COMPREHENSION mid-term test S1 2010/11

READ CAREFULLY THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

We must not shrink from letting the young for whom we have responsibility know where we stand on the important issues of the day. It is our own fault if they think that we do not care about world peace, pollution, poverty and starvation. Have we ever taken the trouble to talk to them, to tell them what we think? We are so terrified of seeming to dogmatize of being called propagandists that we say nothing at all and the young, very understandably, come to the conclusion that we have no convictions. What we must never do is simply shout them down or refuse to listen to them on the grounds that they are talking nonsense or that we have not time. The fact that more often than not they will be talking nonsense, or at least what seems to us like nonsense, is no reason at all for not giving them a hearing. Only if we are prepared to listen to them will they be prepared to talk to us. There will be no generation gap if the people on either side are ready to employ reasoned arguments rather than prejudiced opinions, and in this dialogue it is the adult who must take the initiative. If we are, as we claim, us to prove it by using our superior attributes in order to help them. They certainly cannot help themselves or each other, so who else can they turn to but us? It does not matter that, as often as not, they will seem to refuse our help: we must still continue to offer it. We must never reject them, however often they may reject us.

Some while ago the public was shocked by a film called "Gale is dead" all the more so because they had seen this heroin addict, very much alive, even though a sick girl with little hope of the future. What emerged painfully from that film was that the real reason why she had died was because there was absolutely nobody in the world who cared sufficiently to want to keep her alive, and she knew it. Even those who knew her and were and the love she so desperately needed. Because she needed people, people with enough concern and time.; and who seem to have opted out.

There are posters in the library showing children in potentially hazardous situations, situations which could easily lead to delinquency. The caption reads: Do you know where your child is? Do you care? Or is it too much trouble to take time off from your own affairs to find out?

I- Give a title to this passage 1 mark

II- VOCABULARY only \underline{ONE} choice is possible 5 x 1 = 5 marks

1-shrink from: A- hide the truth B- avoid responsibilities C- tell lies D- ignore the young

2-to dogmatize: A- to exaggerate B- to neglect C- to convince D- to stick to one's opinions

3- attributes: A- personality B-quality C- experience D- knowledge

4-genuinely: A-visibly B- really C- desperately D- affectionately

5- opted out: A- understood B- reacted C- given up D-supported her

III- TRUE /FALSE QUESTIONS Justify your answer in your own words students who copy down the text will be penalized_3 x 2 = 6 marks

1- In reality ,parents have no convictions concerning many world issues, such as poverty and pollution T F

2- Actually, the generation conflict can be avoided if the young do not reject their parents

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children? 3 marks

2-What message does Gale's case convey to the readers? 2 marks

3- Apart from parents, what are the other influences that may play a positive role in helping teenagers? 3 marks