

English Teachers

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**Mark:** /20

## End-of-Term Test N°1

### Reading Comprehension: (6marks)

Read the text below and answer the questions



Caroline Halladay, a mother of a teenage girl, wrote the following letter to a British magazine to explain how she feels when she and her daughter have a fight.

My daughter Nancy, makes me cry sometimes. She is 14. I am a working mother and I feel the pressure of trying to meet her needs especially after my husband's death. I usually take her to school in the morning on my way to work and we don't meet until late in the afternoon. When I come home, I find her there doing her homework. I'm busy with the housework and I sometimes get angry with her because she's untidy. We usually talk a lot at supper but when I'm tired I find it difficult to listen to her problems because I, too, feel the need of support and cooperation. We occasionally have a fight and last week we had a bad one but there were obvious reasons for it. I had to work late most evenings. So, she didn't have the chance to talk to me about school, friends and other problems in her life. I know that our quarrel was about quite irrelevant things such as clothes or make-up and untidiness.

I was so sorry about that unpleasant evening that now I'm more concerned with things that matter a lot, like her physical safety, her views on life and her important choices and decisions. My daughter, too, is now sharing the cooking and is kinder to me.

I hope this letter may be useful to other mothers and teenagers.

Caroline Halladay



1/ Tick ( ✓ ) the suitable title to the text: (1mark)

- A Conservative Mum
- An overprotective Mum
- An Exhausted Mum

2/ Answer the following question: (1mark)

- What did Caroline and Nancy argue about?
- .....

3/ Give a justified answer to the following question: (1mark)

- Did Caroline find it easy to bring up her daughter by herself?
- .....

4/ Complete the summary with 2 words from the text: (2marks)

Caroline is a full-time worker. She doesn't usually have enough time to -----with her daughter about her problems. But now she decided to be more----- about things of interest to Nancy.

5/ What does the underlined pronoun refer to? (1mark)

it (line12) refers to-----

II/ Language: (8marks)

1/ Circle the right option: (2.5 marks)

Mr Clunes is a maths teacher. A few days ago a stranger asked him “(Do / Did/ Were ) you teach at Wellbourne school 30 years ago?” Mr Clunes nodded. “ Well, this is for you.” Said the stranger and gave him a notebook. “ My name is Charles and I was a pupil of (myself/ yoursel/ yours). I was very ( cheat/ naughty/ hard-working). One day you told me to write “ I’ll bahave ( best/ better/ good) in class 100 times. Right after that my family moved to France and I never gave it to you. Well, here it is now! I’m sorry it took me so long.” “ Thank you son. I’m proud ( about/ at/ of ) you.” Said Mr Clunes.



2/ Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box: (3marks)

However/ along / overprotective/ ignore/ convince/ yourself/ because/ besides

Dear Sofia,

I'm writing to you to give you some tips to help you bridge the gap with your parents. First, you shouldn't get angry, lose control and act in a silly way

**1**.....your parents do love you so much. Second, you should explain calmly that you are old enough to take good care of **2**.....

Your parents may seem **3**..... and conservative. **4**....., you mustn't be rude to them. I'm sure your parents will be understanding if you try to **5**..... them politely that you need to lead a more modern way of life.

I hope you'll overcome your problem and get **6**.....with your parents very soon.

All the good luck for you,

Yours sincerely,

Mary

3/ Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form: (2.5 marks)

I get two dollars for being polite and sweet when guests come over. I don't mind **(do)**.....some hard chores like tidying my room or laying the table if I get extra pocket money for that. I'm so happy I **(not/ squander)**.....my money. I save some in my piggy bank because my parents told me that money is **(earn/ hard)**.....and it has a value. I'm happy my friends don't get **(much)**.....pocket money as me. But I think parents should teach **(they)**..... children how to spend and save money.



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