

**Reading Comprehension :**  
**Read the text then do the following activities**

Over the last century, there have been many changes in the way we live. Obviously, it is hard to compare the life of the ancient people and the life of the people of the twenty first century because so many changes have occurred.

To start with, people were not able to travel such long distances in such short period of time. The planes were not that popular then because **they** used to be a very expensive means of transport. Nowadays, we have become very mobile. We have fast and comfortable cars and more and more people also travel by plane.

Moreover, in the past people had to work much harder as they did not have tools which made **their** work easier. Today, most of the difficult and dangerous work is done by computers and other machines.

In the past the conditions of living were not as comfortable as they are now. There were not bathrooms and running water in many houses, besides many people could not afford household appliances like fridge, TV set or vacuum cleaner because they used to be luxurious goods.

Another difference between living now and in the past is the fact that nowadays the access to education is much easier. In the past, there were fewer schools and the quality of the education they provided was much poorer. Besides, nowadays it is much easier to find the educational materials that you need thanks to the Internet.

**A- Comprehension/Interpreting :(7Pts)**

**1- Give a suitable title to the text.**

**2- Are these statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement.**

- a- Over the last century, significant changes have taken place.
- b- People have become more inactive nowadays.
- c- The quality of education provided in the past was richer.

**3- Answer the following questions according to the text:**

- a- Did means of transport use to be more expensive?
- b- Why did people have to wok hard in the past?
- c- What makes life more comfortable nowadays?

**4- In which paragraph is it mentioned that:** Learning is much easier thanks to the net.

**5- What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?**

- they : ( 2<sup>nd</sup> § )
- their : ( 3<sup>rd</sup> § )

**B- Test Exploration : (8Pts)**

**1- Find in the text words that are opposites to the following.**

- a- modern ≠ .....(§1)
- b- safe ≠.....(§3)

**2- Complete the chart as shown in the example.**

Word	Prefix	Root	Suffix
<b>Eg comfortable</b>	/	<b>Comfort</b>	<b>- able</b>
<b>inactive</b>			
<b>Dangerous</b>			
<b>Easier</b>			

**3- Join the sentences using the connectors between brackets :**

**a.** Today, computers and other machines do the work. **b.** The work was difficult and dangerous (**which**)

**a-** Nowadays, the access to school is much easier . **b-**In the past there were fewer schools and conditions poorer .( **whereas**)

**4- Ask questions that the underlined words answer.**

**a.** People used to do difficult and dangerous work.

**b.** Children will be able to study at home using computers.

**5- Give the correct form of the verbs between brackets.**

A century ago, people ..... (to travel) on foot or by coach. Today, most of them..... (to drive) cars. In the future, they .....(to use) flying saucers

**6- Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of the final ‘s’.**

Changes - planes - houses – thanks – besides – appliances

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/

**7- Fill in the gaps with words below.**

**parties - Muslim - people - way**

Tradition affects the \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ people dress. In \_\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_ countries, people wear traditional clothes when going the \_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_. In contrast to America where \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ put on suits during ceremonies.

**Part Two: Written expression (5Pts)**

**choose one of the following topics**

**Topic one:**

People’s habits are changing in different aspects of life; clothes, food and even manners.

Write a composition of about 100 words comparing people’s habits (Past/Present).

**Use the information below**

past	Present
-Mothers / cook food /for every meal	-They / wear /fashionable clothes
- People / wear / traditional clothes	-Use the intimate manners
- Use of good manners/ respectful	-People / eat / fast food

**Topic two:** Predict what might happen in the field of education over the next decade.

***Good Luck***

***Your Teacher***