

SUBJECT ONE

Read the text then do the activities. (14pts)

Many children, in England, work in ironstone mines. Some are of 4, 5 and 7 years old, but most of the children are over 8 years of age.

The smallest **ones** are used to open and shut the ventilation doors, which divide the various parts of a mine, so as to allow the passage of men, carts and tubs. They have to sit alone for 12 hours every day in a narrow, dark passage. They are not even given enough to do, to save them from the idle boredom which gradually turns them into stupid animals.

The heavy work of transporting coal and ironstone, on the other hand, is the duty of the older boys and girls. They have to carry **these** minerals in large tubs either to the underground tramway or to the bottom of the shaft, through passages which are narrow that they have to crawl on their hands and knees.

The normal working day in the mines is between 11 and 12 hours, but may be often longer. Double shift are frequently worked, and this means that all miners are frequently at work for 24, or even 26 hours without coming to the surface. There are rarely any set times for meals, so the hungry miners take their meals when they can!

A/Reading Comprehension: (7pts)**1- Circle the letter which corresponds to the right answer. (0.5pt)**

The text is about:

- Child extra school occupations.
- Child labour in the British mines.
- Children rights.

2- Match each idea with its corresponding paragraph. (01pt)

ideas	paragraphs
-The smallest children's task	1
-The average age of the British children at work in mines	2
-The miners working schedules	3
-The older children duties	4

3- Are the following statements true or false according to the text? (02pts)

- Small children are being exploited in the British mines.
- The little ones are given a lot of activities to do.
- The grownups do harder tasks.
- The miners have rest times for taking their meals.

4- Answer the following questions according to the text. (03pts)

- What is the duty of the elders?
- Are the working hours respected in the mines?
- In your opinion, is the work in mines ethical? Justify your answer.

5- Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (0.5pt)

- These (§3).....
- Ones (§2).....

B /Text Exploration :(07pts)**1- Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to.(0.5pt)**

- a) Different (§2) =.....
- Rest (§4)=.....

2- Make opposites to the following words keeping the same roots. (01pt)

- Normal ≠.....
- Ethical ≠.....
- Loyal ≠.....
- Honest ≠.....

3- Connect the following pairs of sentences with the suitable connectors in brackets. Make any necessary changes.(1.5pt)

- the passages are narrow.
b) They have to crawl on their hands and knees. (so...that)
- they have to sit alone in a narrow, dark passage.
b) Boredom gradually turns them into stupid animals. (Such...that)
- child labour disappears.
b) We put pressure on leaders. (If)

4- Rewrite sentences (b) so they mean the same as sentences (a). (01pt)

- small children are being exploited in mines.
b) The british.....
- the government should fight for children's rights.
b) Its high time the government.....

5- Put the verbs between brackets in the right tense. (02pts)

One solution for child labour problem in poor countries (to be) education. The U.S secretary of labour declared that the future of these countries (to depend) on education. We are prepared to (to help) building schools. Education (to help) to make the world a brighter place for children.

6-Mark the stressed syllables in the following words. (01pt)

Heavy – underground – dramatic - education

C/ written expression.(06pts)

Select one of the following topics

Topic one: write a short composition on the following:

Would you boycott products from foreign companies which use child labour? Justify your answer.

Topic two: what do you think one should do to avoid obesity? Justify your answer.

- Eat healthy food
- Keep away from fatty and sugary foods
- Not eat too much
- Get enough physical exercise