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الرقم:مسابقة في مادة اللغة الإنكليزية وآدابها
المدّة: ثلاث ساعات**Part One : Reading****(Score : 11/20)**

The following article reflects a mother's delicate thoughts and sincere feelings for her son. Read it carefully, and then answer the questions that follow.

To My Son

1 The cycle of life never ends; what keeps it going is continuity which is never achieved but through prodigious successors: Grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren. And all of them partake in the formation of a new generation. Each generation might be greatly or slightly different from the preceding one. Nevertheless, the successors retain their titles; there is still a grandmother, a father, and a child with each fulfilling his or her own duties.

2 Each and every one of us went through, or is going through, a period of turmoil. But if it hadn't been because of the strong ties among the family members, no one could have overcome one's agonizing mishaps and calamitous fate.

3 At all moments, parents are there to assume their role, to bestow salvation upon their children, to liberate them from ignorance and save them from destruction, to allow open discussions about daily problems, and to offer advice on matters deep and obscure.

4 A family is there for you when you are comfortable as well as desperate.

5 My child, I am always there for you and will always be. My presence will never cease to exist until death draws us apart. My beloved son, you have become a teenager now and as a loving and devoted mother, I will never cease from loving you as long as I live. Whether you admit it or not, you will always be my child, my own flesh and blood. I am your mother and it's a fact that no worldly power can alter. I have nurtured you, held you and loved you. With all the pain and suffering that I sustained during my pregnancy, labor, and your upbringing, I feel an ever sprouting love for you.

6 God only knows how much I cherish the moments when you are around. My love for you will never stop and neither will my duty. When I stop myself from eating first, it is because I have become reluctant to indulge in what your eyes longed for so ravenously. When I don't close my eyes at night before you fall asleep, it is because I feel I am your sole protector.

7 When I am worried when you have a test, it is because I wish you success and achievement. When I stay up all night waiting for you to come back home, it is because my instinct tells me that I need my other undeniable half safe and secure in order to sleep.

8 If I have so far stimulated your feelings, it is needless to count endless sentiments. But if my words to you do not evoke any fluttering feelings, I would rather pay no heed and turn deaf ears. Having borne a child with a cold-blooded heart is a serious loss for a mother who sacrificed her life and soul for his sake. Is it too much for a mother to solicit tolerance, sympathy, and understanding from her children?

9 Teenagers feel misjudged by their parents sometimes, but in fact, they are the ones misjudging their parents. Does a mother stop being one when her child becomes a teenager? Are you asking me to withdraw from your life now that you have become a teenager? Are you saying you will not utter first the word "Mom" when you fall and hurt yourself?

10 When you say that it is my pleasure to give you problems, you are absolutely wrong. Since when have I intended to trouble you? Since when have I failed to take care of you and give you advice?

11 I went through the same confusion when I was your age, but I never failed to have my mother as a first and last resort to help me handle my problems. She knows best because she's the only one with true, honest and pure feelings. I understand you are rebelling right now and you expect me to stand as a spectator without being fully involved in your life.

12 If I were a stone and saw my child in trouble, I would move. I swear I am not drained of strength and vigor and I will never be. I have never complained. In fact, I forget all my sorrows and my weaknesses when I look in your eyes. But it seems I am not welcome in your world anymore.

13 You belong to a new generation with new thoughts, beliefs, and resolutions, whereas I belong to the old-fashioned and timeworn generation.

14 We are not standing on trial in court. I will not condemn you for the wrongs you do. It's undeniable that life is full of trials and errors. That's why I always want to be there for you. Do not exclude me just because you want to search and explore by yourself.

15 Discover the world alone but never forget that your mom will open her heart eternally to alleviate your pain and eradicate your sorrows. May God shield you from the misfortunes of life when my soul subsides.

QUESTIONS

A. Answer each of the following questions in 2 – 4 complete sentences of your own.

1. In reference to Paragraphs 2 and 3, describe the role given to family relations. (Score:0.5)

2. Give two pieces of evidence from the above text to show the mother's unselfishness. (Score:01)

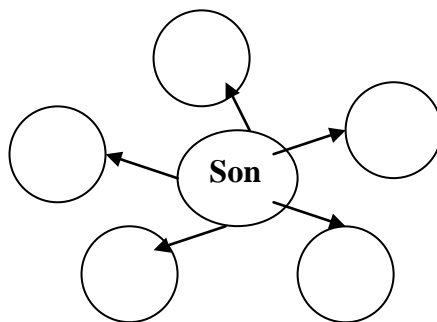
3. Contrast the relationships between the writer as a teenager and her mother on one side, and the son and his mother on the other. (Score:1½)

4. When does the writer show willingness to stop fulfilling her duty as a mother? (Score:01)

5. The writer hints at some of the reasons behind the son's negative attitude toward his mother. Explain. (Score:01)

6. Identify and explain the figures of speech used in Paragraphs 5 and 8. (Score:01)

B. Skim the above text to spot out some characteristics of the writer's son. Copy the web; then fill it with 4 – 5 of these characteristics. In a paragraph of 3 or 4 sentences draw a character sketch of the son. (Score:1½)



C. Identify the sentence pattern of each of the following : (Score:01)

1. Sentence 4 of Paragraph 1 , "Nevertheless, the successors retain their titles;"

2. Sentence 2 of Paragraph 2 , "But if it hadn't"

3. Sentence 1 of Paragraph 7 , "When I am"

4. Sentence 1 of Paragraph 9 , "Teenagers feel"

D. The following statements are false because they misinterpret the writer's ideas. Rewrite them correctly. (Score:1½)

1. Traditional family titles, the writer believes, will inevitably and totally change with the lapse of time.

2. The son's tests gave his mother satisfaction and comfort.

3. The mother wishes that after her death, her son will be protected by a family member.

E. Pick from Paragraphs 1, 2, 8 and 15 words that have the same meaning as the following: (Score:01)

1. great number 2. disastrous

3. urge strongly 4. eliminate

Part Two : Writing

(Score: 09/20)

Misunderstanding and misjudgment between parents and their children appear when the latter reach teenage. What physiological, psychological and social factors cause such a clash? Discuss, relying on your personal experience or on another teenager's experience in an essay of 400-500 words. See 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.

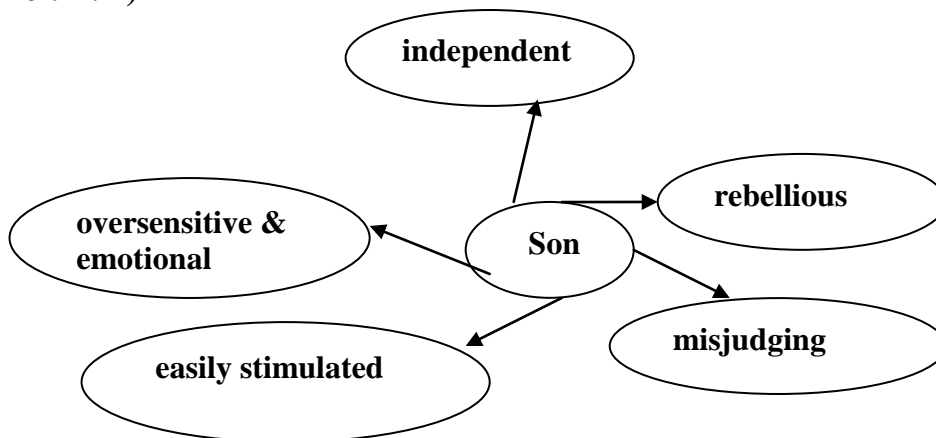
(Score: 05 for ideas, 03 for language and style, and 01 for tidiness and legible handwriting)

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Answer Key

Suggested Answers

- A.**
1. Family relations are given a great role in helping members of the family out of their problems and in overcoming misfortunes. Moreover, these ties create a healthy atmosphere characterized by safety and friendship. **(Score:0.5)**
 2. The mother reveals unselfishness by expressing her readiness to stop eating if she feels that her son might desire her dish. Moreover, this unselfishness is revealed in her staying awake as long as her son has not come home. **(Score: 01)**
 3. The mother had gone through the same experience as her son's, but she resorted to her mother for comfort and help, because, to her, the mother is the only one who has sincere feelings. However, the son revolts against his mother and refuses to get her involved. **(Score: 1½)**
 4. The mother expresses her willingness to stop fulfilling her duty as a mother only when her words fail to move her son. **(Score: 01)**
 5. Two reasons are hinted at by the mother in Paragraph 10. She says that he has accused her of giving him trouble and of not giving him much care. **(Score: 01)**
 6. In Paragraph 5, "sprouting love", in Paragraph 8, "fluttering sensations"
 In both paragraphs, the writer uses metaphors. In Paragraph 5, the writer metaphorically compares *her love to her son* as growing buds, continuously lowering and reviving, while in Paragraph 8, *feelings* is metaphorically compared to birds to show spontaneity and immediateness . **(Score: 01)**

B. (Score : 1½)



C. (Score : 01)

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| 1. contrast | 3. time order / cause – effect |
| 2. contrast / cause – effect | 4. contrast |

D. (Score: 1½)

1. The writer believes that in spite of slight or great differences that might arise between generations, successors retain their titles.
2. The mother always felt worried when her son had his tests.
3. The mother wishes that after her death, her son will be protected by God.

E. (Score :01)

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| 1. prodigious (Paragraph 1) | 3. solicit (Paragraph 8) |
| 2. calamitous (Paragraph 2) | 4. eradicate (Paragraph 15) |