

**I- READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)**

**THE TEXT**

1- Amy Uprichard is determined to help any other child forced to spend the holiday season in a hospital bed. For cancer patient Amy, the festive joy was brought crashing down last year when she was admitted to hospital on Christmas Eve. The 18-year-old suffered a setback following a bone marrow transplant and was forced to spend Christmas Day and New Year separated from her family.

2- **The Northern Ireland dancer** has started an appeal to collect new toys to hand out to youngsters being treated in the Royal Victoria Hospital for Sick Children this Christmas. Amy is appealing for help by donating toys which must be new for hygiene reasons. "Christmas is a time of year that we love to spend at home with our family enjoying all the things we love most," she said. "Unfortunately, not everyone is so lucky to be able to spend their Christmas at home. I know from personal experience what it is like to spend it in hospital sick. It really doesn't feel like Christmas at all."

3- Amy was 16 when she was diagnosed in May 2013 with acute leukaemia and spent six months in and out of hospital receiving chemotherapy before being put on the bone marrow transplant list. Luckily her younger sister Gemma, 13, was a match and in November 2014, Amy underwent her transplant. Speaking about her sister's bravery, Amy said: "She had to go through something that was quite scary for her being so young. She did it and she would do it all again."

4- Amy was in hospital for four weeks following the transplant, then started to recover well and was told she was in remission in February 2015. "I got back to everything I loved to do, dancing and everything," she said. "I even tried a little bit of school work." But Amy insists that despite the setback, things could not be better for her now and she wants to use her experience to help others. Determined, she completed all her GCSEs from her hospital bed and has achieved her A Level in business studies. She now hopes to become a dance teacher and is currently running her own business, selling dance clothes.

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ANGLAIS (SECTION LETTRES)

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1- Tick (✓) the correct option. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about an unselfish cancer patient who

- a. makes children in hospital feel the joy of celebrating Christmas.
- b. shares her experience with children in hospital at Christmas.
- c. is in charge of the welfare of children in hospital at Christmas.

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2- Match the dates in Column A with the corresponding events in Column B.

Write your answers in Column C. (There is an extra event in B). (3 marks)

A: Dates	B: Events	C: Answer
1. May 2013	a. In and out of hospital	1. +.....
2. November 2014	b. Bone marrow transplant	2. +.....
3. February 2015	c. Beginning of her recovery	3. +.....
	d. Diagnosed with leukaemia	

3- For each of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false. (3 marks)

- a- Amy will accept any toy offered by volunteering donors. (paragraph 2)  
 .....
- b- Although Gemma was not a suitable donor, she was involved in her sister's transplant. (paragraph 3)  
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- c- The marrow transplant was a full success. (paragraph 1)  
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4- Complete with 3 words from paragraph 4. (3 marks)

Being ..... and optimistic despite a serious disease, Amy has already..... some of her goals in life and still hopes to do much more. She is ..... managing her own dance clothes shop.

5- Find in the text words that mean nearly the same as. (One word in each blank) (2 marks)

- a- Special and exciting (paragraph 1): .....
- b- Severe (paragraph 3): .....

6- Who/What do the words underlined in paragraph 2 refer to? (2 marks)

- a- The Northern Ireland dancer refers to: .....
- b- it refers to: .....

7- Give a personal and justified answer to the following question (1 mark)

If you were Gemma, would you donate your bone marrow to Amy? Why? Why not?

If I were Gemma, I .....  
 because .....



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II- WRITING (15 marks)

1. Use the notes in the table to write a 5-line paragraph about "The Assistant Robot" (5 marks)

The assistant robot	Robot / assist housewives / domestic chores
Designer	The Robotics Research Institute / Tokyo
Features	5 feet / 140 kgs / 6 wheels / 5 cameras
Performance	Clean floor / collect garbage / use washing machine / dirty clothes

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2. Someone said: *"I would rather own little and see the world than own the world and see little of it."*

Do you agree with this?

Write a 12-line article about travelling to be published in your school magazine. Support your opinion with examples and sound arguments. (10marks)

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**III- LANGUAGE (10 marks)**

**1. Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box. (3 marks)**

**whose - sight - schooling - site - especially - dwellers - long - which**

Urban exodus has occupied the attention of many researchers. According to recent research carried out by Halifax Home Insurance, one in three city ..... are dreaming of moving to the countryside. Fear of crimes, worries about poor ..... and the price of property are the reasons that make them ..... for a better lifestyle, says MoveMe.com ..... carried out research on 22,000 customers this year. It adds that this could generate a "massive exodus" from the top 10 cities in the United Kingdom, ..... London. Country people are well used to the ..... of new arrivals. Between 1981 and 2000 the Countryside Agency saw the population of rural areas grow three times faster than urban areas.

**2. Circle the right option (3 marks)**

The migration of skilled professionals is called the brain drain. It is often (**belief - believed - believable**) to have a negative impact on the migrant's home country. It involves the transfer of human (**species - race - capital**), which is key for economic growth. In many instances, the transfer takes place from countries suffering from scarcity of resources to countries enjoying relative (**abundance - abundant - abundantly**). Skilled emigration can (**cause - hinder - promote**) development by reducing the supply of important services. It also limits contributions to social, political, and economic institutions. (**Because of - So that - In addition**), the loss of workers educated at public expense can represent a substantial fiscal drain (**on - about - with**) the country of origin.

**3. Put the bracketed words in the right tense and / or form (4marks)**

It was a real nightmare in Dallas. The winds had finally calmed when Mrs King ventured out to see what damage the tornado (**cause**) ..... Then she saw her neighbor, Jose Santillano running toward her with his newborn daughter in his arms. The child (**gravely / injure**) ..... "He wanted me to take her to the hospital," Mrs King said. "I was thrust into the unsuccessful effort to save the youngest victim of a (**power**) ..... weekend tornado throughout Dallas' suburbs," she added. She and another neighbor got in a vehicle and headed to the hospital "I kept (**say**) ....., 'Oh, my God. Be OK, baby'," Mrs King recalled. Unfortunately, the poor little girl (**not / make**) ..... it to the hospital. At least 11 people died and dozens were injured. More than 2,800 (**fly**) ..... were cancelled on Monday nationwide. "Never (**I / see**) ..... anything like this, with this scale of (**destroy**) .....", Police Chief Mitch Bates said.