

**I- READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS : (5 marks)**

- 1- A woman pilot with two young children yesterday won the right to cut her working hours in half.
Jessica Starmer, 28, has fought British Airways since the birth of her first child Beth, now three, to be allowed more time at home with her. The pilot now has another daughter, Rose, one; she feels strongly that a woman should be able to be both a pilot and a mother. She said : " My victory is a sign of the way the world is going. Women are trying to combine careers and childcare. Employers are realizing that they have to be flexible to keep the best people in jobs."
- 2- After Beth was born in October 2003, Mrs. Starmer cut her flying hours to 75 percent of her full-time contract of 17 days a month. A few months later, she asked to cut down hours to 50 per cent her flying hours, but was turned down.
- 3- Mrs. Starmer of Corfe Castle, Dorset, whose husband Simon also flies for B.A., is one of just 171 women among the airline's 3,100 pilots. The oxford graduate, who started flying gliders at 12, feared she would be forced to quit her dream job if she could not cut her hours.
Finally British Airways reached an agreement with Mrs. Starmer.



Questions

1) Tick (✓) the correct answer. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about a woman pilot who :

- Ⓐ has decided to quit her job
- Ⓑ has won her battle for fewer flying hours
- Ⓒ has been fired from her job

2) These statements are false. Pick out details from the text to correct them. (2marks)

a/ Jessica started fighting British Airways when her second child was born (paragraph 1)

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b/ Mrs. Starmer works everyday (paragraph 2)

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3) Tick (✓) the correct alternative. (1 mark)

"turned down" (paragraph 3) means :

- Ⓐ accepted
- Ⓑ refused
- Ⓒ changed

4) Find in paragraph 3, a synonym of (1 mark)

to reduce

II- LANGUAGE : (10 marks)

1) Select 5 words from the box below to complete the paragraph. (2,5 marks)

little – few – healthier – stopping – discovered – more – following.

Workers who retire early are likely to die sooner than those who continue in their jobs, a study has found.

Contrary to the belief that 1) work sooner goes hand in hand with a long and 2) retirement, researchers 3) that men and women who retired at 55 were nearly twice as likely to die within the 4)..... 10 years as those who retired at 60 or 65. there was 5)..... difference in survival in those who retired earlier.

2) Circle the correct alternative (2 marks)

Internet addicts could suffer psychological problems. Users hooked (**on – in – at**) the web, get symptoms (**different – equal – similar**) to alcoholics if they can't get to a computer. If users can't keep (**check – checking – checked**) their e-mail or surfing the web, they start getting (**irritated – calm – happy**).

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

Over the years, UNICEF has worked for the protection of children all over the world. It is (to guide) by the principles and standards (to establish) by the convention on the rights of the child. In (to advocate) to protect children's rights, to help meet their (basis) needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. UNICEF helps to change the legal and policy framework of states and to improve the (to understand) of the convention itself at all levels of (social)

4) Match the sentence parts in column A with the right sentence parts in column B. There's an extra part in column B. The sentence parts in A are in the right order. (2,5 marks)

Column A	Column B
1) Sharon Banker's son was knocked down	a) wasn't on his mobile.
2) The driver initially said he	b) the line was open for 20 minutes.
3) But when the police checked his phone records,	c) it was a deliberate act.
4) The driver was eventually given	d) a risky thing to do.
5) According to the mum,	e) as he crossed the road by a motorist using a mobile phone.
	f) nine penalty points on his license and fined £ 500.

Answers :

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III- WRITING : (5 marks)

Next week, you are going to take part in an important football match.

Write a 10 – line article in your school magazine to persuade the supporters to encourage their team without causing any trouble.

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