

I-Read the following text then do the tasks below:

Most studies have highlighted the role of parents as active agents in the career development of their children. Parents want their children to opt for a career they know well about, but what their children want or **aspire** to become can be completely different. Many parents said they had misguided their children into choosing a career of their choice. It is very important not to burden our children with unreal expectations. There are a few factors that are of great importance in the career selection process. The child's aptitude is a mirror of his/her personality, strengths, and weaknesses. Hence, a designed aptitude test can reveal a lot of information regarding the child that can help in taking a well-informed career selection. It is very difficult to spend your life working in a field that you are not interested in. Courses leading towards a desired career should be found easily for the young to enable them to make right decisions about their future. Psychologists said that it was very easy for a child to get swayed by peer pressure into choosing a career that the majority was opting rather than the one which was best for him/her. Although it should not be the most important, remuneration of a career holds value in one's life; nobody likes to earn little. A job's earnings should match the child's aspirations and provide a satisfying comfortable life. Modern societies need professionals in every field: utility workers, garbage collectors, farmers, nurses, doctors, engineers, teachers, professors and many others.

-Answer the following questions: (18 marks)

- 1-How do most parents nowadays guide their children to choose their future career?
- 2-What is the influence of peers on children?
- 3- What factors should be taken into consideration to decide a future career?

-Find words in the text which mean the following: (12 marks)

- 4-Seek to attain a goal.
- 5-Natural ability or skill.

-Rewrite these sentences about the text to correct the information: (12 marks)

- 6- It is very important to burden our children with unreal expectations.
- 7- It is very difficult to spend your life working in a field that you are interested in.

II-Read the following text then do the tasks below:

Most people think that education is limited to schools only, but the truth is that there are lessons that we can only learn from life, and they may be more important than those learnt at schools. Life lessons are sometimes painful before they are acquired, and in order to avoid this, we must benefit from the experiences of others. We shouldn't pay too much attention to the trivial things that are not important and waste our time and effort. Since life is so unpredictable, we must not live on expectations only and meet everything new in life with optimism and positive thinking. There is no word more boring and monotonous than the word "I". We must be confident of ourselves , but that does not mean we talk about ourselves and our accomplishments all the time, as this leads to vanity. Human relationships are also important because without love and support from family and friends, you would not feel happy and would not achieve success in life. Man by nature makes mistakes, so be tolerant and seek excuses for those around you, and if someone comes to you with an apology, do not stop him, and do not carry in your heart any envy of anyone. Take care of your health and make it a priority for your entire life. There are no alternatives to exercising, eating well, fresh air and sunshine.

The golden rule for everybody is to be honest, trustful, useful and generous so that they leave life with a trace that those around them will not forget about.

-Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.(24 marks)

- 8- We shouldn't pay too much attention to thethings that are not important.
a-silly b-important c-big d-essential
- 9- Most people think that education is..... to schools only.
a-linked b-disconnected c-separated d-derived
- 10- Life lessons are sometimes..... before they are acquired.
a-useful b-useless c-enjoyable d-hurting
- 11- There are noto exercising, eating well, fresh air and sunshine.
a-points b-meanings c-replacements d-places

-Complete the following sentences with information from the text: (12 marks)

- 12- The golden rule for everybody is.....
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- 13- If someone comes to you with an apology.....
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III- Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D : (54 marks)

- 14- We need to..... people so that they understand the importance of a good and a healthy diet.
a-educate b-education c-educating d-educated
- 15- She didn't really..... her workmates in her previous job.
a-reach out to b-fit in with
c-follow through d-keep up with
- 16- No one knows..... the weather will be fine tomorrow.
a-weather b-whether c-wather d-weither
- 17- Individuals have dreams in their day-to-day existence.
a-vary b-variety c-various d-very
- 18- I wanted to sit..... to be able to hear the speech well.
a-her b-hear c-here d-hers
- 19- Nowadays, students can the latest news by using the Internet.
a-get into b-run into c-keep up with d-follow through
- 20- If you.....rotten food, you will get arrested and end up in a prison cell.
a-cell b-sell c-sail d-cells
- 21- To bake a flower-shaped cake, you'll need some
a-flour b-floor c-flower d-flavor
- 22- The teacher asked the students to down the right answer.
a-right b-write c-ride d-run

IV- Complete the following sentences/ paragraph by filling in each gab with one functional word: (18 marks)

- 23- Failure a great teacher in life.
- 24- She hated to say the words for fear..... causing painful to him.
- 25- I have studied hard for three years, now I feel like I don't know anything.

V- Write suitable questions about the underlined words: (24 marks)

- 26- A.....?
B- I am going to study medicine when I graduate.
- 27- A.....?
B- I am going to study medicine in Damascus university.
- 28- A.....?
B- I like Damascus university because it is one of the best universities.

VI- Rewrite the following sentences as required in brackets: (32 marks)

- 29- The organizers will exhibit the paintings till the end of the month. (change into passive voice)
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- 30- Police officers were examining the evidence when the lights went out. (change into passive voice)
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- 31- The workers buried tons of rocks and earth under the railway line. (change into passive voice)
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- 32-Farmers cut 1500 square kilometers of rainforests every year. (change into passive voice)
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VII- Correct the verbs in brackets: (18 marks)

- 33- We (think) it's great to stay here now.
- 34- I (see) Jack last night.
- 35-Jane, why are you sweating? Because I (sweep) the floors .

VIII- Complete the following sentences using clauses: (12 marks)

- 36- To be a good student,
- 37- After the big exam,

IX- Translation: (14 marks)

- Translate the following sentence into Arabic:
38- Parents play a vital role in the career development of their children.
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- Translate the following sentence into English:

- 39- خلال السنوات الأخيرة، شهدت سوريا ازدهارًا اقتصاديًا كبيرًا.
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X- Write a composition of no less than 80 words on the following topic: (50 marks)

Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you.

Write a composition in which you describe the job you want after graduation.

What kind of challenges do you expect to face in your future career? Include the following in your composition:

- Job requirements
- Your needs
- Expectations
- Beliefs and knowledge