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EVALUATION OF RESOURCES (20 marks)

GRAMMAR (10 marks)

Task 1: Daniel, a 20-year old child hasn't got any hobbies like most of his age mates. Worried, he wrote on an online forum to get advice from experts on interesting hobby ideas. Below is an extract of his conversation with Purbayan, a blogger at www.quora.com. Complete it with the most appropriate words from brackets. (1x5=5 marks)

- Daniel:** Hello here!
- Purbayan:** Hi!
- Daniel:** I am Daniel, a 20-year old final-year student at PrepaVogt.
- Purbayan:** Welcome to our forum Daniel. Any worries?
- Daniel:** Since childhood, I haven't felt like taking on any fun activity. My friends always _____ (poke; make; have) fun of it with their unkind slangs.
- Purbayan:** My dear, hobbies are your escape from the boring routine life. In my opinion, everyone needs them.
- Daniel:** Is there anything wrong with me, then? No matter how hard I _____ (tried; have tried; had tried), I haven't got into any leisure yet. This makes me worried that I am lazy and boring.
- Purbayan:** First of all, there is _____ (something; anything; nothing) wrong with you. The idea that you need hobbies to be an interesting person is flawed. This is guided by what we think we should be and what we think the other people would want us to be.
- Daniel:** Do you mean that hobbies are not important then?
- Purbayan:** Not at all. Indeed, they are; at least because they alleviate stress, as they supply you _____ (in; with; for) a feeling of both fulfilment and escapism. With a hobby, you are less likely to ruminate.
- Daniel:** What to do now?
- Purbayan:** Think of something that gives you joy, an activity that helps you move _____ (backward; away, forward). You could try drawing or painting. Remember that without a hobby, it is extremely easy to idle as there are lesser stimuli to keep your mind's hunger at bay. Without a hobby, you are a slave to your routine.
- Daniel:** Thanks for your advice

Task 2: Study the situational exchanges below and report the *italicised* sections accordingly. (1x5=5 marks)

Situation 1

Addiction specialist: When did you first consume addictive drugs?

John: *I have done so since teenage.*

→ John told the addiction specialist that _____

Situation 2

Principal: You have repeatedly looked down on your tutors. Now, it is time the face the music. *Tell us, in front of your parents, why you have been so rude.*

Student: Sir, I can't tell what has gone over me! I seem to be misunderstood by many. Last time, I didn't mean to be rude. The Math teacher caught me red-handed doing the English assignment. *I tried to explain myself but he turned deaf to my alibi...*

→ The Principal asked the student _____

→ The student replied _____

Situation 3

Anna: Can I reveal a secret to you?

Flora: Sure! Do! Don't you trust me any longer?

Anna: I do. Just that... Promise you won't voice it to anybody.

Flora: *I promise!*

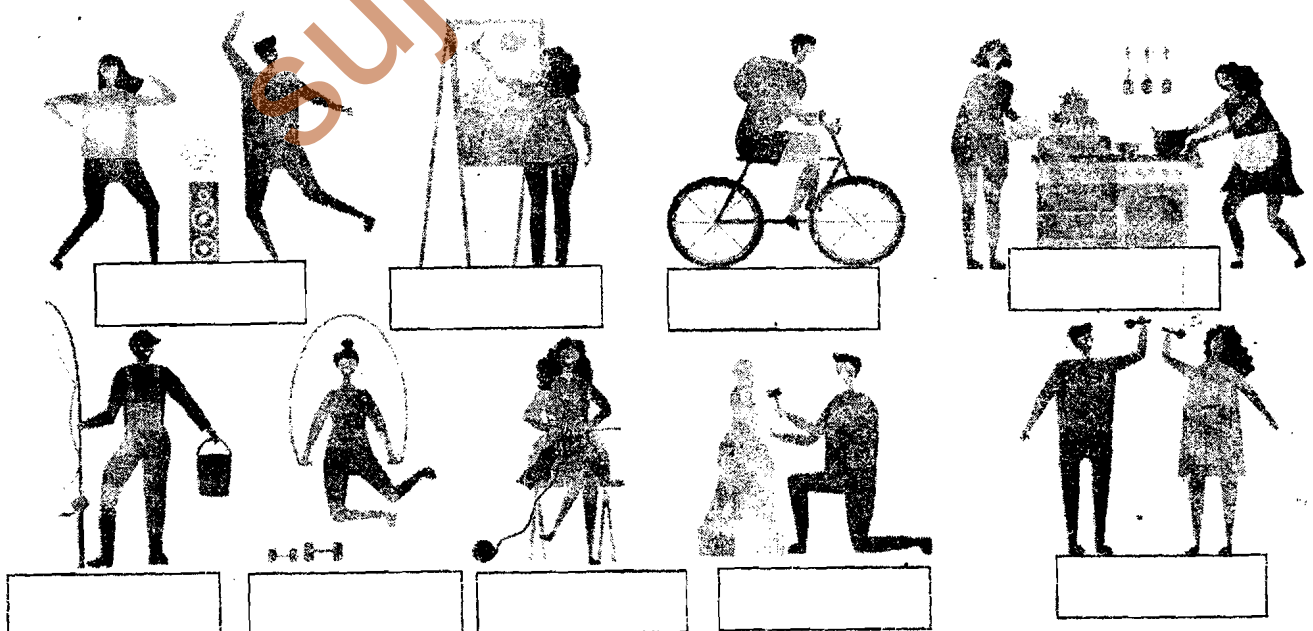
Anna: Well, Brenda told me that *she was falling for Richard*. He is so cute and kind!

→ Flora promised _____

→ Brenda: " _____ "

VOCABULARY (10 marks)

Task 1: Look at the pictures below. Which hobbies do they refer to? Name them (0.5x9=4.5 marks)



Complete with words from the picture: _____ and _____ are active hobbies. (0.5 mk)

Task 2: You discovered that your brother is abusing drugs. What to do? Below is a piece of advice by a drug addiction therapist. Fill it with the most appropriate words from the list below.

intoxicated, compassion, hold off, support, overreacting, listen, step away, watch, breath, keep an open dialogue

Discovering that a relative – brother, sister or even parent – could be using drugs stirs up a lot of emotion. The best way to find out what's going on and to begin helping is to start talking. Before you do, to set the stage: take a deep _____ and set yourself up for a success by creating a safe, open and comfortable space. Don't start the conversation when the relative is _____ or under the influence. _____ until everyone has a clear head. Get on their level; that is, if the person is sitting, you may have to sit as well. Turn off phones and _____ from other distractions. As angry and frustrated as you feel, keep reminding yourself to speak and listen from a place of love, _____ and concern. Now start talking. As you do, avoid _____ to what has already happened. _____ your voice! You may want to scream or yell but it's important to maintain the calm and avoid pushing your relative away. Explain how much you care: offer empathy and _____. Most of all, listen; _____ between the words. Pay attention to body language, facial expression. Finally, thank your relative and _____.

EVALUATION OF COMPETENCES

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions that follow it.

The youth of today has been widely outclassed; they do not consider themselves to be too young to be pampered, and they are not supposed to be old enough to take responsibility on their own shoulders. The main problem is the communication gap between them and their elders – the former believing themselves to be old enough for taking their own decisions for matters personal or social while the latter just refuse to hand over this responsibility to them. This leads to temperaments rising high more often.

The most common problem a person faces at this phase of life is peer pressure. They are pressured by either dares or threats into doing what one would rather avoid. Some people are naturally competitive and they strive to act in ways that could help settle their 'image' either to impress or intimidate others. This can be seen in their disobedience of their elders who try to advise them through experiences which these young ones lack at the moment but fail dismally.

Six out of every 10 such people are usually short-tempered and rude in their response. Many hesitate in taking their parents' advice in different matters, particularly in issues which according to them are very modest and thus they land up in taking up the wrong decision. Today's youth is more outgoing, more extravagant in their desires and less into their studies; they are stubbornly leading a luxurious lifestyle and know less of the benefits of hard work excluding fitness.

Moreover, in our society, unfortunately, there are many young people who cannot even afford to go to school. They remain illiterate and are shamefully and mercilessly forced into child labour when they ought to be learning and enjoying life like the rest of their age group. A number of them face problems and some even lost their life or limb, doing jobs which are meant for older people.

Sometimes, racism and/or discrimination against people of opposite gender, caste, creed or religion makes them a victim of emotional disorder. They have low self-esteem and can easily be overridden by views of other people. This is in special reference to the general concept of male domination over

women who are taken for granted in respect to their specialisation at house chores. Because today's children are less concerned with politics, they are vulnerable to be used in anti-social activities with false charms that lure them into active participation. They are kept hostages for ransom and/or turned into militants in the name of religion as displayed by the Lal Masjid incident.

Last but not the least, are the so-called love issues which have dramatically been on rise since the past few years but end mostly in the destruction of lives either by suicide or by eternal misery which renders them mentally unfit. The depression overpowers them and very few are able to cope up with it as another aspect of the ups and downs of life.

Questions

1- Name two sources of conflict between parents and children. (2 marks)

2- Why do parents usually don't allow their children to make their own choices? (2 marks)

3- Give a concrete example of peer pressure. (2 marks)

4- What do you think about teenage love? (2 marks)

5- Explain this proverb: "if youth only knew, if age could" (2 marks)

SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10 MARKS)

Write a composition of 200-250 words on one of the topics below.

Topic 1: Your friends organised a weekend alcohol flowing party some days ago. You sneaked out of your parents' house and got engulfed in the flow of alcohol at the party hall. Suddenly, a violent dispute broke out between two friends and unexpectedly one of them got stabbed and later on passed away. A police investigation in which you appeared as a suspect, an accomplice or a witness was launched. Write down your conversation with the team of investigators from the identification process to the rundown of events of that evening.

Topic 2: Recent studies carried out with street children in your community report that children from broken homes tend to be more exposed to youth problems. The latter tend to exhibit low moral standards even if in a few cases, some of them use the difficulties they face as a way to succeed in life. Write a newspaper article in which you sensitise young men and women who want to get married on the necessity to maintain family strings for the wellbeing of their offspring.