1-Lisa Wilde, 37, became so frustrated at the rising cost of petrol that she now leaves her Land Rover in the garage and instead uses her trusty horse and cart for everything from the school run to shopping trips. Lisa and partner Dean Wiles, 38, say <u>the change</u> has already saved the family hundreds of pounds and has been a huge hit with the neighbours.



2-Every day sees the couple and their three children complete a seven-mile round trip to school - saving them a small fortune. Lisa said: "The price of fuel these days is extortionate - it wasn't **that** long ago I could put £20 in the Land Rover and it would fill it up to a quarter of a tank, but now it won't even stop my fuel warning light. "One day we just decided that we couldn't afford **it** and we haven't looked back since. The horses need feeding and exercising anyway so it just makes sense." In the current economic climate it's also very expensive keeping horses - but now they are definitely earning their keep."

3-The family - who make and repair horse boxes for a living - have been using the old-fashioned form of transport on and off for the past six months. They head three miles north to drop Benjamin, nine, and Oliver, six, at the local primary school in Coggeshall before dropping off daughter Eleanor, 15, at her secondary school half-a-mile down the road. The round trip takes around 40 minutes - twice as long as the equivalent car journey in rush hour - but Lisa says it saves her time as she doesn't have to find an hour in her day to exercise the horses separately.

4-She also stops off to get groceries and pick up supplies and the change of lifestyle has made the family popular amongst the locals. Lisa added: "Whenever we are out and about in the carriage it causes quite a stir but it seems to put a smile on people's faces and definitely beats the usual rat race in a car.

5-"The schoolchildren love it when we stop outside with the horses so we never have a problem finding a parking space. It's also a great way of making friends instantly around the village. The only problem we've had so far is that Eleanor cringes every time we pull up outside her school as everyone is staring - but she still never turns down a lift."

6-Proud Benjamin added: "I love riding in the carriage every day as people at school always come up to me and say 'wow Ben - was that really you? My mates love getting to stroke the horses and are always asking me for lifts home. I look forward to it every day."



MOCK EXAM : May 2012	Cité El Habib Secondary School
Mr. : A.M.Kamel	Class :4th Form ARTS1+2
Name:	Class: N°:
I-COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: (15 mks)
1-Complete each blank with only one word from	m the text §1: (4mks)
Because of the huge rise in the	
2-Correct these FALSE statements with a deta	il from the text (3mks)
a-To feed the horses, the family have to spend	more money on them §2
b-To manage their life with the horses is some	ething totally new to this family. §3
c- The horses need an extra-hour every day to	be exercised §3
3-Tick ($\sqrt{\ }$)the most suitable alternative 1(mk)	
"wow Ben - was that really you?" This statemen	t expresses
a- asking for information [] b-astonishm	ent [] c-decline and refusal []
4-What do the underlined words in the text ref	er to? (3mks)
a- the change in §1 refers to	
b- that in§2 refers to	



c- it in §3 refers to

5-In § 4 the use of the horses has solved a problem but at the same time raised an other problem (2mks)
What is the solved problem?
What is the raised problem?
6-If you were one member of this family would you agree with your parents' decision to use the horse and the cart rather than the car. Justify your attitude (2mks)
II-LANGUAGE
1-Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the list . There's one extra word:(3 mks)
about / best/ down / Eventually/ hurt / nightmare/ so
Kunjamon Iochen arrived in Belfast eight years ago from India with his wife and two sons. They purchased a house and settled to what they thought was going to be an idyllic life, but just weeks later their
2-Put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form (3,5mks)
Hundreds of lives were lost among the poorer passengers on the ship, many of them (sail)
3-Choose the right alternative (3.5mks)

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Now more than ever men and women are working together sharing power. It is(any longer / not longer / no longer)newsworthy when an accomplished

woman is promoted to(lead / deal /help)a business unit or to run a company full of(charging-hard / hard-charging / hard-charged)men. In fact, more people now work for women-owned businesses. (However /Despite/ Unless)there are differences between men and women in management style - not in(careers/ skills /pay .) We can't ignore men's long experience — (at / for /by)the office or in the living room. Men have tended to demonstrate a "go for the kill mentality". They try to get (as / such / so) much as possible through pressure and intimidation.

III- WRITING: (15 mks)

1-Guided writing: (5mks)

This is the body of a letter of application. Add what is missing put the necessary changes to get a coherent content:

1-I am applying /the position /receptionist, / was advertised / 'The Courier Mail' / Saturday 14 April 2005. (1.25)	
2-I have over 5 years experience /work in a busy office environment / a Receptionist/general office administrator. (0.75)	
3-I /(recently/ complete)/ a Certificate II / Business Administration (0.5)	
4-I am competent /the use of Microsoft Word/Excel / PowerPoint and have a current typing speed /40 words / minute / 100% accuracy.(1.5)	
5-I have enclosed my resume /can be /contact /at anytime / an interview / 333 3333 33(1	.)



Free writing: (10 mks)

some people prefer to live in the quiet of the country; others prefer the hustle and bustle of the city. Which do you think is the better choice? State your position and support it with specific reasons and examples.(Do not write more than 15 lines)		

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