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A. READING COMPREHENSION**Read the text carefully and answer the questions***Text: Means of information in Madagascar*

In Madagascar, we mainly have three means of information: newspapers, radios, and televisions.

Newspapers are read by a lot of people in town. Articles and their illustrations are generally interesting. Besides, newspapers may be bought by everyone because they are not expensive. Unfortunately either daily nor weekly papers can reach all people especially those who live far from the city.

Radio is also another efficient means of information. It does not cost a lot so it is the most used mass media in Madagascar. Every home even in remote areas may have a radio set. All kinds of information such as weather forecasts news as well as music are broadcast.

Another type of mass media is television. However it seems to be only reserved for city dwellers until now. This is because there is no electricity in the country side and it is rather costly for the majority of population.

As a conclusion, the development of means of information contributes to the development of a country so the government should find a way to make the Malagasy people have easier access to information.

QUESTIONS**I. Guessing words****1. Find a word having the same meaning as « get to » in the following sentences :**

« Besides newspapers may be bought by everyone because they are not expensive. Unfortunately, either daily or weekly papers can reach all people especially those who live far from the city. »

2. In the following sentence : « this is because there is no electricity in the country side and it is rather costly for the majority of the population » means :

- a) Cheap
- b) Clear
- c) Expensive
- d) Easy

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

1. Newspapers are not expensive everyone can buy them.
2. Radio is also another efficient means of information it does not cost a lot.

III. Answer the question

Why do people in the country side not use television?

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

- a) The use of TV in Madagascar.
- b) Facts about newspapers.
- c) Talking about the radio.

V. Say if you are agree or disagree with the author saying : « The development of means of information contributes to the development of a country. Give two reasons

I agree because : a).....

OR b).....

I disagree because a).....

b).....

B. GRAMMAR IN USE

Fill in the blanks so as to get the text restored.

My mother is a nurse. Last year she workes ...(1)... a village not far ...(2)... the town where I and my younger brother studied. She never visited ...(3)... except once a month. I sent her a letter when we had problems ...(4)... our health. ...(5)... asked her housekeeper to bring us what we needed but ...(6)... mother often telephoned me. ...(7)... wanted to know about our health. She always ended the conversation ...(8)... telling « Be wise my dear children ».

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

C. INDIRECT TEST OF SPEAKING

I. Match the sentences in column X with those in the column Y

| X | Y |
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| 1. What do you do in life ? | a. You should stop smoking. |
| 2. I think, alcohol is bad for our life. | b. Wait a minute, I'm going to check if she is in. |
| 3. I'd like to speak to Susan,please. | c. Thank you. |
| 4. I cough a lot. | d. I'm a taxi-driver. |
| | e. I agree with you. |

1 = ... 2 = ... 3 = ... 4 = ...

II. Make the following sentences more formal

- a. Give me some water.
- b. Don't smoke here.

III. Build up a dialogue from the following sentences

Mrs Hanta asks Benja to buy some tomatoes at the market. Benja refuses to go. Mrs Hanta asks why he can't and Benja replies that he has a lot of homework to do

Mrs Hanta :

Benja :

Mrs Hanta :

Benja :

D. WRITING COMPOSITION

Tell a story from the following series of pictures.

