I-Reading Comprehension:

Understanding Generation Gap

Generation gap is nothing but certain psychological and emotional gap between parents or elder people and the younger ones. Bulging generation gap creates misunderstanding and lack of attachment between the parents and children. The success of parenting lies in how effectively they avoid the generation gap or ignore the differences with kids.

Generation gap is the result of the fast paced development of the society. In earlier times two or three generations live in the same lifestyle and environments as the development was so slow. But today, nearest past is very much outdated and the world is more advanced each day. Parents do not even know many of the modern technologies and equipment children use.

"BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP"

17-year-old Kiran Ali asks her Pakistan-born parents if she can go out with her friend, who happens to be a boy. Their response is "No." Once again, Kiran is frustrated with the disparity between her parents' ideas and her ideas, her parent's culture and America's.

First-generation Americans are struggling with the need to adapt to American life while trying to please their parents. "I try to take advantage of living in America, being an American teenager," said Kiran, But at the same time, I know I am Pakistani and I feel an obligation to keep up with the traditions of my family."

Cuban traditions

Maria Gonzalez, who moved from Cuba to Miami in 1962, said she wants her daughter Madelyn to take advantage of all this country has to offer. "In Cuba, we were under Castro's law," she said. "But here my daughter has more freedom to do what she desires."

Madelyn said: "My parents are unaware of the typical American culture. They do not understand why people do certain things or what the point is, “My parents never let me sleep out ...I would not exactly say they are strict, but compared to my American friends they are a little bit more conservative."
**A-Answer the following questions.** (7pts)

1- Define generation gap.

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2- What creates misunderstanding?

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3- Why don’t parents know many of modern technologies?

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4- Why is Kiran frustrated?

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5- What does Kiran feel as a Pakistani?

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6- Why does Maria want her daughter to take advantage of the country she lives in?

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7- Why does Madelyn think that her parents are a bit more conservative?

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**Vocabulary**

**B-Find words in the text of the same meaning.** (3pts)

1- Difference: ________________

2- Very old in age: ________________

3- No longer valid: ________________

4- Tired: ________________

5- Transmission of customs from ancestors: ________________

6- Opposed to change or innovation: ________________
A-Turn the following direct sentences into reported speech using an appropriate introductory verb. (5 pts)
1. Sarah said: “I hated coming to school on Saturdays last year”.
2. The waiter told the customer: “Shall I pour you some more wine, now?”
3. The poor boy in the street told a driver: “can you please give some money?”
4. The little boy told his mom: “I will obey you more, from now on”.
5. The police told the criminal: “drop your gun at this moment!”

B-Report the following questions of a boss to his new employee. (5 pts)
1. Where do you live? 2. How long have you worked in this field?
3. When did you quit your old job? 4. What time will you be starting the project preparation today?
5. Do you know what this job requires?
The boss asked his new employee:
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C-Turn the following paragraph into passive. (10 pts)
1. The mirror had told the evil queen that snow white was more beautiful, 2. so she ordered a shepherd to take the poor princess to the forest. 3. The hunter took snow white to the wilds 4. but didn’t kill her. 5. He set her free and 6. warned her saying 7. that the queen will kill her if she returns to the castle. 8. Snow white found a little cottage. 9. Seven dwarves had inhabited the place. 10. They all loved her.

D-Fill in with: might, ought to, can, can’t, need to/needn’t, should, could (not), must. (10 pts)
There are plenty of tomatoes in the fridge. You..............................buy any.
It's a hospital. You..............................smoke.
He had been working for more than 11 hours. He..............................be tired after such hard work.
I..............................speak Arabic fluently when I was a child and we lived in Morrocco. But after we moved back to Canada, I had very little exposure to the language and forgot almost everything I knew as a child. Now, I..............................just say a few things in the language.
The teacher said we..............................read this book for our own pleasure as it is optional. But we..............................read it if we don't want to.
If you want to learn to speak English fluently, you..............................to work hard.
Take an umbrella. It..............................rain later, although I’m not sure about it.
You..............................leave small objects lying around.
E-Fill in with the appropriate tense. (10 pts)

1) As soon as I ………………………….. (see) the commercial, I………………………………(recognize) the actress.
2) By the end of this week, we……………………………………………………………………..(finish) our exams.
3) Johnny ……………………….. (daydream) when his teacher …………………………..(catch) him.
4) These people …………………………………………………………………………….. (already /be) in London.
5) My grandmother ………………………………………………………..(always/ enjoy) watching the sunset.
6) At 3 o’clock next Monday, Jane and Kelly (travel)………………………………………..To Ayia Napa.
7) My best friend………………………………………………………………… (sometimes /burst) into laughing.
8) Shana…………………………………………………………………………. (forget) to close the gas pump several times.

Writing Part…

The generation gap is the name given to the differences existing between parents and children. They are different generations and they think differently.

The text talks about the generation gap in the case of immigrant children. Discuss the topic. Think about these statements : (150-200) words

- Parents never understand children
- Parents are too authoritarian and conservative
- Young people have now different ways to enjoy themselves like going to the discos or drinking together ("botellón")
- Young people have more freedom because life is easier now.

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