

Text: Pocket change

Teenagers want money and the easiest way to get it is to find a job. Nowadays, jobs are needed more than ever. Everything costs money and they are starting to understand that most of them get job just for "pocket change". So that they can just go out and get that.

Teens always need money for personal items: for cd's, shoes, clothes, jewel etc ... but some of them get jobs because they need to pay for their books or transporting. Many teens have to pay for their phone bills and lunches. They normally don't take jobs that require a lot of thinking skills or physical requirements: they just look at it as a learning experience. Competition exists even in the teen's working; the most qualified gets the job.

So, it's important for teens to gain skill and knowledge through school before they get a job.

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Part one:

Reading comprehension

A- Read the text carefully and answer these questions

1- What or who do the underlined words in text refer to:

It	
Their	

- 2- Why do teenagers need to work?
- 3- Do they get very tiring jobs?

B- Say True or False:

- 1- A teenager is a person between 13 and 19.
- 2- It's important for teens to gain experience.
- 3- They never need money
- 4- Some teens work to pay for their studies

C- Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following.

Earn= a lot=

Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following:

After ≠ nothing ≠

Mastery of language:

1- Fill in the gaps with: always- but- at- because-and

I.....enjoy workingweekends.....during my holidays
.....it's a good to earn moneyschool is my priority.

2- ...

A	B
1- The train for Oran leaves at 2 p.m	a- Negative prediction
2- In the future, we'll be able to visit the moon.	b- Resolution
3- I'll work hard to win the competition	c- Time- table
4- Tomorrow, we won't go on picnic because it won't be a nice day	d- Positive prediction

3- **Put the correct form of the verbs between brackets:**

- a- The flight to Madrid (to be) at 9 a.m.
- b- My family (to go) on holiday, next time
- c- I don't like (to waste) my time.

4- **Are these prepositions strong or weak:**

- a- I'm from Algiers.
- b- What is this article about?
- c- Teens have to go to school.
- d- The story is under the table.

Part two: write expression

You're a teenager and you surely like to have a "Pocket change".

- Write a paragraph in about 6 to 8 lines.
- Here are some questions to help you.
- How do you get your "pocket change"?
- Which job do you do?
- When do you do it?
- Who gives you your pocket change?

Correction of the exam

Part one: Reading comprehension (7pts)

A- Read the text carefully and answer these questions:

1- What or who do the underlined words in text refer to:

It	Money
Their	Teens

2- Why do teenagers need to work?

They need to work for their personal items: CD-shoes-clothes...etc

Some to pay their books or transporting and others to pay their phone bills and lunches.

3- Do they get very tiring jobs?

No, they don't.

B- Say 'true' or 'false'.

- A teenager is a person between 13 and 19 (true)
- It's important for teens to gain experience. (true)
- They never need money. (false)
- Some teens work to pay for their studies. (true)

C- Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following:

Earn= gain a lot= many.

- Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to:

After ≠ before. Nothing ≠ Every thing.

Mastery of language: (7pts)

1- Fill in the gaps with: always-but-at-because-and

- I always enjoy working at weekends and during my holidays because it is good to earn money but school is my priority.

2- Match the pairs

A	B
1-The Train for Oran leaves at 2pm	a-Negative prediction
2-In the future, we'll be able to visit the moon	b-Resolution
3-I'll work hard to win the competition	c-Time-table
4-Tomorrow, we won't go on picnic because it	d-positive prediction
won't be a nice day	

3- Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form

- a- The flight to Madrid is at 9 a.m.
- b- My family is going on holiday next time.
- c- I don't like wasting time.

4- Are these prepositions strong or weak:

- a- I'm from Algiers → weak form.
- b- What is this article about? → Strong form.
- c- Teens have to go to school → weak form.
- d- The story is under the table → strong from.

Part two: (06pts)

My name is Lilia, I'm 15 years old. I always need money to get my personal things: shoes, clothes, books, jewels and other things. My parents are very severe, they don't give me money freely. I have to gain it by doing some activities. I always help my mother at home. Every week, my brother and I clean my father's car. At weekends, I do Nanning. On holidays, my brother and I work in my uncle's shop. We help him and at the same time we earn some money. In fact, I like working and I feel responsible of myself.