

1-Broddy Rider is a 12-year-old student from Colorado who was left heartbroken after going home with an unsigned yearbook. Broddy is getting a lot of encouraging messages from people around the world. Many have written letters telling him that he isn't the only one who had no friends or suffered from bullying\*, his mom Cassandra told Fox News. Because of bullying, her son couldn't make friends at school this past year.

2-At the end of May, the students got their yearbooks. While most went home with signatures and kind messages, Broddy's yearbook was nearly empty. His classmates told him they were too busy and that he wasn't important. When he got home, he started to cry. Shortly after, Cassandra posted about the incident in a Facebook group for the parents at the school and asked them to teach their kids how to be kind.

3-During the school's end-of-year celebration, lots of students lined up to sign Brady's yearbook. "It was heartwarming. There were more than 100 signatures and everybody had positive things to say," Cassandra recalled. However, Broddy's story doesn't end there. His mom had the idea of posting their post office box on Facebook so that anyone could write to him. To date, they have already got at least 600 letters. And the good news is that they are still coming.

*Adapted from Fox News (2022)*

\* bully (bullying - bullied): treat other people badly and taunt them

### I-COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS 6 marks

1-Tick the right option.

The text is mainly about a boy who ... (1 mark)

- a-bullied his classmates on Facebook.    b-shared his memories about bullying.  
c-got much support after being bullied.

2-Answer the following questions with details from the text. (2 marks)

a-Why did Broddy have no friends ? (paragraph 1) (1 mark)

b-How did the mother help her son ? (paragraph 2)

3-Find in the text a word that nearly means the same as : (1 mark)

\_\_\_\_\_ (paragraph 3) : causing feelings of happiness and pleasure

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

"they" (paragraph 3) refers to : \_\_\_\_\_

5-Give a personal justified answer to the question below. (1 mark)

Do you agree with what Broddy's mom did? Why or why not?

I \_\_\_\_\_ with what Broddy's mother did because



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## II- LANGUAGE 8 marks

1-Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box below. (3)

loving / her / excited / pretend / erasing / to / afraid / grades

I am now a successful doctor but when I was young, I didn't like school. I always felt \_\_\_\_\_ of teachers. I thought they **were** severe people. At primary school, I used to \_\_\_\_\_ that I was sick to stay away from school. My parents told me that I had \_\_\_\_\_ work hard to succeed but I didn't obey them. When I was eleven, I met my French teacher, Mrs. Catherine. She made me love school, get good \_\_\_\_\_ and even pass with high scores. I respect and love Mrs. Catherine so much. Unfortunately, she died a few years ago, but I will never stop \_\_\_\_\_ her. I had wonderful school memories thanks to \_\_\_\_\_. A lot of people would not think she is a hero, but for me she's definitely one.

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense/form. (2.5)

Sometimes parents are not around because they are busy working. But, that does not prevent you from (**grow**) \_\_\_\_\_ up to become a doctor, a manager or anything else you would like to be. If you want to make it through life, rely on (**you**) \_\_\_\_\_ and finish your studies successfully. Do not worry and focus instead on learning new skills that you (**need**) \_\_\_\_\_ in the future to apply for your dream job. Make sure you have a happy life filled with care and encouragement from the right people around you. Do not be like those young people who turn to bad habits and (**violent**) \_\_\_\_\_. You must be aware that there (**be**) \_\_\_\_\_ always other options.

3. Match each sentence part in column A with its completion in column B to get a coherent paragraph. There is an extra part in B. Write your answers in column C. (2.5)

A	B	C
1-Nowadays, most men are	a-share housework	1-
2-Indeed, more and more men are changing their minds about how housework is only	e-qually.	2-
3-In my opinion, men and women should	b-and enjoyable!	3-
4-In fact, sharing reduces stress and makes housework fun	c-less tiring.	4-
5-Moreover, when shared, responsibilities become	d-hate doing housework	5-
	e-trying to help with the housework	
	f-a woman's job.	

### III-WRITING 6 marks

You are the editor of an online teen magazine. You received the following message:

Dear editor,

I have a serious problem and I don't know what to do. My parents refuse to give me more pocket money. They say that I spend it on unnecessary and expensive things.

What shall I do? Please help!

Yours,

Karim

Write an 8-line reply to Karim to give him 3 pieces of advice to solve his problem.

Dear Karim,

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Sincerely,  
The editor.



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## I- Reading Comprehension (6 marks)

It was the end of the semester and time for the final exams. As a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, I wasn't used to all the pressure. I didn't want to disappoint anyone, so I had to find a way to pass chemistry. I had to think of something, so I decided to make a little cheat sheet.

All week long, I studied really hard, and I almost thought I didn't need it. But then, just in case, I put it in my pocket. When the exam came, I put the little cheat sheet under the desk. I didn't even need it. But at the end of the exam, I put it in my pocket, and the supervisor saw me with it. He took my paper and told my teacher, the one who was my friend.

I felt so embarrassed. "This could not be happening to me!" I thought I was in a nightmare and would wake up soon. I was sent to the office; I had never been so scared. I was always a good student, and teachers always liked me, but after I saw the disappointment on my teacher's face, I wanted to cry and tell her I was sorry. She just sent me to the principal's office. As I was sitting there, I was going through hell. I wanted to rewind time and thought, "What would my parents think?" I knew how to get out of trouble. "Act all innocent, cry. I mean, you didn't do any harm." I thought it worked. The principal told me my teacher liked me a lot and gave me a second chance.

No one had ever done that for me besides my parents. I now truly see my teacher as a friend, but I wondered how I could ever get her to forgive me after what I had done. I learned a lesson the hard way. Yet my teacher helped me, and so did the principal. He said that the record will only stay in high school. They all helped me. I didn't know why, but then I guess they all believe in me and decided to give me a second chance.

Adapted from the Internet.

## I- Reading Comprehension: (6marks)

1-Tick (✓) the right title of the text.

a-Stealing at school b- Daydreaming at school c- Cheating at school

2-Answer the following question. Pick out only one detail from paragraph 1.(1)

Why did the speaker behave badly and break the school rules?

3-The following statements are false. Correct them with reference to the text. (2)

a-At school no one trusted the speaker.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

b- The teacher punished the pupil for what he did.

→ \_\_\_\_\_



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4-Circle the equivalent meaning of the underlined phrase: (1)

" I wanted to rewind time" means:

- a. I wanted to go back in time.                      b. I required much more time.  
c. I wanted time to move quickly.

5-What do these underlined words refer to? (1)

a-"her " ( par.2 ) refers to \_\_\_\_\_

b-"They" ( par. 3) refers to \_\_\_\_\_

## II-Language (8 marks)

A- Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box: (3marks)

**afford / save / argument / deeply / very / wasting / into / dog-headed .**

When I got married, I thought I would spend the most wonderful life. I was \_\_\_\_\_ in love. My wife and I always see eye to eye. Our life changed when we had children. It turned \_\_\_\_\_ a nightmare when they grew up.

My son Bob is fourteen. He is always \_\_\_\_\_ money and asking for more. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ all his daily expenses.

Thomas, his brother, is worse. He is also \_\_\_\_\_. The other night, we had a huge \_\_\_\_\_ about his growing disobedience and his bad school results. We stopped him from going out for a fortnight. Now, he often shouts at us and neglects his homework.

2/Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (3 marks)

My name is Steven, in 2002, I was six years old and I have remembered a very important event that happened in my life. My parents decided to take me to the (near) \_\_\_\_\_ school. The date was January 5<sup>th</sup> 2002. I was really (excitement) \_\_\_\_\_ about the whole thing. I (go) \_\_\_\_\_ there with my parents. They brought me to the headmaster's room. Later I knew that he was a friend of my father. He asked me a few basic questions about poems and letters, so I (answer) \_\_\_\_\_ him properly. Then he took me to my classroom and asked me to introduce (I) \_\_\_\_\_. It was (real) \_\_\_\_\_ a great experience to have friends in a new school.



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3/Match the sentence parts to get a coherent paragraph. There are two extra parts in B. (2)

A	B
1. I usually get fifteen dinars a week pocket money	a) that I won't spend much money.
2 I would like to get	b) it is never enough to buy what I want.
3. I can't save all of it because	c) is getting more and more expensive.
4. My parents always tell me that everything	d) buy stationeries.
5. I agree with them and I promise	e) which I usually spend on CDs and fast food.
	f) we don't see eye to eye.
	g) more but it's OK.

**III-Writing (6 marks)**

Ahmed is a violent schoolboy: he often beats, teases and shouts at his classmates. He also uses bad language everywhere.

Write a letter to tell him how to change his violent behaviour and be a good pupil.

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Dear Ahmed,

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