

Part One: Reading

(15 points)

A/ Comprehension and Interpretation

(08 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the activities.

Child abductions and kidnappings are on the increase, with almost 900 reported cases in the past year alone. Thus, the abduction of children by people other than their parents rose twice as fast as parental abductions.

During 2013-14, 158 children were abducted by parents, 401 children were abducted by people other than their parents, and 321 children were kidnapped. Kidnappings, which are defined by the use of force or fraud to remove a child, include cases such as children taken in return for a ransom. One-fifth of all kidnappings recorded by police involve a child victim. The figures include both successful and attempted crime. However, the charity Parents and Abducted Children Together (PACT) believes that many cases of attempted abduction and kidnapping involving children are never recorded by police, and the true rates of offending may be four times higher than police figures suggest.

Claude Knights, chief executive of the charity “Kids cape”, said the figures were an important reminder to parents about the need to talk to children about so-called “stranger danger”. An experiment carried out by the charity found that most children could be easily convinced to follow a stranger, even where parents felt they had talked to them about the risks involved.

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

A - The text is taken from:

a- a newspaper article

b- a web article

c- a novel

B- The text is:

a- narrative

b- expository

c- instructive

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

a. No cases of parental abductions are reported.

b. Kidnapping children does not always involve the use of force.

c. The police figures suggest the exact rates of child kidnappings.

d. Parental advice doesn't always prevent child kidnappings.

3. In which paragraph is it mentioned that some children are kidnapped for an amount of money demanded?

4. Answer the following questions according to the text.

a. Has the phenomenon of child abductions and kidnappings slowed down? Justify.

b. Are children abducted by strangers only? Justify.

c. How do kidnappings differ from abductions?

d. What is recommended to prevent this phenomenon from getting worse?

5. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?

a. cases (§1)

b. their (§1)

c. them (§3)

B/ Text Exploration:**(07 pts)****1. Find in the text words whose definitions follow:**

- a. statistics made from a report (§2)
- b. organization that provides support and assistance (§3)

2. Complete the chart below as shown in the example.

	Noun	Verb	Adjective
Example	<i>abduction</i>	<i>abduct</i>	<i>abducted</i>
	prosperous
	safety
	reduce

3. Connect each pair of sentences with the given connectors in brackets. Make changes where necessary.

- a. Children are easily kidnapped. Children are naive and inexperienced. (**therefore**)
- b. Kidnappers are severely punished. Child abductions rates decrease. (**as long as**)
- c. Parents communicate with their children. They do not want them to be deceived. (**in order not to**)

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

- 1- a). Criminal organisations are exploiting kidnapped children.
- b). Kidnapped children
- 2- a). Governments should protect children from exploitation.
- b). It's high time

5. Classify the following words according to their stressed syllable.**abduction - successful - charity – information**

1st syllable	2nd syllable	3rd syllable

6. Reorder the following statements to make a coherent passage.

- a. the national police force recorded a rise in the number of disappearing children in Algeria.
- b. Among the disappearing children,
- c. In a report published last April,
- d. 798 of them were abducted.

Part Two: Written Expression**(05 points)****Choose ONE of the following topics.**

Topic One: Child abduction and kidnapping have become a daily source of concern for almost every family. In your opinion, what are the necessary and urgent measures to be taken to prevent such a crime?

Using the following notes, write a composition of about 80 to 100 words:

- keep away from strangers - avoid anonymous Internet friends - sensitize children about the problem - no child's personal information given online - adopt strict laws to punish kidnappers

Topic Two: Child labour is one of many threats facing the children's life. Write a letter to the bureau of UNICEF in Algiers exposing the effects of it on children and asking for a real prevention for them by giving more importance to education and social auditing.

*** Good Luck ***