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ANGLAIS – SÉRIE : A

TEXT

Over a million teenagers run away from home each year. Some are running from intolerable situations such as physical or sexual abuse. But more often, running away is sparked by arguments with parents over such matters as curfews, school grades, household chores and choice of friends. Perhaps your parents' outlook and thinking on matters simply does not coincide with yours... Is that any reason to rebel or run away ? Besides, running away resolves nothing, it only creates more problems. A few runaways actually get jobs. But for most of them, life is worse than it was before they left home... Teens don't find freedom on the streets. Instead, they find other runaways or throwaways like themselves living anywhere where they have no protection from rapists or muggers. They also find a lot of people who make it their dirty business to exploit young people, and teenage runaways are an easy target... Little wonder that many of them end up seriously injured or dead. It thus makes sense to put forth every effort to talk with your parents. Let them know how you feel and what is going on. Whatever the case, talk, don't run away. Even if life at home is not ideal, keep in mind that things can be even worse when you are on the run.

Questions Young People Ask, p. 60, Excerpt.

I.- READING COMPREHENSION (7 pts)

A.- Find in the text (0,5 pt x 2)

1. the synonym of « unbearable »
2. the antonym of « several »

B.- Choose and re-write the one best answer (0,5 pt x 2)

1. A curfew is
 - a) a few rules to remember
 - b) a set time to come home

- c) a certain number of instructions
 - d) the timing of one day's programme
2. Young people run away because
- a) they think it is the best solution to their problem
 - b) this choice has long proved to be the best
 - c) they want to live with their friends
 - d) they find that their parents are able to help them

C.- Say whether these statements are TRUE, FALSE or ING (Information Not Given).

Justify when « True » or « False » (0,5 pt x 2)

1. Some runaways practise physical training
2. Life at home is better compared to street life

D.- Answer these questions

(1pt x 2)

1. What other problems do teen runaways meet when they leave their home ?
2. What solutions does the writer suggest to avoid generation gap ?

E.- The sentences below are scrambled. Re-arrange them as they are presented in the text (2 pts)

1. When they run away from home, they are often faced with dangers.
2. Some teens choose to run away because they often argue with their parents over discipline or life style.
3. So, leaving home at an early age is not a solution. Just talk with your parents.
4. The difference in points of view should not turn into family breakdown.

II. LANGUAGE TEST

(6 pts)

A.- Grammar

Fill in the blanks with the correct grammatical items (0,25pt x 8)

There are true friends. There are false friends. Jane has a friend with 1).... she shared all her secrets. Juliet is older 2).... Jane but they are in the same class. One day they went for a 3).... in the countryside and decided to have fun. The game consisted 4).... hiding something and making the other look 5).... it. It took Jane so long 6).... time because it 7).... well-hidden. 8).... it was almost empty when she found her purse. Maybe Juliet had taken some of her money.

B.- Language Functions

Complete the dialogue (0,5 pt x 8)

Laura is telephoning Tina.

Laura : Is that you, Tina ?

Tina : Speaking. But you're crying. _____ ?

Laura : My sister is in hospital.

Tina : _____ ?

Laura : For two days now.

Tina : What's wrong with her ?

Laura : _____ .

Tina : I'm _____ . Have your parents been told about it ?

Laura : Of course. But they said they wouldn't be able to come until Saturday. I wish _____ .

Tina : Cheer up, Laura. That's life.

Laura : _____ ?

Tina : I'm sorry, I can't. I'm very busy now.

Laura : That's all right.

Tina : But I'll be free tomorrow afternoon. So, _____ ? (offering help)

Laura : I'd like you to mail a letter.

Tina : No problem.

Laura : _____ .

Tina : It's a pleasure.

III.- WRITING

(7 pts)

What should we do to develop Madagascar ? (About 60 words)