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I. READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text and answer the questions

THE TEXT

① On her first day back to work after a four-month maternity leave, Amy Vachon woke up early to nurse her daughter, Maia. Then, she fixed herself a healthful breakfast, prepared a bottle of milk for the girl to drink later, kissed her goodbye and headed for the door. But before she left, she reached over to her husband Marc, who would not be going to work that day in order to be home with Maia. She handed him a list on which she scribbled the “how much”, “how long” and “when” of Maia’s napping and eating.

② The Vachons would not be the kind of parents theirs had been. Instead, they would create their own model, one in which they were parenting partners. After Maia was born, Amy and Marc negotiated part-time schedules: How often should the dishes be done? What constitutes “doing the laundry”? Washing it, folding it or ironing it?

③ Slowly, an agreement has emerged. The cooking is done by whoever is home that day. The laundry is done in the same way. Gender should not determine the division of work at home. The point they say, is to think over the chores you are doing with “no nagging”, “no arguing” but mutual understanding.

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Épreuve : Anglais

Durée : 1 heure

Coefficient : 1

Comprehension questions

6 marks

1. Tick (✓) the right alternative

(1 mark)

The text is mainly about:

- a- raising children
- b- doing housework
- c- sharing it all

2. Fill in each blank in the following paragraph with only one word from paragraphs 2 and 3:

(1 x 2 = 2 marks)

Unlike their parents, Amy and Marc..... their roles at home and reached an based on mutual understanding.

3. Read paragraph 3 and find an expression which has the same meaning as :

(1 mark)

Being a man or a woman =

4. What does the underlined word in the text refer to?

(1 mark)

- 'the girl' in paragraph 1 refers to:

5. Give a personal and justified answer to the following question.

(1 mark)

Do you like the Vachons' model of parenting? Why? Why not?

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II. LANGUAGE 8 marks

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

to – personally – purchase – might – save – about – should – goods

Online shopping has become very popular because it has many advantages. With just a click of the mouse, you can your shopping orders, which can time. When buying items online, there are no long lines you have to endure just to buy your However, there are some disadvantages that online shoppers complain They are unable to touch, see and test the product Moreover, the description and the photos of the merchandise be different from those of the real one.

2. 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. Write your answers in the space provided. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A	Column B
① Exposure to continuous noise	Ⓐ may cause headaches.
② In some cases, it leads	Ⓑ on our health and mind.
③ It affects concentration and	Ⓒ creates discomfort and irritation.
④ Therefore, it has harmful effects	Ⓓ increase the quality of life.
	Ⓔ to complete deafness.

Answers :

1 +	2 +	3 +	4 +
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3. Circle the right option. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

Is chocolate good for our health? Kim Hoffman, a dietician, (**warns / advises / invites**) that the sugar in chocolate is not good (**at / for / to**) us. But doctors say there are also healthful substances which (**lead / make / create**) a happy feeling like anti-depressants. Some experts say uncooked pure chocolate may contain (**fair / just / enough**) the right balance. The (**bigger / big / biggest**) value in eating cocoa and dark chocolate may be their (**danger / impact / ability**) to lower blood pressure. This comes from the experience of cocoa butter melting in your mouth.

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III. WRITING 6 marks

Your parents organised a party to celebrate your success in the national exam. At the end of the party, you decided to show how grateful you feel towards them for every good thing they did to you.

Write your speech below.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN.

Dear Mum and Dad,

Your loving son/ daughter