

## **I. READING COMPREHENSION 6 marks**

**Read the text and answer the questions**

### **THE TEXT**

- ① Stephen Sutton was diagnosed with cancer when he was 15 and passed away in May 2014 after battling the disease for four years. Shortly after his diagnosis, he set up his own website, Stephen's Story, which was meant to spread motivation and positivity. On his blog, he included a list of things he wished to achieve in his life. These ranged from small things, such as sunbathing, to larger things including skydiving. However, his primary focus was fundraising, with an aim of making £10,000 for the UK charity, Teenage Cancer Trust.
- ② Stephen's fundraising efforts were backed up by a large number of people who wanted to help him achieve his goals. After becoming very ill, Stephen posted several selfies in which he was smiling and giving a thumbs up as a thank you to his supporters. Instantly, people across the entire social media world, including celebrities were posting **theirs** while promoting his efforts. Despite his severe suffering, Stephen remained positive and focused on helping others.
- ③ On the day of his funeral, his supporters took to social media once more to post thumbs up selfies in his honour. It was wonderful how Stephen could inspire many with his fantastic story through his social media presence.

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### Comprehension questions

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

In this text, Stephen was mainly concerned with

- a- posting selfies through social media.   
b- setting up a website about sports.   
c- helping teenagers fight cancer.

2. Fill in each blank with only one word from paragraphs 2 & 3:

(1x2 = 2 marks)

While suffering from cancer, Stephen did his best to remain .....  
Even after his death, he was able to..... people throughout the world to  
fight that disease.

3. Read paragraph 1 and find the equivalent of : (1 mark)

died = .....

4. What does the underlined word in the text refer to ? (1 mark)

“theirs” in paragraph 2 refers to .....

5. If you were one of Stephen's supporters, what other action(s) would you  
take to fight cancer ? (1 mark)

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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)

borrowed - collection - gained - lent - enthusiastic - bigger - miserable - improve

Louis Soriano created a travelling library. He believed he could ..... the style of living in his town by bringing literature to its inhabitants. "I started out with seventy books and now I have a ..... of more than 4,800," said the primary school teacher. Soriano saw how ..... children were about reading. They waited for him in groups. When he arrived, he read from the books he brought. Then, the children ..... them. The library ..... national attention. When asked if he would move to a ..... city, Soriano said "I don't think so. My place is here."

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 Britain is planning to prohibit	Ⓐ vulnerable to passive smoking.
② This will help protect children	Ⓑ to smoke in public places.
③ Children are especially	Ⓒ than adults.
④ They have smaller lungs and faster breathing rates	Ⓓ from smoking-related diseases.
	Ⓔ smoking in cars with children.

Answers :

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

In 1960, biologist Sir Julian Huxley returned from a research trip to Africa. He was very much shocked by what he had seen there: the hunting of rare animals and the destruction of their (**habit / habitat / inhabitant**). The following year, Huxley, some fellow scientists and a few politicians (**found / find / founded**) the World Wildlife Fund. It became the largest conservation group in the world. Today, the WWF has 5 million (**supporters / offenders / peers**) around the world. It has national organisations in more than 50 countries and (**wastes / raises / earns**) more than 100 million dollars a year. The most important (**mission / opportunity / conflict**) of the WWF is to protect endangered species around the world namely the tiger, the whale and the elephant. The giant panda, one of the (**more / most / many**) endangered animals, has become the WWF logo.

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**III. WRITING** **6 marks**

Like many other teenagers, you realized that some of your classmates waste their pocket money on harmful and unnecessary things, such as cigarettes.

You decided to write an article in your school magazine giving them some advice on how to spend their pocket money appropriately.

**DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN THE ARTICLE.**

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