- 1)-I recall clearly how the nightmare started. Martin, my husband, sat me in the car, and announced: "I have a surprise." He then proceeded to drive three hours from our flat in Notting Hill to Herefordshire. Martin stopped the car at the top of a drive: "This," he announced, "is Great Brampton House I've just bought it."He really had. Martin is among other things an antique dealer, a hotelier and a distiller, and he enthused about the great deal he'd struck, saying that we'd renovate the house, turn it into a hotel, and build a 7,000 sq ft contemporary gallery, and most of all about the prospect of our moving to the countryside to enjoy a quieter, more meaningful and healthier life. I, the city girl, would find true happiness in Arcadia.
- 2)- Two years on, Martin has realised his dream. But I've realised that living in the country is like forcing myself to take a nine year-old to Alton Towers: very nice in theory, but in practice get me out of here! At least at a theme park you can opt out of rides. The countryside, on the other hand, is a theme park without opt-out clauses. I am surrounded by sheep, cows and chickens, but for human contact I have to learn Polish to chat to the workmen, drive half an hour to our nearest neighbour, or wait until the vet comes by to check the hens. The cinema is seven miles away. When I sought a bit of culture, a neighbour suggested that I go to the Hereford cattle market on Wednesdays. The notable exception is of course the Hay Festival, although that comes but once a year.
- 3)- The first year was bearable: the renovation of the house took up a great deal of time, and building the "Downstairs Gallery" which opened its doors last spring, and although there hasn't been a stampede of locals clamouring to view our installations, everyone has been very friendly about our "alternative" enterprise.
- 4) "We're in tune with Nature," Martin boasts to our city friends. Personally I can't deny that country folk are friendly, the views of the hills are glorious, and I love the birdsong that wakes me each morning. Despite all this, I still feel bored. I understand only too well why demographers claim that in the next 10 years, 75 per cent of the world's population will have fled the countryside for the city: they, too, have had enough of mud, muck and loneliness.
- 5) In the city, I can keep fit with Pilates classes, yoga sessions and Tai Chi. But in Herefordshire, I'll have to milk cows for my triceps, and clear five-bar gates for my glutes. In fact, the countryside has its merits, I know. But after two years, I realise why Britain is the cradle of urbanisation: our ancestors knew that, east or west, the city is best.

Adapted from the internet



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2017 / 2016		Level :4th Form SC / Maths			
Name:	Class: 4th Form	Number:			
Reading Comprehensio	n (12marks)				
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Tick ($$) a suitable title to	the text . (1 mk)				
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 From the city to the ex 		n variable			
Benefits of country life		نجاحك يهمنا			
Benefits of country in a	2.	010			
Complete the table with in	nformation from the text about th	ne couple. (3 mks)			
Migration From	Husband's job	Type of investment in the country			
to					
	600	di Min			
The following statements	are false. Correct them with detail	ils from the text. [Zmks]			
The narrator's comm	inication with countryside dwelles	was easy. (\$2)			
The gallery received a	great number of people. (§3)				
Does the parreton feel con	nfortable in the countryside? Wh	2 (1 male)			
Does the harrator reer con	mortable in the country side : Wil	y: (IIIIK)			
Find in the text words mea	aning nearly the same as : (2mks)	The state of the s			
• Endurable / tolerable					
	ticular way of life (§4):				
What do the underlined w	ords in the text refer to ? (2mks)				
That (§ 2) refers to					
• They (§ 4) refers to					
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Do you agree with the nar	rator's ancestors who said : « Eas	t or west, the city is the best. »			
stify your answer. (1mk)					



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II- Language: (6 marks)

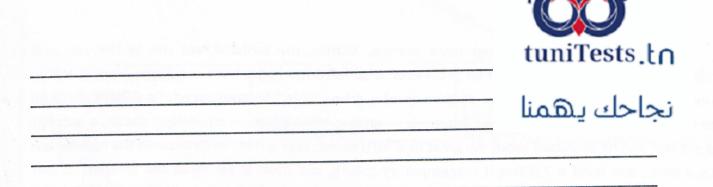
1/ Fill in the blanks with with words from the box below. There are 2 extra words. (3mks)

profitable /await / in / studies / that / appalled /on / graduates

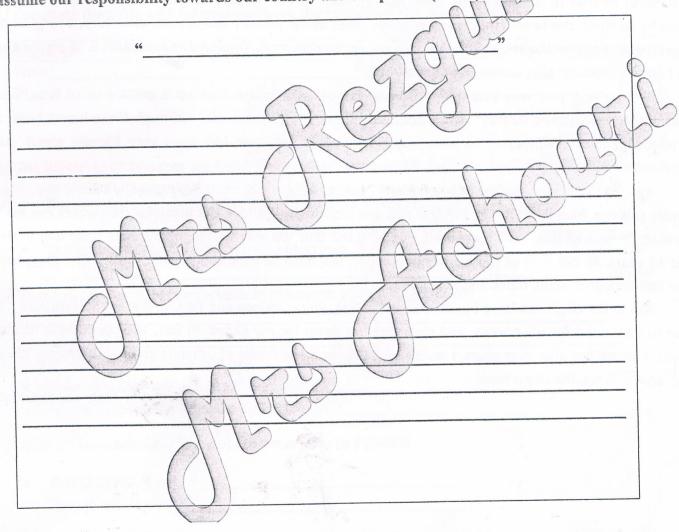
Seeing no chances	of earning a living in the country, many opt to try their luck in the next big city. But it
is not	easy to gain a foothold in the over-crowded centres of the African continent.
	their arrival a lot of migrants realize that it is not the Promised Land they had
dreamt of.	
Ben and his friend	Baki and Zeina decide to swim against the tide. by the lack of
procesots in the	by these three young university plan to set up an agricultural
cooperative in the	eir home village. Many challenges them and will put their
motivation to a to	gh test. Where will they get the financial means to get started? What kind of crop is
the most	?And how will the villagers welcome their project ?
the most	
2/ Put the brack	ted words in the right tense or form. (3mks)
Freedom took and	ther heavy knock on Wednesday in a court room . In what was once the land of the
free. A jury in Sa	Francisco tho fit to award of \$ 30 million to Patricia Heenley, 53, a 60- day
(smoke)	suffering from lung cancer. The award was against the cigarette
manufacturer, Pl	Morris, on (which)products Mrs Heenley says that she
(be) / \	hooked on since she was 15 without knowing the risk she was taking.
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Before I go any (fa) I must declare an interest, I myself am addicted to Marlboro
Cigarettes, which	are made by Phillip Morris. I can say without exaggeration that I am a slave to them. I
would not wish n	slavery to anyone. But the point is that it is a slavery of my own choosing. Smoking
calms my nerve	and sharpens my wits. I know very
(good)	that it is hazardous for me but I value my freedom to smoke highly.
III- Writing: (<u>Zmarks)</u>

1 / Use the following notes to write a short paragraph about Green Peace. (4mks)

Туре	International / non governmental organization				
Headquarters					
Focus	Governmental issues : global warming, deforestation, over fishing				
Method	Direct action / research Raise environmental issues to public knowledge				



2/Free writing: As your school is organizing a campaign to sensitize pupils to environmental issues and encourage them to become more environmentally-friendly, you felt concerned and decided to write an article in your school magazine to raise pupils' awareness on the seriousness of the matter, suggesting some measures to take in order to assume our responsibility towards our country and our planet. (8 mks)



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