



Test  
Timing: 2 hours  
Date: 09 / 03 / 2010

Academic year: 09 / 10  
Level: 2<sup>nd</sup> year Baccalaureate

Name: .....  
Class: .....

- 1 The number of American women working or seeking employment has grown steadily since the middle of the last century. The tide of female workers including all ages and backgrounds has been sweeping the country, with various consequences. One hardly needs to mention the economic effect of **their** activities, since more than fifty per cent of families are now living on two incomes. But the most striking effect of women's new role is of a social nature. It touches family life, the number of children, the relation between parents and children and between men and women.
- 2 In the past, young girls got married for romantic reasons. Most of them regarded marriage as their only chance to gain independence from their parents, to have a provider, or to be assured of a good place in society. This is rarely the case today. Since she is probably working and supporting herself, a young woman is free to marry only when and if she chooses. As a consequence, today's American women tend to marry later in life.
- 3 The new role that women have developed for themselves has transformed family life. The modern couple has fewer children than the former generation. The relation between husband and wife is changing, too. More and more husbands are sharing the burden at home and willingly taking on chores that their fathers would have rejected as unmanly. **In such cases** men and women become equal partners, both working outside, both doing the housework. However, even if equal partnership is a fact, it does not always work well. The marriage can collapse when the wife is more successful in her profession than her husband is in his, particularly when she earns more than he does or when the husband tries to benefit from his wife's salary and still has the traditional role as the master at home.
- 4 Among all the changes resulting from the massive entry of women into the work force, the transformation that has occurred in women themselves is not the least important. They see themselves in a new light, for they have discovered that they can do just as well as men in any profession. Women have gained pride, self-confidence and independence. Have they gained happiness? The answer would vary from a working woman to another. Many women are too exhausted by their double career to enjoy either **one**. Many feel guilty about leaving their children to the care of strangers, about neglecting all the small things that a non-working homemaker does for her family and house. For women, taking a profession involves sacrifices – they have to make a difficult choice. Perhaps the real progress is that the choice perhaps exists; in their grandmother's time it didn't.

I **COMPREHENSION (15 pts)** {BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT}

A **Answer the following questions. (3 pts)**

- 1 What effects does women's work outside home have on the family?  
.....
- 2 What may happen when a man doesn't consider his working wife as an "equal partner"? Explain.  
.....
- 3 Have women gained more benefits than money by going to work? Explain.  
.....

B **Complete these sentences according to the text. (3 pts)**

- 1 There have been great changes in family life because .....
- 2 Sometimes disputes over the wife's salary can .....
- 3 Despite the financial satisfaction women get from working outside home, .....

C **Find in the text passages containing the following ideas. (3 pts)**

- 1 Nowadays, both husbands and wives shoulder the financial responsibility.  
.....

- 2 Some husbands are helpful.  
 .....  
 3 Nearly all women face difficulties in their professional life.  
 .....

**D What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (3 pts)**

- 1 their (paragraph 1): .....
- 2 In such cases (paragraph 3): .....
- 3 one (paragraph 4): .....

**E Find in the text words which mean the same as the following. (3 pts)**

- 1 surprising (paragraph 1): .....
- 2 break down (paragraph 3): .....
- 3 housewife (paragraph 4): .....

**II LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)**

**A Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the words in the list. (4 pts)**

- 1 (Feminine) ..... is the movement which advocates the right of women to have equal opportunities to men.
- 2 The rapid (grow) ..... in violent crime is rather alarming.
- 3 Should euthanasia be made (law) .....?
- 4 NGOs aim at the (power) ..... of women in social and political fields.

**B Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (3 pts)**

- 1 Before he went to the interview, he (read) ..... two articles about the company.
- 2 By 2020, the population of the developing countries (increase) ..... enormously.
- 3 She didn't hear the phone. She must (be) ..... asleep.

**C Rewrite these sentences using the words given. (2 pts)**

- 1 Schools are far from students in rural areas. Students drop out. (**Therefore**)  
 .....
- 2 He was a strong man. He couldn't beat me. (**Despite**)  
 .....

**D Rewrite the sentences as suggested. (2 pts)**

- 1 Pollution is destroying our environment gradually.  
 Our environment .....
- 2 Many rural women have got micro-credits. They want to start small businesses.  
 ..... so that .....

**E Fill in each blank with the right phrasal verb. (2 pts)**

pick up      put off      turn down      set up      bring up      hand in

- 1 We decided to ..... our holiday till next week because of the bad weather.
- 2 The most fundamental role of a woman is to ..... her children in a good way.
- 3 The company decided to ..... his application for the job as he wasn't skilled enough.
- 4 He's never learnt Spanish, but he has managed to ..... some words when he was in Spain.

**F Match each sentence with the right function. (2 pts)**

- |   |  |   |                  |
|---|--|---|------------------|
| 1 | Due to literacy you can succeed.           | a | defining         |
| 2 | Values designate principles and standards. | b | purpose          |
|   |  | c | apologizing      |
|   |  | d | cause and effect |

**III WRITING (10 POINTS)**

Many people travel abroad either on business, for studies or for pleasure. Most of the time, they face a lot of problems, such as culture shock. Write an essay to discuss the benefits of immigration, and its problems. Try to suggest some solutions.