

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

**A. READING COMPREHENSION**

It all started about two years ago. In those days, things were very different, I was overweight. I used to smoke a lot, about 30 cigarettes a day. I never did any physical exercises. I used to stay home all day. I never went to the fresh air except to do shopping. And even the I take car.

One day, I looked at myself in the mirror. « I looked terrible. » I tried to touch my toes. I couldn't do it. I found an old dress. I couldn't put it on, it was too small. Or rather I was too fat. The next, I tried to do a little jogging. At first, it was terrible, I mean, I just couldn't run, not even a short distance. And at first people used to laugh at me. « Why are you running? Are you in a hurry ? » They shouted.

But now, I've completely changed the way I live. I've stopped eating meat and I've started eating more fresh vegetables. My husband and daughter have started that too. At first, they did not like the new food. But they've changed. About six mounths ago. I sold my car and bought a bike. Recently, I've started doing yoga exercise. My husband often goes cycling with me now, and my daughter jogs with me in the evening. They've both lost weight and are much healthier than they used to be, too.

**QUESTIONS**

**I. Guessing words**

- 1. Find a word having the same meaning as « hard » in the following sentences:** « At first, it was terrible. I mean I just couldn't run, not even a short distance. And at first, people used to laugh at me "Why are you running?" »
- 2. In the sentences:** « But now, I've completely changed the way I live. I've stopped eating meat and I've started eating fresh vegetables. » **Find a word having the same meaning as « begun ».**

**II. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate linking words**

1. Laura wanted to lose weight ..... she tried to do jogging
2. Laura had bad habits ..... Smoking a lot, staying home all day, not walking.

**III. Choose the one correct answer :**

Laura used to be:

- a. A vegetarian
- b. A walker
- c. A meat-eater
- d. A rider

**IV. Classify the following ideas according to the order they appear in the text :**

- a. Laura's disappointment
- b. Laura's resolutions
- c. Laura's past habits

1)..... 2)..... 3).....

**V. Say if you like or dislike Laura's decision to change her way of living. Give two reasons.**

**I like it because**

- a) .....
- b) .....

**I dislike it because**

- a) .....
- b) .....

**B. GRAMMAR IN USE**

**Fill in the blanks with the grammatical items so as to get the text restored.**

I have received letter from my sister. She lives ...(1)... Seychelles. She has been there ...(2)... 2008. She is working in a farm ...(3)... exports fish. She starts work ...(4)... eight o'clock in the morning and finishes at five pm in the afternoon. ....(5)... the weekend she stays at home and washes ...(6)... clothes. She sometimes goes shopping ...(7)... her friends. She ...(8)... spend her holidays with us next Christmas.

1).... 2).... 3).... 4).... 5).... 6).... 7).... 8)....

**C. INDIRECT TEST OF SPEAKING**

**I- Match the sentences in column A with those in column B**

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
1. Do you like smoking ?	a) Certainly
2. Here are your cigarettes !	b) Not at all
3. What do you think of smokers ?	c) Not very well
4. Thank you for your help.	d) They are in danger
5. How are you ?	e) Neither do I
6. Could I use your pen ?	f) No, I don't
7. See you !	g) Thank you !
8. I don't like alcohol	h) See you too !
	i) Never mind !

1).... 2).... 3).... 4).... 5).... 6).... 7).... 8)....

**II- Make the following sentences less formal**

- a) Could you tell me where the BOA Bank is, please?
- b) How do you do ?
- c) Certainly !
- d) Thank you very much indeed!

## **II- WRITING COMPOSITION**

Write a letter to your friend Bao, telling her about the picnic you had with your family last Saturday. Find help for your writing by telling about the place, the food, the game .....

(About 100 words)

N.B : copy the layout below. Do not change anything.

Lot C 19  
Parcelle 49/30  
Antanibe,  
Fianarantsoa

Dear Bao,

Kisses

Kalo