

Read the text and answer the questions : (6marks)

**The Text:**

1. I cannot believe it ! Another year has passed in my life without parents. On December 23, almost 14 years ago, my mother lost a long battle with lung cancer. A year and 7 months later, my father was gone too. Everywhere I go, there are reminders of my personal history. The twinkle of lights in darkened windows, pictures of happy families on my Facebook feed, even the scent of pipe smoke brings tears to my eyes.

2. After my father died in 2002, I felt alone in the world. My parents were my biggest cheerleaders and without them I felt I had lost my way. My in-laws and husband were amazing. But **they** could not grasp the enormity of my pain. I found a counsellor to help during the first few months after each death. One of the coping strategies was to keep a daily diary. I wrote down my feelings in a journal, which I eventually turned into a book.

3. Several years have passed. Now, my daughters and husband are my everyday reality. Honestly, some days they are the only things that keep me going. In a few hours, I will light a candle in my mother's memory like I do every year. I'll talk to my daughters about my parents and continue to pass on the many lessons they taught me.

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Signature des  
surveillants

**I / COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (6marks)**

**1/ Tick (✓) the most appropriate option : (1 mark)**

The text is mainly about:

- A woman who :
- a- feels hopeless without her parents.
  - b- manages to get over her deep sadness.
  - c- treasures the support of her in-laws.

**2/ Fill in the blanks with two words from paragraph 2 : (2 marks)**

The writer ----- her parents at a time when she really needed them. Although she found comfort in her family , she felt a lot of ----- .

**3/ Answer the following question with reference to the text. (1 mark)**

How did Mary overcome her parents' death ?

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**4/ What does the underlined word in the text refer to? (1 mark)**

They (par2) refers to : .....

**5/ Give a personal and justified answer to the following question : (1 mark)**

Do you share the writer's opinion that lessons taught by parents should be passed on to the younger generation? Why ? Why not?

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## NE RIEN ECRIRE ICI

### // LANGUAGE: (8 marks)

#### 1. Fill in the blanks with six (6) words from the list below : (0.5 , 6 x 3 marks)

**which / sneaking / breath / damaged / gave / could / while / effects**

Brian, age 63, grew up in Chicago and started smoking cigarettes at a young age because he thought it was cool. Although Brian's parents found out he was smoking at age 12, he continued **①** \_\_\_\_\_ cigarettes and was smoking a pack of cigarettes per day by the time he reached eighth grade. One day, Brian had severe chest pains **②** \_\_\_\_\_ walking at work. "I was out of **③** \_\_\_\_\_ and sweating," he said. Suddenly, he collapsed. Over the years, Brian's heart became so **④** \_\_\_\_\_ that he needed a heart transplant. At age 63, Brian was diagnosed with lung cancer and had surgery to remove part of his lung. Brian is glad that he **⑤** \_\_\_\_\_ up smoking for good. He's extremely grateful that the lung cancer **⑥** \_\_\_\_\_ be treated with surgery. "Every day is a gift to spend time with my wife and grandkids," he said.

#### 2. Supply the right tense/form of the bracketed words. (0.5 , 5 x 2.5 marks)

China's air pollution again at danger levels. High pollution levels have covered Beijing in smog for the second time in about two weeks , **① (force)** \_\_\_\_\_ airlines to cancel flights because of poor **② (visible)** \_\_\_\_\_ . Buildings in the Chinese capital were covered by a mist and pedestrians **③ (wear)** \_\_\_\_\_ face masks to guard against the thick air. The US embassy reported a level of air pollution 20 times higher than World Health Organisation safety levels over a **④ (24/hours)** \_\_\_\_\_ period .The Beijing city government advised residents to stay indoors as much as possible because the pollution was severe. It said that because there was no wind , the smog **⑤ (probable)** \_\_\_\_\_ would not dissipate quickly.

#### 3. Circle the right option. (0.5 , 5 x 2.5 marks)

Bullies are a big problem in schools. Every week, many children are afraid they will be \_\_\_\_\_ picked **① (of /at /on)** by a bully . One student was always being **② (punished/ teased /laughed)** because he was short. He didn't like to go to school because he had to **③ (face / escape /quarrel)** the bullies. Some other children choose not to go to school at all. A new program is then helping put an end to this problem. The program is teaching kids **④ (when/how/what)** to deal with bullies . Students are now encouraged to report bullies and stand up for **⑤ (theirs / themselves /them)** .



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**/// Writing (6 marks)**

Many teenagers think that **school rules** are important to ensure discipline while others find them unnecessary. **Write a 10-line post on Facebook in which you express your opinion giving three arguments either for or against enforcing school rules.**


**a/ Adherence to task and content adequacy.**

**—— /3 marks**

**b/Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy.**

**—— /2 marks**

**c/Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling).**

**—— /1 mark**