

### Part One: Reading Comprehension

(Score:12/20)

Read the following text in which the writer shows the importance of tolerance based on a real life experience. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

#### Accepting Others

1 Learning from life experience never ends. Although we sometimes think we know a lot, a simple incident might be a good opportunity to learn from and become better human beings.

2 We often believe the world would be a better place if everyone agreed with us. We also tend to think the world is all about us, but what about the others? In fact, we may find some people annoying because we do not take into consideration what makes them act the way they do. It never occurs to us they might have problems in their lives that we are totally unaware of. Consequently, we react in a negative way.

3 I am one of those who have never been tolerant of others. I still remember, not too long after I began to drive my car, a woman who suddenly pulled out of a parking lot<sup>1</sup> onto the road in front of my car. I was scared to death, so I reacted angrily. I pulled up very close behind her car – just to show my irritation and let her know she shouldn't have done that.

4 Sitting beside me, my mother told me to turn into the next parking lot. Safely there, she asked me why I thought that lady had pulled out in front of me. "She is rude and irresponsible," I replied. In a tender voice, mom looked at me and said, "Maybe she had been late and was distracted<sup>2</sup> by something". Then, she advised me to consider all possible reasons that make people behave in such a manner. She also added I should take time to think before I react. Her words have helped me look at things in a different way.

5 Later, I got married and had my children. My mother's words still pop into my head whenever such incidents happen. I have also taught my children what I have learned from my mom. Now, when we see or hear about people who get angry for insignificant reasons, my children would say something like, "They need Grandma's words!"

6 Today, when I remember this incident, words like patience, respect, and equality come to my mind, and they are all implied in the concept of "Tolerance". **It** is what we really need in our relationships to build a better community. Now, I am more mature and tolerant because I know how to accept others.

<sup>1</sup>*parking lot*: an area for cars to park in

<sup>2</sup>*distracted*: unable to pay attention

## Questions

**A.** Answer the following in complete sentences.

1. Why did the writer react angrily to the woman while driving the car? (Score:01)
2. Why are the mother's words of great importance in the writer's life? (Score: 01)
3. What is meant by each of the underlined phrases in the second paragraph? (Score: 01)
  - a. take into consideration
  - b. occurs to us
4. Give four character traits to describe the writer's mother. (Score: 01)

**B.** What does each of the following pronouns refer to? (Score: 01)

1. she (Paragraph 4)
2. It (Paragraph 6)

**C.** Refer to the information in the text to complete the following sentences. (Score: 01.5)

1. The words of the writer's mother helped him.....
2. The writer's children say that Grandma's words are needed when ... .
3. In order to show the woman that he was irritated, the writer ... .

**D.** Pick out from the text words that have the same meaning as the following: (Score: 2.5)

1. not paying attention (Paragraph 2)
2. anger (Paragraph 3)
3. unimportant (Paragraph 5)
4. general notion or idea (Paragraph 6)
5. fully developed in mind (Paragraph 6)

**E.** Restate the following sentences to have the same meaning. Start with the given words.  
(Score: 01)

1. I was scared to death, so I reacted angrily.  
If I.....
2. The mom's wise words have changed the writer's attitude towards others.  
The writer's attitude.....

**F.** Correct the one mistake in each sentence. (Score: 02)

1. Neither my sisters nor my friend were at the party yesterday.
2. Mom wanted to know why had the woman been late.
3. We have to respect people which beliefs are different from ours.
4. I have married a wonderful woman who always remind me that life is worth living.

### Part Two: Writing

(Score:08/20)

*"Learning from life experience makes us more mature."*

Write a composition of 150-200 words to tell about a real life experience which taught you a lesson and made you a better person.

Supply your composition with an outline and give it a suitable title.

[Score: 02 for **outline and title**, 03 for **ideas**, and 03 for **language**]

Part of the Q	Answer Key	Mark
	<b>Competencies:</b> Utilize text-related clues to comprehend discourse Develop interpretive understanding of printed discourse Expand writing skills through guided and semi-guided activities	
<b>Part One</b>	<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	
<b>I.A.1</b>	It was because she pulled out of a parking lot onto the road in front of him/He was scared to death.	01
<b>I.A.2</b>	His mother's words taught him how to be tolerant and how to make his children tolerant as well/how to look at things in a different way.	01
<b>I.A.3</b>	a. think about                      b. come to the mind	01
<b>I.A.4</b>	She is understanding, tender, patient, wise, tolerant....	01
<b>I.B.1</b>	she (Paragraph 3) refers to the <b>woman</b>	0.5
<b>I.B.2</b>	It (Paragraph 6) refers to <b>Tolerance</b>	0.5
<b>I.C.1</b>	The words of the writer's mother helped him <b>to look at things in a different way.</b>	0.5
<b>I.C.2</b>	The writer's children say Grandma's words are needed when <b>they see or hear people get angry for insignificant reasons/ people get angry for insignificant reasons</b>	0.5
<b>I.C.3</b>	In order to show the woman that he was irritated, the <b>writer pulled up very close behind her.</b>	0.5
<b>I.D.1</b>	unaware (Paragraph 2)	0.5
<b>I.D.2</b>	irritation (Paragraph 3)	0.5
<b>I.D.3</b>	insignificant (Paragraph 5)	0.5
<b>I.D.4</b>	concept (Paragraph 6)	0.5
<b>I.D.5</b>	mature (Paragraph 6)	0.5
<b>I.E.1</b>	If I hadn't been scared to death, I wouldn't have reacted angrily.	0.5
<b>I.E.2</b>	The writer's attitude (towards others) has been changed (by the mom's wise words).	0.5
<b>I.F.1</b>	Neither my sisters nor my friend was at the party yesterday.	0.5
<b>I.F.2</b>	Mom wanted to know <b>why the woman had</b> been late.	0.5
<b>I.F.3</b>	We have to respect people (which) <b>whose</b> beliefs are different from ours.	0.5
<b>I.F.4</b>	I have married a wonderful woman who always <b>reminds</b> me that life is worth living.	0.5
<b>Part Two</b>	<b>Writing</b>	
<b>II.A</b>	Outline and Title	2
<b>II.B</b>	Ideas	3
<b>II.C</b>	Language	3

