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مادة اللغة الانجليزية

SECTION ONE : READING COMPREHENSION

(7 POINTS)

Read the passage carefully then answer the questions.

Their Handicap is Hunger

- 1 In a world where man is capable of reaching the moon, hunger is a scandal which causes a great deal of deaths among the poor of the Third World. It also leaves millions of others marked for life by severe physical and mental disabilities. For a large proportion of the millions of handicapped people in the world, the handicap is due to malnutrition.
- 2 One essential aspect of malnutrition as a cause of handicap is the effect it has on the brain of the infant, both before birth and in the early years of life. Mothers who have not taken protein and calories during pregnancy often give birth to babies of very low weight and very small brain. Recent medical research has shown that 50% of new-born children who weigh less than 1,5 kg suffer from mental deficiency. Malnutrition has similar effects during the first five years of life, the most important period for brain growth.
- 3 In 1974, the United Nations Food Conference estimated that 100,000 children go blind each year because of vitamin A deficiency. It stated that if we gave each child two capsules of vitamin A, the total annual cost of protecting 100 million children would be three million dollars. In other words with just three dollars we could save 100 children from the risk of blindness.
- 4 A large number of the victims of malnutrition will suffer all their lives from irreversible disabilities ... The result is mental retardation with all the sad consequences for future life ...

Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. Why is hunger a scandal?
2. Why is it important for a future mother to take protein during pregnancy?
3. What relationship has been established between malnutrition and handicaps?
4. How can we fight children's blindness?
5. Can the victims of malnutrition be useful to their societies? Why or why not?

SECTION TWO : MASTERY OF LANGUAGE**(8 POINTS)**

Synonyms: Find in the text words or phrases closest in meaning to the following.

- (a) serious (§1) (b) the same (§2)

Opposites: Find in the text words or phrases opposite in meaning to the following.

- (a) the wealthy (§1) (b) the least (§2)

Transformations: Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

- (a) Hunger has caused serious damage in Africa.
(b) Serious damage ...
- (a) He said, "If we take immediate action, we can still save a great number of children."
(b) He said that ...

Gap filling: Fill in the blanks so that the text makes sense.

In most developing countries one child out of twelve dies before reaching the age of one year. Infant mortality is frequently — 1 — by serious diseases. For — 2 —, poliomyelitis kills some five million of the world's children while three million others will suffer from physical disabilities. So — 3 — is it possible to solve this serious — 4 — ? Vaccination campaigns must be organised to — 5 — the children. It is clear that the — 6 — should be freely available in all hospitals.

SECTION THREE : WRITTEN EXPRESSION**(5 POINTS)**

Choose one of the following topics.

Either 1: Using the following notes, write a composition of about 80 to 120 words.

Handicapped people lead a very difficult life. How can their daily life be improved?

— Handicapped people unable to live on their own:

- can't move without help
- impossible for them to earn a living
- have difficulties making friends
- suffer psychologically

— Integration should be facilitated:

- providing medical care and means (wheel chairs, etc.)
- opening up specialised schools / centres
- considering them as normal individuals
- helping them find jobs

Or 2 : Write a composition of about 80 to 120 words on the following topic.

Why do some youngsters take drugs? What attitude should both parents and society have towards them?