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Instructions: This paper consists of **FOUR (4)** questions. Answer **ALL** questions in the answer booklet provided.

Question 1 (25 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

1. I had little difficulty getting out of the bed every day despite the time. I had been following this routine for as long as I could remember. It was a chore in the beginning for forcing myself out of bed every morning was a better alternatives than facing the wrath of the man I called ‘father’. With only the two of us in the house, it was impossible for me to avoid him. Whenever he found me in bed ten minutes after I supposed to have woken up, he would tie me to a tree outside my house. It was not physical torture that bothered me. It was the eyes of everyone in the village boring down on me that hurt me the most. I wondered why my pleas for help did not bother anyone. Many years later, I found out that my father had told them that I was being punished for abusing my younger sister. I was puzzled why the long time neighbours never questioned the explanation.
2. My first task was to fetch water from the well. It was an arduous task. I spent more than fifteen minutes going back and forth. The bucket was small but it was just right for me. I was already having difficulty carrying the small bucket. I tried my best to fetch the water as fast as I could. I knew exactly when my father would be waking up and I did not want him to see me struggling with the bucket. When he did catch me once, my small frame was kicked severely and abuse was hurled at me.

3. Fetching the water was the only thing I had to do in the house. After making sure that I had left for work, he would spend most of his time at one of the neighbour's house. He spent his time gambling and drinking with the money that he snatched from me the minute I returned home every day. My job in the local town helped to support his habits and although he was an adept farmer, he stopped working when he picked me up on the streets one day.
4. I lost both my parents when a fire broke out in the store that they owned. I had no kin and I was foraging in the streets when someone offered me two slices of bread one day. In my eyes, the bread was a scrumptious meal. I gobbled it down and for the next few days waited expectantly for the same man to appear. He came punctually every day and after a week, he asked me if I wanted to live with him. I jumped at the offer of being able to have a roof over my head.
5. However, the happiest day of my life was also the beginning of the saddest times of my life. The man made me to call him 'father' and he forced me to work on a farm. I was treated like a slave and when word went around that money was quick in the town, he forced me to make a living there.
6. I was supposed to work in a factory but my employer made me work in a construction site instead. From dawn to dusk, I was forced to carry wooden planks and transport bags of cement from one place to another. I was ten years old, but I was only one of the many children working in the site. Some of the others were much younger than me. However, we were determined to complete what we had to do, partly because of the consequences of not obeying and partly because of the pittance that we received. For me, I preferred such backbreaking work than being tied to a tree.
7. Despite the job that I was doing, it gave me respite from the place I called home. I was afraid of my father whenever he got drunk. This was usually in the afternoon. He would be sober by the time I returned home. All he demanded from me was the daily pay that I received. I hated it when he took away all my hard-earned money and when my salary increased, I kept it from him. I hid all the money in an envelope under my mattress. Over the years, I amassed a substantial amount and was just about to escape when a man appeared at the construction site one day. He was an officer from an international aid agency and my employer was being charged for making use of child

labour. Together with the rest of the children, I was sent to a home where I received an education and learnt practical skills. Although the past was permanently etched in my mind, I looked forward to a promising future.

(Adapted from O-Level English Trial Examination Papers)

Answer the following questions:

1. What motivated the writer to wake up every morning?
(2 marks)
2. How do you know that the villagers disapproved of what the writer did?
(2 marks)
3. Why was the bucket suitable and unsuitable for carrying water?
(2 marks)
4. How was the writer useful to the man?
(2 marks)
5. What was the happiest and saddest day of the writer's life?
(2 marks)
6. Why the writer was eager to live with the man?
(2 marks)
7. What evidences are there in the paragraph to show that the writer's work was 'backbreaking'?
(2 marks)
8. How did the writer save money?
(2 marks)
9. Describe what you think the goals of the international aid agency are.
(2 marks)
10. In your opinion, what does the phrase "promising future" indicates in the paragraph.
(3 marks)

11. Match the words in the text which in context are similar in meaning to :
(4 marks)

- a. Extreme (Para 1)
- b. Involve a lot of effort and energy (Para 2)
- c. Delicious (Para 4)
- d. Skillful (Para 3)

Question 2 (30 marks)

Section A (5 marks)

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.

1. The teacher is going to explain the lesson.
2. People in the Middle East speak Arabic.
3. The students have completed the project.
4. Scientists have discovered a cure for the disease.
5. The Malaysian team scored two goals during extra time last night.

Section B (10 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets. Write your answer in the answer booklet.

William, is a family man is happily married and had two school going children. William (1) _____ (live) in Kuala Lumpur for five years and then (2) _____ (move) to Ipoh where he (3) _____ (buy) a house. He now (4) _____ (work) for the Tourist Development Agency and (5) _____ (work) with this agency for 10 years now.

He (6) _____ (be) happy with is job and has never (7) ____ (think) about changing his job. He (8) _____ (get) married in 2001 and (9) _____ (marry) for 10 years. He and his wife, Josephine (10) _____ (plan) to buy a new house next year for their expanding family.

Section C (10 marks)

The following sentences contain ten errors in subject-verb-agreement. Find the errors and correct them.

1. I has a little shadow which go around with me.
2. The dog that bite do not bark.
3. Once a year, Alice buy some diamonds which costs several thousand dollars.
4. My friend, Theresa who have helped in an orphanage all her life, have been awarded the King's medal for 'Service to the Needy'.
5. John, who are my best friend, have helped me a lot.

Section D (5 marks)

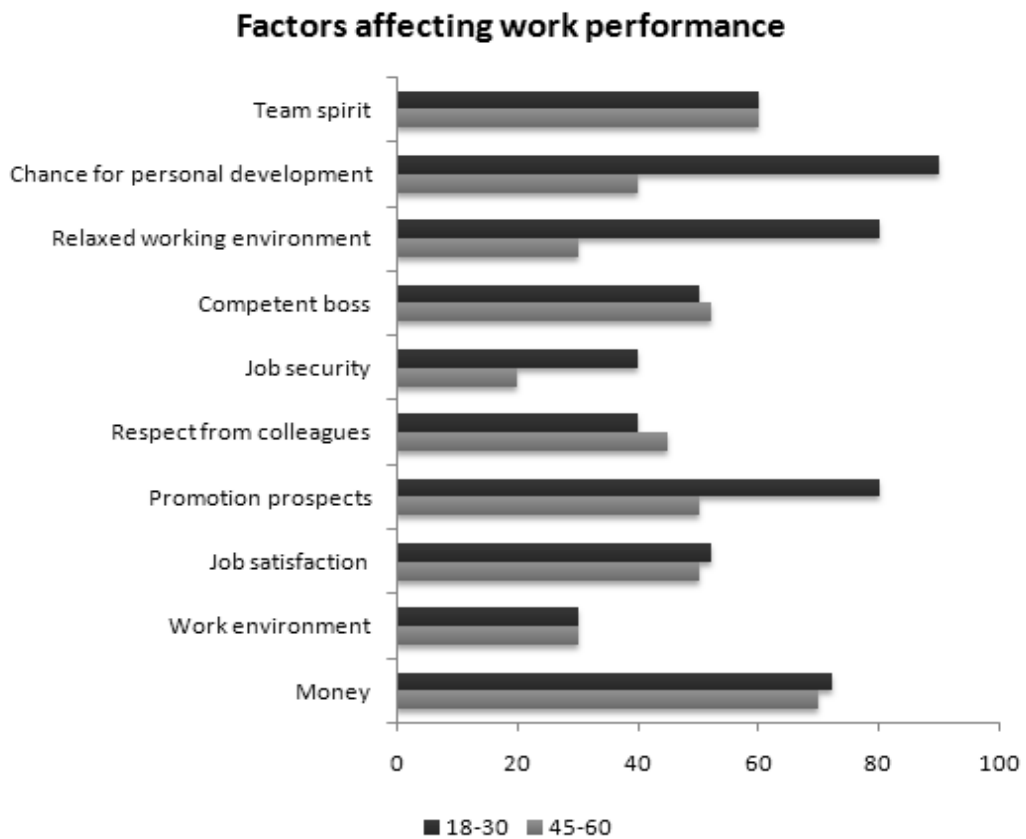
Transform the following sentences as directed.

1. Life has few enjoyments. We cling to it. (Into compound)
2. He has three cars. He must get them sold. (Into Simple)
3. He is going to some place. No one knows it. (Into Complex)
4. He was tired. He had a rest. (Into Simple)
5. The king stood silently in the crowd. No one recognised him. (Into Compound)

Question 3 (20 marks)

The bar chart below shows the results of a survey conducted by a personnel department at a major company. The survey was carried out on two groups of workers: those aged from 18-30 and those aged 45-60, and shows factors affecting their work performance.

Write a report describing the information shown below. Your report should be at least 150 words.



Question 4 (25 marks)

Choose any ONE of the following topics and write an essay of about 250-300 words in length.

1. Describe the most interesting event that has ever occurred in your life.
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of taking public transport?
3. How to lead a healthy and stress free life?

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