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Le sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4

I. READING COMPREHENSION

THE TEXT

1. Until our move to Cumbria, my husband David and I had been happy together. We'd met in the summer of 2002. Two years later, at 42, we welcomed our son Alex. Isabella followed in 2005. We were earning a combined salary of close to £70,000 a year. My mum was a cherished regular visitor, on hand to look after the children. I also had an unwavering support network of like-minded, career-orientated friends.

2. In 2005, David announced that he was fed up with Bristol and coveted a rural life. I struggled to understand his desire to leave. We enjoyed an active social life and we were both able to continue our common passion for triathlons. However, over time, I convinced myself that a move to the country would offer my family a perfect, enjoyable way of life. After all, life wasn't always perfect in Bristol. I was committed to a gruelling two-hour daily commute and there was no lift to reach our flat. Besides, I was ready to go to the ends of the earth for David. A couple of years later, we sold our flat and moved to Cumbria.

3. Naive as it might seem, we chose this remote rural destination simply because we'd enjoyed holidaying there. Within days, I was offered a surveying job with the county, and David a position as an accountant. I grasped these fortuitous opportunities, telling myself that fate was signposting the way forward for us. For a while, life was good. Yet, two years after we moved, two incidents occurred. First, I was made redundant, a casualty of the financial crisis. Then, shortly after, I discovered I was pregnant. It was impossible to secure even a part-time position while pregnant, particularly one which paid the kind of money we were used to.

4. Relocating to the countryside robbed me of precious friendships, left my career in tatters and cost me my marriage. David left me and I felt incredibly let down. I desperately wanted to save our marriage, yet it was a fruitless exercise. Today, at 53, I'm a single mother of three. To my eternal regret, I was grumpy, exhausted and felt like a drudge. While life outside our front door was breathtakingly beautiful, the day-to-day reality of life in a rural idyll wasn't panning out the way I'd envisaged.

Sarah Lewis, *Daily Mail*
12 July, 2015
[Adapted]



Section : N° d'inscription : Série :

Nom et Prénom :

Date et lieu de naissance :

Signatures des surveillants

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate title. (1 mark)

- a. A disappointing move to the countryside
- b. A breathtakingly beautiful countryside
- c. A dream-like move to the countryside

2. Focus on paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 and complete the table below with important dates and events in Sarah's life. (3 marks)

Year	Event(s)
.....	had her first child
2007	changed place of living
2009	was made redundant /
.....	became a single mother

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

a. Sarah had not much in common with her mates. (paragraph 1)

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b. The couple had different pastimes. (paragraph 2)

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c. Sarah lost her job due to lack of professional competence. (paragraph 3)

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4. Complete the following summary with 3 words from paragraph 2. (3marks)

After much hesitation, Sarah was finally to relocate to the countryside in search of an experience. The decision was far from easy as she to balance opposing factors before taking such a move .

5. Circle the two adjectives that best describe David. (2 marks)

- a. selfish b. loyal c. unreliable d. dependable

6. Find words in the text meaning nearly the same as: (2 marks)

a. lucky (paragraph 3) =

b. a person who does boring and difficult work (paragraph 4) =

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

If you were one of Sarah's friends, would you advise her to return to town after such an experience in the countryside? Why? Why not? (1 mark)

If I were one of Sarah's friends, I advise her to return to town after such an experience in the countryside because



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II. Writing (15 marks)

1. Use the notes below to write a 5-line paragraph about UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). (5 marks)

Foundation	- December 14, 1950 / replace the earlier United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
Goals	- lead / co-ordinate international action - provide emergency assistance: clean water, sanitation, healthcare / shelter
Achievements	- facilitate voluntary repatriation / refugees - help over 50 million refugees / restart their lives

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2. In times of crises, online learning could be an alternative to traditional classroom-based learning. Write a 12-line article for your school magazine in which you give your opinion about online learning, supporting it with 3 sound arguments at least. (10 marks)

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III. Language (10 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

upon / grew / born / because / factors / seriously / homelands / leading / due

For a long time, the USA has been known as the land of vast opportunities, acquiring an array of talent from around the globe. Some of the companies established in the USA were started by foreign-.....nationals. For instance, E-bay's founder, Pierre Omidayer, was born in France, and Google Sergey Brin up in Russia before he immigrated to the United States. However, with outdated immigration laws, the trend has begun to change, crippling the nation's economic growth.

International students from countries such as China and India flock American universities to pursue engineering degrees. However, completion, they often have a very difficult time securing a job or even starting their own company to the limited number of visas issued by the government. Many are forced to return to their, robbing America of skilled labour that is valuable, yet scarce. Years invested in providing quality education to these immigrants are rendered useless as they choose to go back home.

2. Put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form. (3.5 marks)

Climate change is a global phenomenon that largely impacts urban life. Rising global temperatures causes sea levels to rise, increases the number of extreme weather events such as floods, droughts and storms, and increases the spread of tropical life-(**threat**)..... diseases. So far, all these phenomena (**have**) costly impacts on cities' basic services, infrastructure, housing and health. At the same time, cities are a key (**contribute**) to climate change. Estimates suggest that cities are responsible for 75 percent of global CO2 emissions. It is (**vital**) important to make cities an integral part of the solution in fighting climate change. At present, many cities (**do**) a lot by using renewable energy sources, cleaner production techniques and regulations or incentives to limit industrial waste. Within the coming years, cutting emissions (**reduce**)..... local pollution from industries and transport. This will also improve urban air quality and the health of every city (**reside**), thus making the shift to an ecologically-friendly society.

3. Circle the right option. (3 marks)

Mobile phones should be discarded from classrooms and pupils need to be lectured about the dangers of device dependency, Nick Gibb, the minister of education, said. He added that he had concerns about the impact (**expressive / excessive / impressive**) phone use was having on children. He argued that the government (**would introduce / will introduce / has introduced**) lessons for pupils on how to limit their screen time. "My own view is that schools should (**allow / ban / tolerate**) mobile phones, particularly inside classrooms," he told *The Times*. "I strongly believe that every hour (**spending / spends / spent**) online and on a smartphone is an hour less talking to family. Children should be told to break (**off / down / out**) at least every two hours and avoid social media before bedtime," he added. The minister's comments came weeks after an Oxford University study concluded that using phones, tablets and laptops was no (**bad / worse / worst**) for teenagers' mental health than eating more potatoes.

