

I. READING COMPREHENSION : (8 marks)

Read the text, and then answer the questions.

Yesterday, an electrician and his apprentice came to my house to repair some electrical wires in the kitchen. The apprentice was ready to take instructions and do menial tasks like cleaning the floor, picking up bits of wires and putting tools in the box.

While watching the boy at work, I remembered the days when my father used to take me to the neighbouring construction site. **There**, I learned to lay bricks, mix cement and push a wheelbarrow without saying a word.

I liked both men because they worked hard and silently in a very hot day. When they finished the work, they gave me the bill. The next morning, they sent me a message asking if I was satisfied with their service. I said I had no recommendations. "It is refreshing to see people working jointly and professionally and feeling proud of what they have done," I said to myself.

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Comprehension questions.

1- Tick (✓) the appropriate box (□). (1 mark)

The text is mainly about :

- a) Remembering old days.
- b) Doing work seriously.
- c) Complaining about work.

2- Are the following statements true or false ? Tick (✓) the proper box. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

Statements	True	False
a) The writer was not happy with the work done.		
b) The writer has building skills.		

3- Read paragraph 1 and answer the following question : (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

What kind of tasks does the apprentice usually do ? (Give two examples)

- a-
- b-

4- Fill in each blank with one word from paragraph 3 : (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

The electrician and his apprentice are of their work. They want to know how people feel about their

5- What does the word underlined in the text refer to ? (1 mark)

There (paragraph 2) refers to

II. LANGUAGE : (7 marks)

1- Fill in the blanks with 5 words from the list below. There are two extra words : (0.5 x 5 = 2.5 marks)

colder / with / skills / at / air-conditioning / tools / larger

Mechanics repair car parts and systems. In smaller garages or companies, a mechanic must be familiar all of these systems such as brakes and to diagnose customers' problems. In garages, however, technicians must be able to use a range of like jacks, screwdrivers and electronic diagnostic equipment. They must also have good to find and repair breakdowns. These days, mechanics are in demand in a variety of sectors.

2- Match the sentence parts in column A with those in column B to get a coherent paragraph. There is an extra sentence part in B. Write your answers in the space provided. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A	Column B
① Parents want their kids	Ⓐ use them wrongly.
② They buy them phones to be	Ⓑ of danger.
③ But phones are also a source	Ⓒ to be safe.
④ Children may	Ⓓ bad behavior .
	Ⓔ in contact with them.

Answers : ① + ② + ③ + ④ +

3- Circle the right option. (0.5 x 5 = 2.5 marks)

Tom is a disabled child. He was born with (**hear / heard / hearing**) problems. He does many of the things a normal child does. However, he can't (**watch / attend / repair**) a public school. He needs extra school support. He also needs the (**equipment / iron / wood**) that helps him get around. For example, he must wear a hearing (**aid / machine / ring**) to be able to listen to others. Tom has got many friends. They are helpful. They have (**learning / learn / learned**) some signs to communicate with him.

III. WRITING : (5 marks)

While working in a carpentry workshop at your technical school, one of your classmates had a small accident and cut his finger. You have decided to write an article for your school magazine to show how sorry you are and to give your schoolmates some advice on how to keep safe.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN THE ARTICLE.

A large rectangular box containing ten horizontal dotted lines for writing an article.