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الرقم:مسابقة في مادة اللغة الإنكليزية وآدابها  
المدّة: ساعتان ونصف**Part One: Reading**

(Score: 11/20)

Read the following selection, in which the writer sheds light on domestic violence and the role of legislators in this matter.

**The Latest Victims of Domestic Violence**

- 1 Susan Walsh told Maine legislators a chilling tale in January. She said she had wanted to take her two children and leave her husband, ending a frightening and controlling relationship, but she was afraid he would harm the animals on their Blessed Be farm in Ellsworth, Maine.
- 2 In the past, she said in an interview, he had retaliated against her by running over her blind and deaf dog, shooting two sheep and wringing the necks of her prize turkeys. "It wasn't just the cats and the dogs I had, it was the sheep and the chickens—I was terrified for their welfare," said Walsh, aged 50, who is now divorced. "I knew if I were to leave, he wouldn't hesitate to kill them. He had done it before."
- 3 Experts on domestic violence say accounts like hers are not unusual. They say many men who abuse wives or girlfriends threaten or harm their animals to coerce or control the women. To address the problem, Maine's governor, John Baldacci, signed a bill that allows animals to be included in protection orders in domestic violence cases. "Many national studies on victims of domestic violence tell us that their abusers have threatened to kill, threatened to harm or actually harmed their pets as a means of keeping the victim from leaving the relationship," said Baldacci. "With this new law, we hope to help remove another tool for emotional and physical violence used by the abusers to exert power and control over their victims."
- 4 Maine is believed to be the first state with such a law, but the issue has captured attention around the United States as police departments, domestic-violence programs, animal protection societies, state officials become increasingly aware of a link between domestic violence and animal abuse.
- 5 A new program in Columbus, Ohio, places animals of victims of domestic violence in a women's prison, where the inmates care for them. In Nashville, the city gives such pets a haven for up to 30 days, and the St. Louis Domestic Violence Pet Assistance Program finds foster homes for them.
- 6 "There are some batterers who are prone to using coercion and terrorizing tactics and who very well know how strongly attached their partner is to the animals in her life," said Frank Ascione, a psychologist at Utah State University. "It's the dynamic of preying on the love and affection that women often have for the animals in their lives, which may be their only source of solace, their only source of unconditional love."
- 7 Maine's public safety commissioner, Michael Cantara, said, "Police and prosecutors are well aware of the very close link between threats to pets and threats to family members." He cited a 2002 case in which an abusive husband had beaten the family's cats to death, buried them in the yard and threatened a similar fate for his wife and children. Karen Days, president of the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence in Ohio, said that when she worked at the city prosecutor's office, "I had a victim who was in my office and the prosecutor agreed to issue a warrant for the arrest of her partner, but she was just adamant that she be able to go home first and get her dog." When I asked why, she said, "When I left him before, he started mailing me pieces of my cat to tell me if you don't come back, this is what I'm going to continue to do."
- 8 In homes with children, there are other concerns, Ascione said. He added that seeing animals abused makes "some kids likely to act out what they may have witnessed," while others "get even more strongly attached to their pets," which can be dangerous if the "children start trying to intervene to protect the animals."

## Questions

A. In 2-4 sentences, answer each of the following in your own words.

1. What type of introduction does the writer of the above selection use? What purpose(s) does it serve? (Score: 01.5)
2. Pick **two** major ideas presented in Paragraph 3. Then explain the thematic relationship between them. (Score: 01.5)
3. Scan Paragraphs 3, 4, 6, and 7, and then state the two forms of violence mentioned. Show why abusers resort to such types of violence. (Score: 01.5)
4. Write a character sketch of Susan Walsh's husband, the abuser. (Score: 01.5)
5. With reference to the selection, how do the authorities contribute to the solution of domestic violence? (Score: 01)

B. Refer to Paragraphs 3, 6, and 7 to fill the following table with the required information, using phrases. Copy the table in your answer booklet. (Score: 01.5)

Experts	Position	Role Played
John Baldacci		
Frank Ascione		
Michael Cantara		

C. Identify the *patterns* of organization used in Paragraph 8. Justify your answer. (Score: 01.5)

D. The following statements are false because they misinterpret the meaning conveyed in the above selection. Rewrite each statement so that it agrees with what the writer says or implies.

1. The batterers abuse animals to terrify only their wives. (Score: 01)
2. Domestic- violence abusers batter pets simply because they don't like them in their houses.

### Part Two: Writing

(Score: 09/20)

*Domestic violence is a social crime which has many **damaging effects** on family life. What are the **causes** of such a phenomenon in the first place? Are they **psychological, social, economic, or traditional** in nature? In an essay of 250-300 words, discuss the above issue by explaining at least two **causes**. Then, provide **possible solutions** that might alleviate the sufferings and pains of the victimized. Make sure that, in your introduction, you put your 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, style, and tidiness**.*

(Score: 05 for ideas and organization, 03 for language and style, and 01 for tidiness and legible handwriting)

SECONDARY CYCLE CERTIFICATE

Exam Session of June 2006  
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**ANSWER KEY**

**Competencies :**

- Utilize reading strategies.
- Develop literal and interpretive comprehension of printed discourse.
- Produce transactional writing.

**A.** 1. The writer uses somebody’s personal life experience/ live example/ an anecdote as an introduction to his/ her text.

Purposes

- To put the reader in the general atmosphere of the text.
- To draw reader’s attention and arouse his/her curiosity .
- To introduce the main idea of the issue at hand.
- To prepare the reader for a discussion of the topic in the rest of the selection.

2. In Paragraph 3, the writer presents two main ideas :

The first idea focuses on the problem of violence against pets. The second presents the bill that was passed to protect the abused women and animals as well. Thus, the relationship is that of a problem and solution.

3. The two types of violence that the writer mentions in Paragraph 3 are emotional (psychological) and physical.

Purposes:

- a. To coerce or control women
- b. To keep the victim within relationship

4. Suggested answer :

The batterer in the above text is portrayed as a domineering, authoritative and tough person. His merciless and bloody nature is unveiled throughout the text, especially when he tyrannizes and terrifies his wife. Some adjectives that may be used to describe the character are:

Domineering, possessive, authoritative, tyrannical, aggressive, bloody, tough, merciless, evil, and mean.

5. American authorities attempted to solve the problem of domestic violence in more than one way.

A bill that includes protection laws for the animals of victims of domestic violence was signed by the governor of Maine. In other cities, victimized animals were either placed in a women’s prison where they received care or were put in shelters or foster homes.

**B.**

Experts	Position	Role Played
John Baldacci	Maine’s governor	Signing a bill...in domestic violence cases.
Frank Ascione	A psychologist at Utah State University	Pointing out the dynamic...love.
Michael Cantara	Maine’s public safety commissioner	Citing out cases of the very close link...members.

**C.**

Pattern	Evidence
Cause-effect	seeing animals abused <b>makes</b> ...witnessed/ which can be dangerous...animals
Contrast (Comparison)	Some kids likely.... <b>while</b> others get even more strongly attached to their pets

- D.**
1. The batterers abuse animals to terrify their wives as well as their children at times.
  2. Abusers batter pets to coerce or control the women.