

Review Paper (1st term)

Language tasks

1-Choose the right alternative (4mks)

Many people think that families become less important to children as they move into adolescence. Teenagers need us to give them choices and responsibility appropriate to their age. Teenagers can become stroppy, insisting they are **(perfectly / perfect / perfection)** capable of running their own lives and making decisions for themselves. Some parents may be tempted to throw up their hands and to opt for a peaceful life, letting them **(staying / stayed / stay)** out late, do the things they want, and even leave school early or not take up a challenging college course. Other parents may come down hard, and take over all responsibility **(of / on / for)** everything - what they study at school, who they see, when they are in. What may be more effective, and certainly more what teenagers need, is for a gradual process where teenagers learn to take on decision making, and gradually assume control. It's the **(more / most / much)** effective option **(yet / since / so)** part of being a teenager is to want to take on the role - and if they have no opportunity to do so progressively, they **(would seize / would have seized / will seize)** it in an uncontrolled way. When adolescents act **(responsibly / irresponsibly / wisely)** and foolishly it's often because they have been denied some control over their lives. The answer is neither to let them continue **(or / and / nor)** clamp down on them but to work out with them what responsibility they could and should take on and increase it as they show what they can do.

2-Fill in the blanks with the given words -there are two extra words-(4mks)

Caused – easier - therefore - dramatically, - liberal - previous –
however - communication – gap – misconduct

The generation gap is the perceived gap of cultural differences between one generation and the other. The reason for the **gap**. can largely be attributed to rapidly changing ideals and societal norms. The term came into use in the 1960s in America when culture and society was changing very **dramatically** between one generation and the next. Generational gaps are a modern



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phenomenon **caused** by the rapid changes of the modern era. Technological advances have made **communication**. with other cultures and different groups with different ideas much **easier**. As younger generations grow up with these advances and exposure to new ideas and cultures, they become separated from the **previous** generation in terms of philosophy and culture. The stereotype of conservative parents and **liberal** children is a result of the generation gap. In previous eras before the 1960s, communication was more limited. Younger generations grew up influenced primarily by their parents, their immediate family, and their immediate neighbors. Thus, they continued the older generation's traditions and ideals. **However**, in the present day, the influence grows larger with every passing decade. By the time children reach adulthood, they have come into contact with a myriad of ideas and cultures, shaping and influencing their thought process.

3-Put the bracketed words in the right form or tense (4mks)

My parents influence on me was so deep. They instilled self-dignity, integrity, and respect. Helping me **(to understand)** **understand** self-dignity, I had to discover my natural uniqueness and embrace them. They did not stress external beauty, I was always total, I was as pretty as my actions and attitude. If they were negative and **(not pleasant)** **unpleasant**, then I would be seen the same way. My parents were loving and **(affection)** **affectionate**, but they also gave us real talk. Having integrity was a must, without trust any relationship would fail. My parents had zero tolerance for non-truth on any level. Needless to say, I lead a simple life in their home. They also taught me to respect myself and behave in a wholesome manner, especially if I wanted others to respect me. We **(be/taught)** were **taught** that we are not just representing ourselves, but we are also representing the family and they refused to be brought to as open shame. My parents were traditional, they had high standards and **(hold)** **held** us to them. Initially I thought my father influenced me more than my mother. I picked up some of his characteristics; however, now I believe it was the opposite. I **(always/ feel)** **have felt** my mother chose to become totally engulfed in my father's life. There is no doubt that she loved him and was in love with him, however I was always concerned that she **(not seem)** **didn't seem** to have her own



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identity. So, I was (**determination**) **determined** to be my own person, make my own decisions, and have a career I dreamt of.

4- Put the bracketed words in correct form or tense. (4 marks)

When it comes to being benevolent and giving to charity, Oprah Winfrey comes to your mind. She (**donate**) **has donated** millions of dollars to charities and organizations so far. The Oprah Winfrey Operating Foundation, for instance, (**create**) **was created** in 2007 to give money to the Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa. Through the several organizations she contributes to, she has truly established herself as an (**altruism**) **altruistic** person. She has extended her arm and influence far and wide throughout the world. Besides these organizations, Oprah has (**willing**) **willingly** volunteered her time with other various charities. She is one of the (**large**) **largest** contributors to Free The Children, an organization devoted to (**build**) **building** schools for children in developing countries. Oprah is also a big (**support**) **supporter** of the Clinton Foundation, which supports many causes including treating HIV and AIDS and fighting climate change. On top of all this, Oprah also has a will that (**donate**) **will donate** 1 billion dollars to charity. She is, beyond all doubt, one of the greatest philanthropists in the 21st century.

5- Fill in the blanks with words from the list. There are two extra words (4 marks)

laundry / either / unique / alone / on / since / in / once /chores / every

I was delighted to hear about the BusyKid app, which was created by a parent who was trying to keep his six kids organized with their **chores** and teach them the value of a dollar. The app, which boasts nearly 500,000 users, allows parents to create a task list for each child, add in how frequently you want them to do each task like making their beds every day or taking out the trash **once** a week and choose how much money they will earn. The app gives you a baseline amount for each chore based **on** the child's age with the option to increase or decrease it. When payday comes, parents can simply approve the amount and it's automatically deducted from **either** their bank account or credit card. My kids and I sat down together and chose the chores to put on their list, including



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why some chores are better suited to them than others. "Can I do the **laundry**?" my nine-year-old asked, as I envisioned all that could go wrong if I granted that request. "How about you help me put your clean clothes away?", I countered, which he was okay with. Parents can load their offspring's earnings onto the card and kids can then use it to save or spend at their leisure. But, what's really **unique** is that the app also makes it possible for kids to donate a portion of their earnings to more than 30 charities. I was really impressed to learn that, in 2020 **alone**., kids on the app earned a total of \$7.1 million in allowance, invested more than \$350,000 and donated over \$45,000. Since we signed up, my kids have been so excited to check off the tasks on their lists and watch their earnings grow each week.

6- Circle the correct alternative (4 marks)

The situation is a typical one: standing at the school gates, listening to two mums competing with each other, boasting (**at/ by/ about**) their little darling's over-achieving, grades, multilingual capabilities, and all while only being six years old – ridiculous, right? We are all proud of our children and we all want to support them, but pushy mums are just a little intimidating and the pressure they exert on their children can be very (**detrimental/ instrumental/ sentimental**) to their child's development. Youngsters grow up trying (**hopefully/ barely /desperately**) to please their parents and as a result, can end up miserable (**thanks to/ due to/ because**) not meeting their parents' expectations. Their self-esteem is also harmed. Pushy parent syndrome can also extend to the children in a way that makes them competitive with each other. Bullying can also start, making school time and extra-curricular activities challenging. Children need space and time to grow and learn in their own way, and there is a very (**thick/ fine /bottom**) line between being pushy and being supportive. The most important thing is that your child is happy. Have boundaries and guidelines but (**let/ oblige/ allow**) them to make their own way in life. Wanting them to be excellent at everything is a very big weight to put on a child's shoulders. If your little one (**affected/ is affected/ was affected**) by the child of a pushy parent, keep positively reinforcing their successes and achievements in life. Teach them how to turn a blind eye, keep their (**nose / hand /chin**) up and focus on putting energy into the things and people that



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they enjoy, and remember 'a tiger does not lose sleep over the opinion of sheep'.

7 Fill in the blanks with 8 words from the list below. (4 marks)

responsibilities - strong - who - strengthen - understanding - becomes - misconduct - role - to

It's an open secret that a family is happy when it has things together like dreams, hopes, memories, and smiles. The relations of family members are based on mutual respect and **understanding**. But I'd like to stress one more family value, sharing **responsibilities** at home. Every family member should have a family **role** like taking a little child to school, doing the shopping or washing up, etc. If everyone in the family does his / her role, it will unite them and make a healthy, **strong**, and successful family. Performing the roles expected of each member can lead **to** family harmony and happiness. In such cases children, parents and other relatives **who** live in the house can help each other with any activity willingly. Togetherness **becomes** the first priority for all of them. Shared experiences also **strengthen** the bond between family members. Going on trips is a great way to make memories that can last a lifetime.

8-Supply the correct tense or form of the bracketed words.

The factors that help couples make their marriages successful are now the subject of urgent research. **(Be) is** marriage more suitable for some people than others? Recent work reveals that happily married couples are **(much) more** willing to compromise than people who have **(divorce) divorced**. They have less difficulty in accepting that their partner has faults and do not expect their relationships to be perfect. Researchers have also made the discovery that people **(real) really** do change as they get older. Surprisingly, when a person says to their partner, 'You're not the person I married,' it is likely to be the **(truthful) truth**. But some people have a **(greatness) great** ability to accept their partners' changes than others. Again, psychologists tell **(we) us** that people with happy marriages tend to be a lot more tolerant than those who have made the difficult decision to divorce. The **(evident) evidence** does seem to suggest that divorcees are more demanding than those who stay married.



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Put the bracketed words in the right tense/form. (4 marks)

The most common mistake we parents make is that we do not treat our kids their age – it's either they are too (**youth**) **young**, or we measure them at our own level. Once my daughter was on the phone long enough while my husband (**need**) **needed** the phone line free, his common (**complain**) **complaint** was the conversation was senseless. I, in turn asked him what (**will**) **would** he suggests a 17-year-old girl to talk on - "current affairs"? My husband (**immediate**) **immediately** apologized. While on apologies, it is a good idea to do so. (**Feel**) **Feeling** sorry for something we did wrong does not make us (**feel**) **feel** small. We only grow in their esteem and they in turn learn to apologize when it (**require**) **is required**.

Circle the correct alternative. (4 marks)

My family seems to be falling to pieces. My parents are always arguing over the (**silly / silliest / most silly**) things. I'm sure they (**would split / will split / split**) up soon. For years, they (**never tried / have never tried / never try**) to agree on something. My brother usually jumps (**of / at / down**) my throat because I haven't got a job and have to keep (**borrow / borrowed / borrowing**) money from him. Mum and dad make me (**to feel / feel / felt**) frustrated; they never accept me for who I am and want to control every single aspect of my life. I feel so (**overwhelmed / overwhelm / overwhelming**), I love them, but I can't accept that they treat me like a (**toy / puppet / doll**). my life is my life, it's not theirs.



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