

# MEGRINE PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## ACHIEVEMENT TEST 1

### READING COMPREHENSION ( 6 marks ) :

#### THE READING PASSAGE :

A secret prison system for teenagers exists in the United States. Many have never heard of it, and even among those who have, few understand what it really is or how it works. You do not have to be found guilty of a crime to be placed in one of these prisons, also known as boot camps. All you have to do is be under the age of eighteen.

Once in a boot camp, teens are cut off from the outside world. They are not allowed to communicate with anyone except their parents, who are warned in advance that complaints of physical **abuse\*** and maltreatment are lies – attempts by their child to “manipulate” them in order to be taken out of the boot camp. All forms of news and current entertainment are forbidden in order to reinforce the impression that the world inside the boot camp is the only thing that matters.

At the age of eighteen, teens are legally considered adults and therefore allowed to leave the facility if they choose. But teens under the age of eighteen have no choice. Should parents decide for any reason that they've had enough of a child, they can sentence him or her to boot camp. And the child is helpless to stop them.

Todd Strasse : Afterword to the novel *Boot Camp* ( 2007 )

**abuse\*** ( line 2 paragraph 2 ) = Cruel and violent treatment of a person. ( maltreatment )

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS :

1° Tick ( ✓ ) the right answer ( 1 mk ) :

Teens are kept in boot camps because :

a° They don't do well in their studies ( . )

b° Their parents want no more of them ( . )

c° They deliberately choose to stay there ( . )

2° Correct the following statement with a detail from the reading passage ( 1 mk ) :

Teens suffer from being beaten and hurt in the bootcamps.

3° Fill in the blanks with one word from the reading passage ( 1 mks ) :

Teens are deprived of all types of leisure activities which are ..... inside the bootcamps.

They may entertain themselves again only when they leave the Camp as they become adults and have the choice to leave without their parents' approval

4° Answer the following question while justifying with a detail from the reading passage ( 1 mk ) :

Are the teens in the bootcamps allowed to meet or talk to whoever they want ? Yes ( . ) – No ( . )

Justification : .....

5° Find in the reading passage an expression meaning ( 1 mk ) :

before it happens ( parag 2 ) = .....

6° If you were one among the teens who were forced to stay in the bootcamp, how would you react ? (1mk)

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## II/ LANGUAGE ( 8 marks ) :

### 1° Circle the right alternative ( 2.5 mks ) :

On September 5, 2015, in a public park in LaVergne, Tennessee, fourteen-year-old Sherokee Harriman hung herself as other teens watched in horror. ( **Instead of** – **Unless** – **Despite** ) attempts to save her, the girl died. Sherokee's ( **heart-breaking** / **heart-broken** / **broken-heart** ) parents tell us that their daughter was kind-hearted, dearly-loved and Charismatic teen with a huge love for horses.

They hadn't noticed that she had been ( **taunted** – **supported** - **admired** ) by other kids at school and teased constantly about her teeth. In LaVergne, the community sought answers to questions about who, if anyone, should be held criminally responsible ( **of** – **for** – **about** ) being bullied to death. Sherokee and their lawyer Brian Claypool share things other parents can do to help protect their kids in and out of school. They ( **will now work** – **were now working** - **are now working** ) on ways to help protect other victims of bullying which aims to bring better awareness and resources about bullying.

### 2° Supply the right tense or form of the bracketed words ( 2.5 mks ) :

Nobody likes to talk about conflicts, especially conflicts at home. It seems ( **embarrass** ) ..... .  
Parents and kids must learn how to manage conflicts because they are inevitable. We neglect this at our peril.  
Some parents think that a family is healthy when there are no conflicts.

Unfortunately, conflicts in these homes are swept under the carpet. When a teen disagrees, she or he is immediately put down, stamp out and dismissed as rude or ( **disobey** ) ..... .

I believe closely-knit families must have conflicts but all members learn to manage them ( **affect** ) ..... . Most conflicts are unresolvable. Surprise? But it's true.

Think of the fights we have had with our children. They usually revolve around homework, room ( **tidy** ) ..... , time on cyber games, going out with friends. So, don't fret if you find ( **you** ) ..... dealing with the same issues again and again. Learn to manage the conflicts and recover from them!

### 3° Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the list below ( 3 mks ) :

rules - disagreement - trouble - behaved - expected - rather - honesty - prevented

One day early in my tenure, a teacher brought 7-year-old Rowan to my office. He'd been throwing paper towels out the window, and the teacher ..... me to do something serious. Rowan's tearstained face betrayed terror and defiance.. I weighed my options: soothe, yell, or

try something else entirely? Once Rowan stopped weeping, I surprised us both by asking in an even voice what had happened. He eagerly told the truth. "I wanted to see if wet towels or dry ones fall faster." I loved both his curiosity and ..... , and it was all

I could do not to grin. But then his voice dropped. "The teacher got mad. I get in ..... a lot. " I understood my challenge. I had to help Rowan make better choices, and help him and his teacher see each other as partners ..... than adversaries.

Rowan missed recess that day and wrote letters of apology to his teacher and the janitor.

He helped the janitor replace the paper towels in all the boys' bathrooms and did such a good job that he earned his teacher's genuine praise. His experience taught me that it's helpful to take time to find out what's going on, and not to yell. Kids respond well when you firmly clarify the ..... and give them a chance to reflect on their choices.



This allowed them not only to become well- ..... but also right-minded.

**III/ WRITING ( 6 marks ) :**

**Topic :** Read your penfriend's message via skype then answer it :

via Skype ▾

Hello ! How are you ? I hope you're great ! I'm sorry I haven't answered your last message, but you know, I'm still struggling with my family problems. My parents are still complaining about my imperfections. They don't get me. My poor school results, misconduct both at home and school and irresponsibility are the only matters that engage their attention. What's wrong with me ? How can I get things fixed and make them feel proud ? I'm really lost ! Please help !  
Take care and have a blessed day !



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