes against humanity.

B :

A : I don't know, but they must try every means to help these children.

SECTION III : WRITTEN EXPRESSION

(5 points)

Choose one of the following topics.

Topic One : Using the following notes, write a composition of about 120 words about journalism and journalists.

— journalists play an important role

... inform people

— present a wide range of information : political, economic, medical, etc.

— journalists take risks

— reveal scandals

... articles censored

— cover riots and war events

— can be thrown in jail, wounded or killed

Topic Two : Write a composition of about 120 words on the following topic.

You live in the year 2025. There are no more wars. Injustice is a thing of the past. Describe how people live, what they are free to do, how they relate to one another...