- (1) I have gone to the USA because I wanted to improve my language, travel, find new friends and, of course, experience American family life from the inside. I expected this experience to be very different from any experiences I've ever had before. I've stayed with my host family for two years and would stay even longer if I could...but my visa is only valid for two years. In Russia, I live in a big Siberian city called Barnaul.
- (2) As an au-pair, I'm taking care of five children. I really like my current host family and got very attached to the boys. I feel that kids got attached to me too. Children learn easier and faster because I really get to know **their** personalities and talents. I think that I'm a lucky person because I got to experience this kind of relationship! I can even say that I have two families now in Russia and in America.
- (3) My host family contacted me and <u>we</u> started to talk on Skype almost every day until my arrival to their house. They welcomed me to their house with kids performances and a big welcome banner they made for me. It was very nice. I started working the next day, my host mom explained me everything in the house, showed me around. They didn't have any strict schedule for me, I was always free to do with kids what I think is good for them. They did have a list of things that had to be done every day, such as laundry, folding of clothes and putting them away, cleaning kids' bedrooms and a bathroom, and doing dishes, but they can be done whenever I have time. In my free time I like to paint. I'm a very artistic and creative person, so art is my life.
- (4) I'm a very sociable and open person, so I have a lot of friends from all over the world. We like to spend free time together, share our experiences and culture. When I had my twenty-first birthday, my friends were singing "Happy Birthday To You" in ten different languages...it is probably one of the most amazing moments I've had in my life...I was almost crying. I improved my language a lot even though I didn't take any special classes. Now it is as natural for me to speak English as it is to speak Russian.
- (5) It is the most amazing thing that has ever happened in my life. It made me independent, made me grow up a lot, gave me an opportunity to look at things with different eyes and made me a better person.





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Teacher: Mrs. Imen Abid Smar Secondary School ** English End - term Tataouine exam III **Duration: 2 hours** Academic year: 2013 / 2014 **READING COMPREHENSION (15 MARKS)** I. / 20 1. <u>Tick () the appropriate answer. (1 mark)</u> The text is about: B) a Russian au pair in America A) an American au pair in Russia C) an Italian au pair in Britain 2. Read the text and say whether these statements are True (T) or False (F). Justify your answers with details from the text. (4 marks) a) The writer wanted to be an au pair to earn some money. (.....) b) The au pair stayed with her host family more than two years. (......) c) The au pair's duty is just doing some housework. (....) d) The au pair's English becomes better. (.....) 3. Circle the right alternatives to complete the following statements. (3 marks) a) The children of the host family dislike the au pair Like the au pair very much Touch the au pair a lot b) The au pair - spends all the day taking care of the children - spends the whole day doing her duties and housework - does her housework and practises her hobbies in her free times - all Americans c) Her friends are - a mixture from different countries - all Russians

4.	How does the experience of au pair changed the writer's life? Give at least TWO changes. (2 marks				
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5.	What do the underlined words refer to? (1 mark)				
	Their (paragrph 2)				
	❖ We (paragraph 3)				
6.	Complete the following summary with words from the text. (2 marks)				
Вє	fore her(paragraph 3) to the USA, the au pair talked to her host family via Skype daily.				
Sh	e is a(paragraph 2) au pair because her host mom is very nice. She discovered a				
ne	ew(paragraph 4) and learnt a new foreign(paragraph 4)				
7	Suggest a title for the text (1 mark) :				
/.	suggest a true for the text (1 mark) .				
8.	Would you like to be an au pair? Why or why not? (1 mark)				
	II. <u>LANGUAGE (10 MARKS)</u>				
	1. Fill in the blanks with items from the box. Be careful: there is an EXTRA item (3 marks)				
	diploma / teachers / career / joblessness / change / dropouts / who				
	nishing high school is an achievement that marks the beginning of adulthood. It also opens higher				
	lucation and (1) opportunities for the aspiring graduate. Unfortunately, for				
	udents (2)leave school early, the disadvantages of dropping out of high school				
	e many and can (3) their lives. High school (4) face fewer job				
op	portunities than their peers who earn their diploma. The lack of a (5)results in				

2. Circle the appropriate alternatives. (3.5 marks)

Is Your Teen Ready for a Job? Your teenager comes home from school and declares he wants to sell burgers (from / of / at)the neighborhood fast-food joint. He says he needs money for CDs, clothes and to buy his (own / owner / owning) car. Is this a step to (maturity / mature / immature) or a slip toward lower grades, inadequate sleep and a negative social life? A teenager's job (mustn't / shouldn't / can) teach work skills that will serve him well in college and prepare him for careers in adulthood. He will acquire

limited career prospects, which can have a lifelong effect. Those teenagers face the problem of

(6)..... more than their peers who continue their education.



confidence, develop a sense of (responsible / responsibility / responsibly) and feel (more / most / many) independent. If your child takes a job, you need to help him look for the (better / good / best) jobs, especially jobs that relate to his dream job.

3. Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form (3.5 marks)

III. WRITING (15 MARKS)

1. Write these statements differently (3 marks).

❖	Evervday	I wake ur	early and	drink my	, coffee with	my mother	(present habit)

- When I was a child,...... (past habit)
- A good teacher is respectful and caring.
- She is more intelligent and nicer than her sister.

2. <u>Choose from the box the appropriate missing parts to complete the following paragraph. The first one is done for you. (2 marks)</u>

Au pairing can consist of a number of duties (1).

Try not to have unrealistic expectations(2). You will have opportunities that might not have come your way (3). (4) is caring for children. It is worth insisting that the (5).

a) and never think that you are on a holiday.

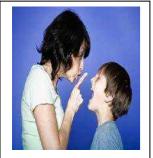
- b) Your primary duty
- c) job is very difficult and demanding.
- d) if you had stayed at home.
- e) more than learning a foreign language.

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Essay: 10 marks

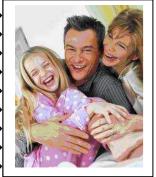
You have a lot of family problems and you cannot get on well with your parents. Write a letter to your father / mother to tell them about the problems that you are facing together and to suggest some <u>solutions</u>.



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Marking criteria: Communicative effectiveness:....../4 language accuracy:...../4 meachnics of langaue:...../2

