

(1) It was early fall when Urban Exodus visited Mimi and Richard's Made in Ghent farm, farm store, bakery and gathering place. The apples were ripe for the picking and the fall harvest had started. The farm store was bustling with people coming to buy meat and bread for their evening meals. Mimi was busy in the kitchen, while Richard was working on various projects on the farm. Now, it is hard to believe that only four years ago this 75-acre farm was overgrown fields and a few derelict buildings.

(2) Mimi and Richard started as weekenders in Columbia County, they bought a little farmhouse on a small plot of land and would come up to escape the madness of New York City on the weekends with their two daughters. Each visit, they found it harder and harder to return to New York. Richard had worked in the advertising world for many years and the constant travel and stress had left him ready for the next adventure.

(3) With their two daughters entering high school they thought long about what truly held meaning in their life. They sold their home in the suburbs and moved into their little farmhouse. Richard commuted back and forth until they found their current farm, just a mile from their previous place in Ghent, New York. They invested their life savings to build Made in Ghent, knowing well that it meant their business had to become sustainable in order to not have to return to their previous city lives.

(4) Made in Ghent is constantly evolving and adding new offerings for their local and seasonal community. In addition to running an Animal Welfare Approved meat and egg business, Mimi makes bread. **Both** host farm dinners and run creative and business development workshops. Richard has channeled his former agency skills into his photography and has established himself as a respected photojournalist in the Hudson Valley.

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(Adapted)

I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks) :

1) Match the following headings with their appropriate paragraphs (4 marks) :
(There is one extra heading)

Headings	Paragraphs / Answer
a- Opting for urban exodus	1 --- b
b- A paradise like farm	2 --- d
c- Enjoying rural exodus	3 --- a
d- Away from the stressful city	4 --- e
e- Enjoying life and work on the farm	

2) For of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false (3 marks) :

a- There used to be a lot of productive trees on Made in Ghent farm. (Paragraph 1)

“this 75-acre farm was overgrown fields”

b- Mimi and Richard were unwilling to leave the city. (Paragraph 2)

“they found it harder and harder to return to New York”

c- Mimi and Richard spent all their money on the farm just for their own pleasure and entertainment. (Paragraph 3)

“it meant their business had to become sustainable in order to not have to return to their previous city lives”

3) What are the main activities people can enjoy on the farm? Give only one. (1 mark) :
farm dinners OR creative and business development workshops

4) What does the underlined word refer to in the text (1 mark) :

Both (pg 4) refers to : Mimi and Richard

5) Find a word in the text meaning nearly the same as (2 marks) :

a- left to fall into ruin (pg 1) : derelict

b- travelled regularly between one's home and work (pg 3) : commuted

6) Give a personal and justified answer to the following question (1 mark) :

If you were Mimi and Richard, would you make that choice ? Say why or why not.

If I were Mimi and Richard, I would make that choice because life in the country is far more interesting than life in the city : fresh air, healthy environment, friendly people, less crowded areas and less crimes.

OR

If I were Mimi and Richard, I **wouldn't** make that choice because **life in the city is far more interesting than life in the countryside : comfortable means of transport, available amenities and means of entertainment, better job opportunities.**

II- LANGUAGE (6 marks) :

1) Put the bracketed words in the right Form and / or Tense (3 marks) :

I was an overweight child, teenager and adult, often bullied, with exceptionally low self-esteem and depression for many years. I went on various diets which failed and I **1- lost**/gained the same seven stone over several years (size 10 to size 24). I finally had a "light bulb moment" and spent several months **2- working** through my emotional associations with food , an **3- exceptionally** difficult and painful journey which opened up a lot of discomfort in many areas of my life. But I now have a **4- much** better relationship with food, and my parents. So far, they **5- have done** what they before thought was the best for me growing up, but I **6- believe** they had many emotional issues that they dealt with using food and passed down to me in the process.

2) Fill in the blanks with 06 words from the box to get a coherent paragraph (3 marks) :

on – potential – recognize – increase – while – under – inefficiencies – decrease

Knowing the reasons your company's productivity is lacking directs you to appropriate solutions to improve productivity and profits. Ineffective management practices **1- decrease** a company's productivity in several ways. The overall strategy for such a company contains **2- inefficiencies** because the manager doesn't see and take steps to implement the most productive ways to complete tasks. Individual employees fail and lose **3- under** poor management. They don't have the freedom and coaching to reach their full **4- potential** , so they don't get as much done as they could. Employees who do not feel like their supervisors **5- recognize** their efforts often don't try hard to perform to their full capacity. Dissatisfied employees are generally unproductive ones, **6- while** happy employees who are passionate about their jobs get the work done effectively.

III- WRITING (12 marks) :

1) Use the following information to write a paragraph about smoking (4 marks) :

smoking harm organ the body, cause disease death	Smokers develop heart disease, stroke, lung cancer.	Smoking cause inflammation decrease immune function.	If quit smoking, the risk health issue drop sharply.
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Smoking is harmful to the organs of the body and can cause diseases and deaths. Smokers are likely to develop heart disease, stroke and lung cancer. Added to that, smoking can cause an inflammation and a decrease in the immune function. Therefore, if one quits smoking, the risk of all these health issues will drop sharply.

2) Topic (8 marks) :

Your friend has recently bought a new car. Write him / her an e-mail in which you advise him / her to adopt an eco-friendly driving style that is both ecologically and economically beneficial.

Dear friend,

How are you? I hope you are doing well. I know that you have recently bought a new car, congrats dear friend. I also know that you are a good driver but I want to make sure that you adopt an eco-friendly driving style. To begin with, I advise you to get your car serviced regularly for best efficiency. You should always use the right specification of engine oil. You also ought to check your tyre pressures regularly and before long journeys because under-inflated tyres will make your car use more fuel. Remember that if you're only going a couple of miles or so, you really do not need to use the car. You had better drive smoothly, accelerate gently and read the road ahead to avoid braking unnecessarily.

I hope you will take into consideration my tips and adopt an eco-friendly driving style that is beneficial for both the environment and you.

Yours with love

P.S : This is a sample of writing. You can always do better!

Adherence to task and content adequacy	3 marks
Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy	3 marks
Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling)	2 marks