

Part One: Reading

(Score 11/20)

Read the following selection in which the writer highlights a case of a young woman whose death saved her father's life. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

A Daughter's Last Gift

- 1 The gift of Life is never meant to be returned, especially not wrapped in plastic, packed in ice, and enclosed in a small Igloo cooler. However, that is precisely the transaction that occurred last week at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, where doctors took the heart of a 22-year-old who died following a car crash and sewed it inside the body of her father.
- 2 Chester Szuber, a retired farm owner, had been tormented by heart disease for 20 years. He had endured three open-heart surgeries and operations to clear his arteries. Four years ago, he was put on a waiting list for a transplant. But early in a morning one day, he was bumped to the front of the line.
- 3 His daughter Patti – a nursing student who carried an organ-donor card, had communicated to her family her wish to be a donor and even drove a car with a bumper sticker promoting donations—had been thrown from a car when it hit a rock wall on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The vacation, said her brother Bob, was expected to be her “last joyful moments before starting university” in the fall. Instead, she ended up at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, brain dead.
- 4 Every organ donation brings with **it** wrenching questions for both families involved, all of which have to be answered within hours of the death of a loved one. Would the donor really have wanted the organ to leave the body? Would the operation put the life of the recipient at greater risk? In this case, the two families were the same, but there was a deeper implication that was particularly discomfoting: Can you take your own child's heart to feel and hear **it** beat day after day?
- 5 Patti's mother Jeanne initially balked. Fearful that having lost her daughter, she would now lose her husband during surgery. But the patient himself insisted, saying, “It would be a joy to have Patti's heart.” The rest of the family agreed. “**That** was what Patti would have wanted, beyond a shadow of a doubt,” said Bob. “It would make Patti the happiest little angel in heaven.”
- 6 In less than six hours on that day, her heart was removed, surrounded with ice, flown 970 km to Michigan, and deposited in her father where it began beating again. Szuber is listed in good condition and is expected to be released within two weeks. His daughter, the youngest of his six children, was buried three days after the operation.
- 7 While some 2,000 hearts are transplanted each year in the U.S., this operation was apparently unique. “I'm not aware of any cases in which a heart was transplanted from one family member to another,” says Joel Newman, spokesman for the United Network for Organ Sharing in Richmond, Virginia, which maintains a state registry of 35,000 requests for organ donations, about 3,000 of them for hearts. “While the odds of this occurring are extremely slim, **this** puts a human face on a real problem for thousands of people awaiting organs. You can save lives by donating.”
- 8 That's a judgment of supply and demand. Emotionally, the transplant touched more ambiguous chords. “My ethical meter says this is O.K. and should be done. My instinctive-feeling meter says, ‘Wow, this is very troubling,’” declares Arthur Caplan, who directs the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

9 Caplan added, “The heart is the most symbolic of organs. Had they moved a lung or a pancreas, it just wouldn’t have had the same emotional impact.” But a child’s heart! Surely no parent could bear such burden. Unless, perhaps, as in the case of the Szubers, the only alternative was another death in the family.

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Questions

A. Answer each of the following in 1-4 sentences of your own.

1. What does Patti’s gift signify? (Score: 0.5)
2. What was Chester Szuber’s health condition like before receiving Patti’s heart? (Score: 01)
3. Identify two clues that show Patti’s real intention towards donating her body organs. (Score: 0.5)
4. Why does Patti’s organ donation appear unique? (Score: 01)
5. What makes “heart donation” symbolic? (Score: 0.5)

B.

1. What two adjectives best describe Caplan’s tone in Paragraph 8? Justify. (Score: 01)
2. Identify the type of irony in Paragraph 3. Explain your answer. (Score: 0.5)
3. What is the thematic relation between Paragraphs 2 and 6? Explain. (Score: 01)
4. State two main purposes behind writing this selection. (Score: 01)

C. Scan Paragraph 5 for information to complete the table below. Copy the table in your answer booklet. Use phrases. (Score: 01.5)

Attitude towards Accepting Patti’s Heart	
1. The brother	
2. The father	
3. The mother	

D. The following statements are false because they misinterpret the information conveyed in the selection above. Rewrite each correctly. (Score: 0.5)

1. Szuber family’s case is very common in U.S.A. where about 3,000 persons face the same situation every year.
2. Patti’s heart had to fly from Michigan to the University of Tennessee Medical Center and be sewed inside her father’s breast.

E. Pick words from Paragraphs 2, 4, and 5 that nearly have the following meanings. (Score: 01)

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| 1. <i>tortured</i> | 3. <i>causing sufferings/ confusing</i> |
| 2. <i>pushed forward</i> | 4. <i>not being able to talk</i> |

F. What does each of the bold-typed pronouns refer to? (Score: 01)

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| 1. it (Sentence 1, Paragraph 4) | 3. That (Paragraph 5) |
| 2. it (Sentence 4, Paragraph 4) | 4. this (Paragraph 7) |

Part Two: Writing

(Score 09/20)

Despite the fact that organ donation has brought hope to humanity, still when it occurs, it causes suffering for families involved, ethically and physically. Some people reject it, while others accept it. Where do you stand? Develop your answer in an essay of 400-500 words by referring to real-life examples. Make sure, in your introduction, to put the reader in the general atmosphere of your topic and clearly provide a thesis statement, and that each of your body paragraphs starts with a topic sentence which you back up with relevant supporting details. Draft, revise, and proofread your essay. Your writing will be assessed for **ideas, language and style, and tidiness. (Score: 05 for ideas and organization, 03 for language and style, and 01 for tidiness and legible handwriting)**

Part of the Q	Answer Key	Mark
	Competencies: - Utilize reading strategies - Develop literal and interpretive comprehension of written discourse - Produce transactional writing	
I-A-1	Patti's gift signifies "a gift of life" which cannot be returned. People usually exchange gifts, but in Patti's situation, it is a special one, her own heart, presented in a very different way, "wrapped in plastic, packed in ice and enclosed in a small Igloo cooler."	0.5
I-A-2	Chester has suffered from a heart disease for 20 years and undergone 3 surgical operations (open-heart and clearing arteries). He has lived a very critical health situation which has demanded a heart transplant. This has led to have him on the waiting list for a transplant.	01
I-A-3	Many clues prove that Patti had a real intention towards donating her body organs: possessing an organ-donor card, having informed her parents about her wish of donation, and posting a donation sticker on her car. (Two clues are enough; 0.25 for each)	0.5
I-A-4	Normally, organ donation happens between 2 different families. Patti's case is very rare because the donation takes place between two family members, and one of them is dead. In addition, it is unique because the organ donated is the heart itself, and the people involved are a father and his daughter.	01
I-A-5	Unlike other donated organs (lung or pancreas), the heart stands for emotions and feelings. Thus, "heart donation" is very symbolic.	0.5
I-B-1	The adjectives are confused/perplexed and subjective/personal. First, he is confused between his ethics and feelings; each wants him to behave differently. Ethically, he does not find a problem in the whole act, but if it goes to his feelings, the act troubles him. Second, he is subjective when he describes the impact of this issue on him personally. He is under the pressure of his own ethics and feelings. (0.5 for each adjective with its justification)	01
I-B-2	There is irony of situation. Patti was expected to spend happy and exciting time before going back to school. However, the result was a car accident in which she lost her life. (0.25 for identification and 0.25 for explanation)	0.5
I-B-3	The thematic relation is problem-solution. In Paragraph 2, the problem is that Patti's father had suffered for many years from heart troubles so that he ended up waiting for a heart transplant. Paragraph 6 presents the solution that Patti's heart was transplanted in her father's chest. (0.5 for identification and 0.5 for explanation)	01

I-B-4	First, the writer wants to draw the reader’s attention towards using the organs of the dead in order to reduce the number of patients waiting for organ donation. Second, he intends to show that organ donation is not an easy practice. It has its emotional, ethical, and human impact. Another purpose is that he is indirectly encouraging people to donate their organs after death. (Two purposes are enough; 0.5 for each)	01								
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II-A	Ideas and organization	05								
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