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READING COMPREHENSION (15 MARKS)

THE TEXT

▲ Andy Gibb, who died yesterday at the age of 30, had a meteoric career as a pop singer in the 1970's, and at one time seemed likely to achieve a popularity to rival that of his brothers, the Bee Gees. But this triumphant progress, and the millions of dollars that came with it, ended in drug addiction, bankruptcy, and finally death, in hospital, in Oxford.

▲ Andy Gibb was born in Manchester on March 5, 1958, but grew up in Australia where his parents moved when he was six months old. The family returned to England in 1967, and Gibb finished his education, such as it was, in Britain, drifting out of school at 13. He was later to return to Australia where he was the opening act on a Bay City Rollers tours, in 1976.

● Creating an identity for himself, in the shadow of the immense success of the Bee Gees was always bound to be difficult, but Andy Gibb got a big break into the charts in 1978 with *shadow Dancing*, the title single of an album of that name. Reaching Number One, the song stayed in the charts for weeks.

▲ Andy Gibb's voice was recognizably from the Bee Gee's stable, but his immense success could hardly have been founded on vocal qualities alone. What sent the young fans wild was his pretty face, flowing blond locks and his lithe figure, which radiated the healthy, tanned sex-appeal of a male Farrah Fawcett- Majors.

■ He was especially big in America, where he and his brothers settled towards the end of the Seventies, basing themselves in Miami.

▲ string of Number One hits followed *shadow Dancing*, including *love is Thicker than Water* and *I Just Want to be Your Everything*. Almost overnight Gibb became a millionaire. He spent frenetically, buying boats, renting limousines for the most trifling journeys, hiring private jets for longer trips.

■ But nemesis was at hand. After only two and a half years the hit records suddenly stopped coming. Following the break-up of Gibb's relationship with *Dallas* star, Victoria Principal, he began to rely on drugs and was soon spending \$ 1000 a day on cocaine. Two sojourns in Betty Ford's famous detox clinic failed to halt his decline. He squandered his fortune and was reduced to living on an allowance from his brothers which paid for life's necessities heating, lighting and food.

▲ At the time of his death he had filed for bankruptcy in Miami and was reduced to penury, though he was thought to be facing up to the realities of his situation, and trying to make a new start.

● Gibb leaves a daughter, Peta, by his former wife, Kim, from whom he was divorced in 1978.



1/ Choose a suitable title for the text. (1)

- a/ The price of fame
- b/ A singer who made it to the top.
- c/ The rise and fall of a star.



2/ Fill in the table with the right date or event.(2)

TIME	EVENT
1958
.....	Andy started his career.
1971
.....	Andy settled in America.

3/ These sentences are all false. Correct them with reference to the text. (4)

a/ The fame of his brothers ,The Bee Gees, made it easier for Andy Gibb to succeed.

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b/Andy relied only on his voice to achieve success.

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c/Andy Gibb made his wealth gradually.

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d/Gibb made a very long successful career as a pop star.

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4/ Complete with the right alternative ,then justify.(3)

- ❖ A. Gibb run out of money because: a/ he divorced.
b/ he was extravagant.
c/ he helped his brothers.

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- ❖ A. Gibb started to rely on drugs when: a/his fist marriage came to an end.
b/ both his private and professional life went bad.
c/ he was no longer a popular singer.

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- ❖ Andy's brothers were : a/ indifferent to him in hard times.
b/ helpful to him throughout his career.
c/ supportive in time of trouble.

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5/ Find synonyms to these words in the text . (2)

To fulfill; to realize :(pg 1)

Big ; huge : (pg 3)

The hit parade :(pg 3)

Hair : (pg 4)

6/ What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2)



That (pg 1)
 Where (pg 2)
 Themselves (pg 5)
 Whom (last pg)

7/ State one thing you like and one thing you dislike about Andy Gibb. (1)

LANGUAGE (10 MARKS)

1/ Put the words/ verbs in the right tense or form (4marks)

Teachers in some secondary schools in Britain are (worry)..... that their jobs may become impossible shortly if nothing (do) to restore discipline in the classrooms. Some teachers consider that the (permit)..... nature of modern society is responsible. In fact, small children who (continuously / encourage) to express their individuality without restriction are naturally unwilling to accept school rules when they grow older. Furthermore, modern teaching techniques, which stress personal enjoyment at the expense of serious academic work, might be teaching the child to put his own selfish interests before his duties to the community in which he lives.

Perhaps the problem (can/solve)..... by improving facilities for the psychological guidance of these difficult children or by (good)..... cooperation between the schools and the parents -for the parents may be responsible for the aggressive (behave)..... of their children. But some teachers believe that there should be a return to more "old -fashioned" methods: smacking (should / re-introduce)..... to get the desired results!

2/ Circle the right alternative. (2.5 marks.)

It was raining (**heavier - heavily- heavy**) as I was walking up the hill towards the station at six o' clock on a Saturday morning. At this early hour there wasn't much traffic and there weren't (**many - much**) people in sight. Just as I was crossing the road, a car (**come - came - has come**) round the corner. It (**was traveling -traveled - has traveled**) very (**fast - faster - fastest**) and the driver was obviously having difficulty in controlling it. Suddenly it swerved violently, skidded on the wet road , hit a lamp-post and turned over.

3/ Fill in the blanks with words from the box below. There are two extra words. (3.5 marks.)

A nine year-old mathshas won a university place after becoming the youngest ever child to gain two A levels. March Tian told reporters he to communicate academically with his own age group. Speaking about his activities he said : "I like to read books, but on the weekends I like to go out to play with my friends." Asked why he was not going to study in Britain- where his older brother is at Oxford University- he replied in English: "Because my father does not have sufficient money." The father recognized his son's early, but he wanted to keep him in his local state primary school. However, when March's brother ,Horatio, won a place two years ago at Oxford at the age of 14, he decided the three of them should move to in Britain. The father's biggest fear is now whether March is mature enough to in the new university life.



WRITING (15 marks)

1/ Re - order the given words to make meaningful sentences. Use all the given words. (5)

a/ Is / Language / an / Parker / English / Peter / teacher

Example: *Peter Parker is an English Language teacher.*



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b/ at / was / at/ he / always / good / school / languages

c/ university /he/a/ secondary/began/when/ teaching/ in/ in /school/studies/finished/he/his/England

d/ has /in /work/ then/ he/ this/ specialized / since

e/ that/has/ enables/ to/almost/world/the/ found/ out/ he/ job/ this/him/ find/work/ all over.

f/ he/ regretted// decision/ career/so far /has/ his / not/ to/this/ follow

2/ ESSAY (10 marks)

Robert Mac Reeves, a former pop star, once said: "Fame is really destructive. It deprives you of your peaceful life. All it brings about is rumours, pressure and losing your real self." Do you agree?

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