

Part One: Reading (15pts)

A/ Comprehension: (8pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities

Children labour is a very serious problem in the world. The term child labour is often defined as work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity. It is also harmful to their physical and mental development. This can include work that is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to children. This can also affect their schooling.

Children labour is an important issue all over the world. From my research the International Labour Organization states that there are 215 million children labourers aged between 5 and 17 years old. From the figures they say that 115 million are estimated to work in the worst forms of children labour. 53 million children fewer than 15 are in hazardous conditions for example sweat shops. 70% of children workers carry out unpaid work for their families.

There are many reasons why children go into child labour. First, their families are poor and their labour is necessary for their survival. Second, they don't have access to education as it can be expensive and some parents feel that what children will learn is irrelevant to the families and their everyday lives and futures. Child labour is also due to school failure...

From my research I have found that currently in places such as Africa, India, Mexico and Brazil. Children work mainly in agriculture or manufacturing sector of business and these children are exploited by a lot of multinational corporations. In recent year, one of the largest brands (the sporting clothing company) had a very bad public image since it was famously involved in employing young children to make footballs. These children were employed to stitch together footballs by hand in Pakistan and Cambodia. This information affected the famous brand and as a result, it lost customers therefore sales and the company changed its cheap labour force to over 16.

1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer:

The text is: a. prescriptive b. narrative c. expository

2. Are these statements true or false? Write T or F next to the letter corresponding to the statement.

- Child labour has good effect on children.
- Child labour is hazardous to kids.
- Companies which employ children don't prosper.
- Businesses use child labour to reduce the price of their production.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- What is Child labour?
- Is poverty responsible for child labour? Justify your answer.
- In which fields are children employed?
- How did the practice of child labour damage the sporting clothing company?

4. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- That (§1) →
- Their (§2) →
- This information (§4) →

5. Give a title to the text.

B/ Text Exploration: (7pts)

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following:

- a. Unsafe (§1) b. Admission (§3) c. Useless (§3) d. Late (§4)

2. Give the opposite of the following words keeping the same root:

- a. Morally b. Harmful c. Irrelevant d. Organization

3. Connect each pair of sentences with one of the given words. Make changes where necessary:

Although -- in order to -- providing that

- a- Children in poor countries provide cheap labour. They are exploited and abused.
b- Businesses use child labour. It could result in legal conflicts and lots of custom for being unethical
c- He worked very hard. He wants to help his poor parents.

4. Rewrite sentence "b" so that it means the same as "a":

1. a. Many manufacturers all over the world are exploiting children.
b. Children.....
2. a. If the authorities don't take serious measures against child labour, the country will suffer from illiteracy.
b: Unless

5. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final 's':

Customers – Shops – Businesses – Families

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6. Fill in the gaps with words from the list:

Workers – must – some – control – cheaper – hours

Domestic child workers are invisible and at high risk of exploitation and abuse. Being1....., they are more in demand and easier to2..... compared to adult servants. The most visible ones are street3..... who are usually self-employed, while4..... work under adult supervision.

Part Two: Written Expression (5pts)

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic One: Write an expository essay about the causes of child labour.

Topic Two: Do you think that the use of ethics in business is important? Justify your opinion with arguments.