1-	Reading Comprehension: (6	marks)
1- Ti	ck ( $$ ) the most appropriate option:	(1 mark)
	The text is about	
	<ul> <li>a- teenagers' allowances.</li> </ul>	
	<b>b</b> - childhood memories.	
	c- school results.	
2- Just	tify the following 'true' statement w	ith reference to the text: (1 mark)
Measurir	ng their heads was a major condition to	accept the new boyfriends. (paragraph 2)
, Ju	stification:	
"Her dad	used to turn up after the school disco	o to pick her up." (paragraph 1)
	a- Past habit	
	b- Future action	
	c- Action in progress	
4- W	hat do the underlined words in the t	ext refer to? (2 marks)
a- "	that" (paragraph 2) refers to:	
b- "	their" (paragraph 3) refers to:	
5- In y	our opinion, which story is more en	nbarrassing? Why? (1 mark)
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## I- Language: (8 marks)

# 1- Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words from the box. (Mind the 2 extra items!) (2.5 marks)

purse-bullying-refused-frightened-violently-memory-fare

Dear Kate.

Hi! I'm Nicola. I am a student at Edinburgh's High School. There is a gang of boys at our school who turned my life into hell. A few weeks ago, they asked for money, but I

They pushed and hit me 
I had to give them my bus and walked home. However, it didn't end there, they asked for more and I started stealing money from my mum's 
I haven't been to school for over a week. I'm 
Please help me! I can't tell my parents.

Nicola, Edinburgh.

#### 2- Circle the correct option: (2.5 marks)

The survey shows teens really love people! ① (Talking / Talk / Talked) on the phone is the best leisure activity for most of them. They may spend hours ② (to / for / on) calls. Many say that they also prefer hanging out with friends so they can meet face to face. Watching TV is the next favourite free-time activity, ③ (who / which / when) is not a surprise because adults love it, too. And of course many teens like sports especially playing soccer or watching it. That is the ④ (greater / great / greatest) fun for them. ⑤ (However / Consequently / Besides), the least favourite activities are doing chores and reading.

### 3- Put the words between brackets in the correct tense or form: (3 marks)

One day, 19-year old Ryan Patterson, saw a group of deaf people using sign language to communicate. With them was a person who ① (to translate) sign language into spoken language. Ryan ② (to want) to help deaf people communicate. He invented a ③ (robot) glove that changes sign language into written text. He ④ (to win / already) a lot of awards and money. This ⑤ (to invent) made it easier for the deaf to communicate with others. Ryan ⑥ (to graduate / not) from college yet. He has even met the President of the U.S.A., though.



# II- WRITING: (6 marks)

A teen magazine asked its readers to contribute to a social study which aims at identifying the causes of the generation gap (the conflict between parents & children).

Feeling interested in the study, you decided to write a 12-line report about the issue.

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#### THE TEXT:

#### Sit still, young man, while I measure your head!

1- I met up with some old friends last week and we got talking about our childhoods and how our parents used to embarrass us. One friend told us how her dad used to turn up after the school disco to pick her up – in his dressing gown and slippers! In front of everyone! Another talked about her mum who would wear her clothes, including mini-skirts and trainers – so age inappropriate! Another talked about her dad, who would insist on performing stupid magic tricks to all her friends.



- 2- But my story beat them all! I told them about my dad and a very strange habit he had. Whenever my sister Alice and I got a new boyfriend, my dad insisted on measuring their heads. That's right! He used to measure their heads! He used to sit them down and explain that he was not insisting, oh no, it was quite voluntary, but he really wanted that measurement. Some boys just fled, ran out the door and I never saw them again, but usually, they would go along with it. They would sit there surprised, wondering what on earth was going on, while my dad got his tape measure out and measured the circumference of their head. They were probably thinking he had a nice hat to give them, or something. It wasn't that.
- 3- My dad used to say he liked the measurement of a head to be in proportion to the body. He didn't like heads which were too small or too big. Alice and I used to argue with him about it, but not too much. At the end of the day, he was a great dad and both Alice and I married wonderful men. And you know what their heads are a perfect shape and size.

By Marina

