

TEXT :

1. When Kristi Yamaguchi was a kid headed for skating practice, her young eyes already trained on Olympic glory, she would carry a doll of gold medalist Dorothy Hamill as a symbol of her dreams.
2. One Olympic gold and four World Professional Figure Skating championships later, Yamaguchi's dreams have come true. Now she wants to help others have the same experience.
3. *Always Dream*, once just a personal motto, became the message of a mission when Yamaguchi created the Always Dream Foundation in 1996. The foundation assists organizations that have a positive influence on economically and socially disadvantaged children in California, Nevada and Hawai.
4. "*Always Dream* was something I wanted to translate into work with kids," she says. "We wanted to give them the encouragement and support they needed to dream big."
5. The foundation raises money mainly through events and individual donations. Funds are then distributed to organizations that send lists of needed items, such as clothing, educational materials, sports equipment and furniture. *Always Dream* has provided shopping sprees for underprivileged kids to buy back-to-school clothes and planned holiday parties for children.
6. "It's all an appreciation of the love and support she got from her family when she was growing up," says Dean Osaki, *Always Dream's* executive Director. "She is so calm despite her success."
7. This year, Yamaguchi added women's issues to *Always Dream's* focus when she produced *A Golden Moment*, a skating concert that she hopes will raise at least \$ 200,000 for the fight against breast cancer.
8. But helping children remains Yamaguchi's passion. "All kids have dreams of what they want to be when they grow up," Yamaguchi says. "Some of them don't have the resources to do it on their own. That's where we come in."

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I – READING COMPREHENSION. (14 marks)

1 – What is *Always Dream* 's main mission ? Tick a, b or c. (1 mark)

- a – Fighting breast cancer
- b – Helping disadvantaged children
- c – Assisting needy women

2 – Fill in the table with the right information from paragraphs 3 and 5. (4 marks)

Name of the organization	Date of creation	Actions undertaken
<i>Always Dream</i>	1. raising money 2. 3. 4.

3 – For each of the following statements, pick out one detail in the text showing that it is FALSE . (4 marks)

- a. Yamaguchi's ambition started very late. (paragraph 1)
.....
- b. Yamaguchi has never been an Olympic champion. (paragraph 2)
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- c. Yamaguchi had a sad childhood. (paragraph 6)
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- d. From now on *Always Dream* 's efforts will be devoted to women with breast cancer. (paragraph 8)
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4 – Tick (✓) the option that best paraphrases the underlined word in each sentence. (2 marks) :

- a. *Always Dream*, once just a personal motto, became the message of a mission. (paragraph 3)
 - 1. a sport - promoting form
 - 2. a serious matter
 - 3. words used as a rule of behaviour

- b. *Always Dream* has provided shopping sprees for underprivileged kids :
 - 1. starving to death
 - 2. deprived of fundamental social rights
 - 3. denied access to school

5 – What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? (2 marks)

they (paragraph 4) refers to
she (paragraph 6) refers to

6 – If you had much money, how would you use it to help others ? (1 mark)

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II – LANGUAGE. (16 marks)

A – Fill in the blanks with 8 words from the box below. (4 marks)

enough – over – destroyed – disastrous – probably – catching – recover – Unless – If – saved.

Fish have gradually been getting smaller and smaller. There aren't
adult fish in the sea to meet demand, so fishermen are baby ones. The
fish on your plate didn't live long enough to reproduce. As a result, the
stock it came from didn't get a chance to Scientists have been warning
the politicians about the effects of overfishing for years.
..... politicians make radical changes, marine eco-systems will be
..... and fish will become a rare delicacy. If we don't stop overfishing now,
fishing will be

B – Circle the right alternative. (4 marks)

Very few people really need a mobile phone. If you (**ought / need / dare**) to speak to
someone, there are plenty of phone boxes (**around / about / round**). A mobile phone is a
status symbol. People think it makes them (**to look / look / looking**) important and
successful. It is also (**too / very / little**) fashionable nowadays. People buy them in the same
way as they buy the (**least / last / latest**) trainers or jeans, and very often don't use them.
In addition, mobile phones are often (**stolen / used / prohibited**) in public places like trains
and restaurants and other people around have no choice (**just / except / only**) listen to the
conversation which is very irritating.

As well as this, it can actually be (**exciting / dangerous / useful**) in some situations to
use a mobile, for example when driving.

C – Supply the correct form or tense of the bracketed words. (4 marks)

Studying at university requires qualities such as perseverance and concentration. In order to be (**succeed**) in your studies you need to spend a lot of time (**read**) books, taking notes and writing essays. (**be**) everybody up to it ? Are children (**intellectual**) equal as far as education is concerned ?

The required competences for college education are (**teach**) at school. Besides, now there shouldn't be any (**finance**) barriers preventing poor students from going to college. On the contrary, students are encouraged to pursue their studies and to get better (**qualify**) than before. Of course, success at university also depends on the (**know**) acquired in high school.

D – Match the sentence parts in Column A with their corresponding completions in Column B. The parts in A are in the correct order. There is an extra sentence part in B. (4 marks)

A	B
1. Forests protect water quality and	a. and influence climate.
2. They provide habitats for most of	b. 50 million indigenous people.
3. From this biodiversity comes a wealth of food and medicines	c. essential to human health.
4. Forests are home to most of the world's	d. soil stability.
5. On a large scale, forests act as "carbon sinks" absorbing carbon dioxide,	e. the world's land - based plants and animals.
6. When trees burn or rot, they release	f. one of the greenhouse gases behind global warming.
7. This phenomenon could have.	g. carbon into the atmosphere.
8. Finally, forests regulate local temperature and rainfall	h. disastrous consequences for mankind.
	i. a complicated interaction that is not fully understood.

Answer

1 → ...	2 → ...	3 → ...	4 → ...	5 → ...	6 → ...	7 → ...	8 → ...
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III – WRITING. (10 marks)

1. Develop each group of words / phrases into a correct sentence. The words are in the right order. (3 marks)

a. strange deaths / sea creatures / alarm / big number / scientists.

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