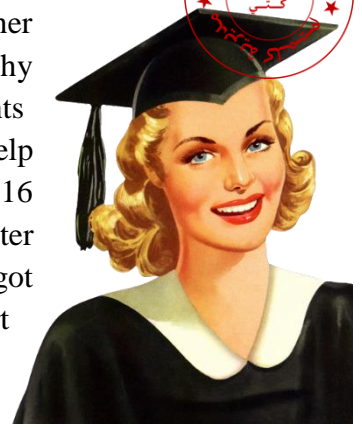


READING



[1] Ruth accepted with pride her certificate for nursing care from her teacher at a vocational school. That certificate meant a lot to her. When asked why she took up nursing, she explained, "I come from a broken home. My parents divorced when I was in my early teens and I had to drop out of school to help care for my brothers and sisters. Then my father got cancer when I was 16 and I cared for him until **he** died at our home. Not long afterwards, my sister also became ill with cancer and after a few years she passed away. I got married and began having children, while doing different jobs to support my family. I kept dreaming of receiving an education and being able to support myself, but I was never able to go back to school."

[2] "I think education is very important for my children's future. So I worked hard and saved up enough to pay part of private school tuition for my eldest son, Tom. He earned the rest in scholarships because he had good grades. It was very difficult, but it was the only way he had a chance of attending university and having a real career."

[3] "I'm now 45 years old, my husband is suffering from a mortal illness and we have three children still in high school. My dream is to be able to send **them** all to university, but as things were, it wouldn't have been possible. I've worked in caring for the elderly my whole life. But a better salary always requires certification to prove that you are educated in health care. Therefore, I could never negotiate my working conditions or salary since my employers considered me unskilled."



[4] "When I heard of this nursing course, I was very worried as I hadn't studied anything for a long time. I was sure I couldn't keep up, but our teacher had a lot of patience. At the beginning, she explained everything in simple words so I could understand and with time my vocabulary and understanding developed. The nursing skills I've learned here at this school have enabled me to demand a better salary and improve the quality of life for myself and my family."

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I. COMPREHENSION

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY.

1. Ruth dropped out of school because she wanted to get married.
2. When Ruth got married, she stayed at home to take care of her children.
3. Ruth's eldest son, Tom, was a good student.
4. All her children have finished high school.

B. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. Receiving an education was
2. Ruth's husband can't work because

C. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

1. Where did Ruth study nursing?
2. How did Ruth's father die?
3. Why couldn't Ruth negotiate her salary before she studied nursing?
4. How did Ruth's teacher help her?

D. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS OR PHRASES THAT MEAN THE SAME AS:

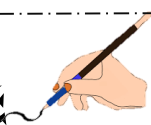
- 1. return (paragraph 1) :
- 2. old people (paragraph 3) :
- 3. make better (paragraph 4) :

E. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO?

- 1. he (paragraph 1):
- 2. them (paragraph 3):



WRITING: Report



Study the following table about a seminar on students' dropping out of school in rural areas and complete the report below:

Organizers	Local education authorities
Topic	Dropping out of school in the countryside: causes and solutions.
Date	October 05th
Place	Town hall conference room
Participants	Educators, parents' association, political officials
Attendance	200 people approximately
Activities	Mini-lectures, workshops
Main ideas	<p>Some causes of the phenomenon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Poverty ➤ Schools situated far from homes. ➤ Children needed in farm work and household chores... <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encourage dropout students to return to school. ➤ Support poor families to be able to send their children to school. ➤ Sensitize parents and children about the importance of schooling.
Evaluation and reaction	<p>Seminar: fruitful and successful</p> <p>Participants: some satisfied with results. Others call for further action.</p>



(Title):

The town hall conference room was the destination of hundreds of people last The occasion was a seminar organized by The seminar revolved around an urgent topic:

Participants, including, and attended the meeting. The audience reached the estimated figure of The activities included and The participants agreed that there were three main causes of dropping out of school. The first one is the second cause is and the third cause is

The participants concluded the seminar with urgent recommendations. They suggested that the ministry should, and

All those who attended the seminar agreed that it was and Most of them were, but many others