

## End-term English Test N° 1

TEXT:

1/ Nitish Kumar will never forget the day he and his sisters buried their dead mother in the back garden. The coronavirus pandemic had hit his family, who live in the small village of Madhulata in the deprived Indian state of Bihar, with a tragic **double blow**. It was his father, 40-year-old doctor Birendra Mehta, who had first developed symptoms of Covid-19 in the last week of April. Swiftly after, his mother, 32-year-old Priyanka Devi, also fell sick. Both were transferred to a private hospital they could barely afford, but on 3 May, Mehta died from coronavirus. Using the small amount of money the family had left, a cremation was arranged for his last rites

2/ But without anything left to pay for her treatment, Devi was discharged from the private hospital and sent home. On 7 May, she died too. With Covid stigma rife in the local community, no neighbours or relatives came forward to help the orphaned children perform her last rites. Instead, Kumar, 16-year-old Soni Kumari and 12-year-old Chandani Kumari found themselves orphans, having to handle the corpse of their mother alone. For *Kumar and his sisters, still grieving their father, the day they lost their mother was the darkest of their life*. He had carried his mother's body to the back yard of their house and dug the grave while Soni, the eldest sister, then dressed herself in a PPE suit and buried the body as best she could.

3/ At the age of 14, Kumar is now the only breadwinner of the family, and feared he would have to drop out of school to make money to feed his sisters. "I wanted to become a doctor," said Kumar. "But my first priority now is to arrange food for my sisters rather than continuing with my studies. Right now, we are surviving on relief materials being donated by social workers, but they will not be available all the time. I will have to work. With their death, my dream too was buried."

4/ "In this pandemic situation, orphaned children are the most vulnerable to the human traffickers. Especially the children from poor, low caste communities have the maximum chances of falling into traffickers' trap," said Suresh Kumar, a member of Human Liberty Network, a group of non-profit organizations working to stop child trafficking.

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**A-Reading comprehension: (15marks)**

**1- Tick (√) the most appropriate title for the text: (1 mark)**

- The effect of the pandemic on children
- Indian children orphaned by Covid
- Buried dreams

**2- Read paragraph 2 and sort out three details showing why the day they lost their mother was the darkest day of their life. (3mks)**

- ... ..

- ... ..

- ... ..

**3-Correct the following false statements with details from the text: (3 marks)**

a- Birendra Mehta was buried near a private hospital. (Paragraph 1)

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Nitish Kumar 's father was a rich doctor. (paragraph 1)

→... ..

b- The orphans haven't received any help from anyone. (paragraph3)

→... ..

**4- Answer the questions below (2mks)**

- Did Priyanka Devi marry at an early age? How do you know?

-Why did Kumar think that his dream was buried ?

**5- Complete with 3 words from paragraph 4 (3 marks)**

After their parents 'brutal death the orphans have become very ... .. and can be an easy prey for human ... .. and drug dealers especially children who belong to the poorest ... ..

**6- What does the underlined word in the text refer to.(1 mk)**

-“double blow” p1 line3: ... ..

**7- Find in the text a word meaning the same as: (1 mk)**

- Allowed to leave: (p2) = ... ..

- **8- Were you the orphans' neighbor would you help them perform their mother's last rites. why or why not?(1mk)**

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**1/ Fill in the blank spaces with 6 words from the box below**

**does / however / eventually / assume / though / jeopardize / fades / believes / even though**

We're all familiar with the idea that money can't buy happiness. Yet, the reality is that we all spend money and for most of us it is a limited resource. How can we spend our hard-earned dough in ways that will maximize our happiness? Most people . that "things" will lead to more happiness than "experiences." Physical objects—such as the latest iPhone, handbag, or car—last longer than say going to a concert, taking a cooking class, or going on vacation. Buying things make us happy, at least in the short term. In the long-term, , we habituate to new things and they may have made us excited and happy at first, the item becomes the new normal and into the background. So, before you pull out your wallet or click to order online, think about whether this purchase will *really* make you happy. If it will your basic needs, think twice. If you have some disposable income, considering planning a trip or taking a class to learn a new skill.

**2/ Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form.**

0.5X 7= 3.5mks

The relationship between child marriage and child labour brings together a variety of actors in international development and child rights. Child marriage (**to approach**) in varying ways by different sectors in international development. It can be described as gender- (**basic**) violence and (**to consider**) ... a harmful practice. In recent years, a debate (**to begin**) about child marriage as a labour issue—potentially a form of child labour or a factor leading to child labour. Globally, the total number of girls married in childhood is estimated at 12 million per year, and the greatest number of married children is found in South Asia,. Child labour is also (**to prevail**) in South Asia, with the region (**to account**) for slightly more than 21 million of the 160 million children engaged in labour worldwide. Many of these children work in hazardous conditions or for long hours. In (**bad**) cases, boys and girls are trafficked for sexual exploitation, trapped in bonded labour, or forced into domestic servitude.

**3/ circle the right alternative.(4Mks)**

0.5X 6= 3. mks

Although some countries have reopened their borders, many travellers are still unable to venture out during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. This has forced tourism industries to rethink how they can (**promote /hinder / inhibit**) tourist attractions online. One way of getting tourists to travel (**on board /abroad /broad**) from the comfort of their own (**coach / couch /coash**) is through virtual reality (VR) technology and 360-degree videography. Some tourist boards (**have gone /will go /are going**) one step further and created interactive tours of the entire country (**Thus/ whereas/despite**) highlighting their nation's most popular cultural sites and beauty spots. A number of capital cities from London to Washington D.C. have been offering (**comprehensive /restricted /dull**) virtual tours of their famous neighborhoods, landmarks and gardens.



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### III – Writing(15mks)

#### 1/ Guided writing

1. Use the following notes to develop a short biography about the famous businessman« Thomas Cook » (5marks)

Date and place of birth	November 22, 1808, Melbourne, Derbyshire
Education	Leaving school /10years old
achievements	-Founder of Thomas Cook and Son -First travel agency in the world. -Invent modern tourism./ package tours
Date and place of death	July 18, 1892, Leicester

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#### 2/Free writing. (10mks)

While surfing the net you 've come across a report by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs stating that « children in Tunisia are subjected to the worst forms of child labor, including in forced labor in domestic work and begging, each sometimes as a result of human trafficking » You felt concerned and decided to write a 15-line article in which you describe the condition of deprived children in Tunisia and suggest some solutions to better their lives..



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