

In Bombay girls are paid to go to school

1- Lately, the girls sent to school are given a rupee (Indian money) for every day spent in class. It is a way of struggling against the school absenteeism of the girls and their dropping school.

2-A rupee, that is less than two cents of euro, **it** is not a lot. However, in Bombay, this small coin not only pushes the girls to go to school but also encourages their parents to send them there. The idea comes from the authorities who noticed that every year 12 000 girls left the school system. The town councilor in charge of education, S.S.Shinde, explained in the daily Mumbai mirror that "in addition to this alarming figure, there was also the problem of school absenteeism. It is necessary to struggle against the old prejudice anti-girls". In many families, parents indeed prefer keeping the girls at home and sending only the boys to school.

3- About 250 000 girls benefit from now on from this program, which represents an annual budget of 70 million rupees (a little more than a million euro) for the administration. The children touch their money at the end of every month in the presence of **their** parents. "My father does not have a job and my mother is a servant. By earning a rupee a day, my mother insists so that I should go to school", confesses a schoolgirl to Mumbai mirror. Often, the children live far from their school. This daily rupee is therefore a motivation to attend the class. The fact remains that it is often the teachers who are regularly absent from school because they are badly paid, they have even often a second job to make ends meet.

I - COMPREHENSION

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A/ choose the right answer from the list given: (2 points)

The text is about the Indian girls'

1. Marriage at an early age;
2. Working conditions;
3. Being paid in order to go to school.

B/ answer these questions: (4 points)

1. Who had the idea of giving money to girls to stop absenteeism?

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2. How did the idea come?

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3. How often are the children paid?

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4. Why does the mother insists on her daughter's going to school?

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C/ are these sentences true or false? Justify (3 points)

1. Girls in India must pay a rupee to study.

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2. Mumbai Mirror is an Indian newspaper.

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3. Parents must go with their children to take their money.
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D/ complete the following sentences: (2 points)

1. In Bombay, girls won't go to school unless.....

2. Parents prefer sending boys.....

E/ what do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 points)

1. It (paragraph 2)

2. Their (paragraph 3)

F/ find in the text words or phrases that mean the same as: (2point)

1. To stop doing something (paragraph 1)

2. Often (paragraph 3)

II - Language: (15 points)

A/ fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the list. Make any necessary changes in tenses :(3 points)

bring up - break down - make a wish - show up - provide

1. In Beijing, time stopped when Liu Xiang was..... to perform well and not to disappoint his fans in the 200m Olympic game.

2. The coach..... the sentence that the athlete didn't want to hear: he lost a gold medal.

3. The development bankboth loans and technical help.

B/ put the words in brackets in the correct form: (3 points)

90000 spectators admired(open) of the(universe)event: Olympic games, by which China showed its(prosper)

C/ put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense: (4 points)

My grandfather(to have) a computer for 5 years. He(to use) it everyday. My grandfather says that by 2020 the modern house..... (to create) where we just push buttons and things..... (to do)

D/ rewrite the sentences beginning with the words given: (3 points)

1. "Are you pregnant? Asked the American journalist
Carla Bruno answered: "no, I wish

2. In Geneva, physicians are conducting many research studies about the big bang.
Many research studies.....

3. "The Chinese wall is 6700km long".
The journalist informed us.....

E/ choose the right relative pronoun from the list: (2 points)

Which - whose - when - who

1. This excursion is only for girls..... Marks in English are over 16.

2. It is the international investment..... will boost the economy in our country.

III) Writing: (10 points)

3. Once a month in the presence of their parents.
4. To earn the rupee.

C/

1. False because Girls are paid to go to school.
2. True "The daily Mumbai Mirror".
3. True: in the presence of their parents.

D/

1. Unless they are paid / they are paid a rupee.
2. Parents prefer sending boys than girls to school.

E/

1. It: a rupee
2. Their: Children

F/

1. dropping
2. regularly

II) Language: (15 points)

A/

1. Making a wish
2. Brought up
3. Provides

B/

The opening — universal — prosperity

C/

Has had — uses — will have been created — are done

D/

1. Carla Bruni answered: "no, I wish I was"
2. Many research studies are being conducted about the big bang by physicians in Geneva.
3. The journalist informed us that the Chinese wall was 6700 km long.

E/

1. whose
2. which

III) Writing: (10 points)

Dear Leila,

I am writing this letter to answer your question about television. I think your mother is right for blaming you about watching TV all the time. Nowadays, most houses have at least one television. But, do you know that TV has many effects on its viewers.

Nobody would deny that the best thing about TV is that it is a cheap entertainment which is accessible to anyone. TV is also educational when you choose the right programs. Thanks to satellite TV you can learn a lot from the variety of channels. TV is entertaining for both ill people and the old, who cannot go out much, it helps them have an eye on the world and be up dated. The main disadvantage of TV is that it is addictive. People can't stop watching it. There are people who stay up late just because their favorite serial is programmed late at night, even if they are working early the following day. Furthermore, it wastes time

especially for students since they can't manage their time. We could do so many other things if we didn't watch TV all the time. Another problem is that TV makes children passive. They don't play active games. It is also bad for family life .Some people choose to have three to five TV sets at home where each one is isolated and does not communicate with the other members of the family. Finally, maybe I would say that TV is a good means of entertainment especially if we know how to make a good use of it.

Take care.
By for now.

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