FIRST STEP ACADEMY



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المادّة: الإنجليزية

The text:

In the Beavan family's apartment, there isn't a TV, a washing machine or a fridge and they're only using one electric light bulb. In the bathroom, there isn't any shampoo, toilet paper or toothpaste. They don't buy these things now. They make them or use alternatives. Some people think they're crazy, but Colin Beavan explains that it's just an experiment. The Beavans are living like this for a year because they want to reduce their impact on the environment. At the end of the year, they'll decide what they really need and they can live without.

They're trying to create less rubbish and use less electricity and fuel. The family doesn't travel by car or fly. They travel everywhere by bicycle. They buy second-hand things for the apartment and they buy food at a market where they can avoid plastic bags, packets and boxes. The Beavans also avoid takeaway food which wastes a lot of containers. In the places where Colin has coffee, they give it to him in his glass jar instead of a disposable plastic cup. They make their own yoghurt so they don't throw a lot of plastic pots away.

Colin says that the experiment is interesting, but it isn't always easy. He isn't trying to change other people's lifestyle, but he hopes that people who read his blog or book will think about how much they use and waste.

(Adapted from the internet)

Comprehension Questions: (6marks)		
1) <u>Tick the right option:</u> (1mark)		
The text is mainly about a family that tries to:		
Change the people's lifestyle.		
Do less harm to the environment.		
Spend more time without TV.		
2) Are the following statements True or False? Tick (V)	the righ	t box:
(2marks)		
Statements	True	False
a) The Beavans decided to live this experience for ever. (paragraph 1)		X
b) The Beavans often travel by plane. (paragraph2)		X
3) Find a word in paragraph (2) which nearly means : (1	mark)	
Disposable = intended to be thrown away after use		
4) What does the underlined word refer to? (1mark)		
These things (paragraph 1) refers to the shampoo, the toilet paper	and the	
toothpaste.		
5) Give a personal justified answer to the question below	v (1marl	k)
Can you live the same way as the Beavans? Why / why not?		
(Accept any plausible answer)		
- Yes, I can live the same way as the Beavans because I want to tak	e care of	our
planet and save energy and water. We should all do our best to re	duce our	waste /
Yes. I want to live a new experience.		

- No, I can't live the same as this family. It's hard / impossible to live without TV, fridge or shampoo for a year or more. / I can do other things to reduce our impact on the environment but not living without the essential things like the car or the electric items.

Language: (8marks)

1) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form: (2.5 marks)

It can be cool to blog, chat or play games online, but when you've been on the internet for forty-eight hours non-stop, or more than a hundred hours a week, your idea of reality changes. This can happen to real addicts, who often feel tired, depressed and isolated. Most people use the internet (sensible) sensibly, but between five and ten percent of internet (use) users are addicted to the web and psychologists now recognize this as a problem. Internet addiction (be) is now one of the main reasons why students fail. If you (ever / spend) have ever spent more time online than offline, maybe it's time to find some help. There are clinics and cures and a lot of (they) them are on the internet, of course.

2) Fill in the blanks with six (6)words from the box below: (3marks)

off - sadder - where - campaign - publicize - which - species - for

The world's rainforests are in danger and we must look after them. When we destroy forests, we wipe out plant and animal **species** If we carry on the destruction, we will end up in a **sadder** world. The future won't be bright. Our children and grandchildren will blame us **for** doing nothing. I'm going to set up a **campaign** So people can find out how they can help. To **publicize** my campaign, I'm going to visit the Amazon rainforest next July **where** I'm going to swim a hundred kilometres in the river Amazon in ten days. You can join in the activities on my website or watch the documentary.

3) Match the sentence parts in column A with those in column B to get a coherent paragraph. There is one extra part in column B. Write your answers in the space provided. (2.5 marks)

Answers:	1 + e	2 + a		$3+\mathbf{f}$	4 + b	5 + c
f) Bigger things.						
5) A small amount every week			e) Ways to save money.			
4) Open a bank account and start d			d) The same thing can be cheaper in another should			
3) Save up for			c) Can add up to a lot in ten years.			
2) When you get some money,			b) Saving for the future.			
1) There are lots of			a) Put 25 percent in a piggy bank and don't touch			
Column A Column B						

Writing: (6marks)

Your friend argued with his parents because of his bad school results so you decided to write him a 10-line email to give him some advice that can help him to have good grades and improve his school results.

To: (friend's name)

From: (my name)

Subject: school results.

Hi. I'm sorry to hear that you argued with your parents because of your bad grades. Well, school results have always been one of the common problems between teenagers and their parents. For this reason, I want to give you some tips to improve your marks and overcome this problem.

First, you should participate in class and communicate with your teachers. Don't hesitate to seek help if you encounter any difficulties. Second, you ought to organize your time and review your lessons regularly. As you know, constant revision is crucial for long-term retention and understanding. It's also advisable to photocopy past exam papers. Moreover, you can take a 10- minute break every hour to breathe some fresh air to get motivated. Last but not least, be self- confident, don't be stressed or overwhelmed and remember that success is a journey not a destination. So, stay committed to your goals. I'm sure that you'll achieve the excellent school results you desire.