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READ THE TEXT CAREFULLY AND DO THE ACTIVITIES.

In a society where written communication predominates, the person who doesn't possess the fundamental technical skills of reading, writing and arithmetic inevitably finds **himself** in a position of inferiority: in shops, public transport, at the bank and the post office, in the exercise of civil rights and duties, and even in the access to employment. An illiterate unemployed person will even avoid applying for work at an employment agency because he is ashamed of **his** inability to complete the necessary forms. An illiterate worker will find it difficult to play an active role in trade union activities.

..... Having a child admitted to hospital, completing allowance form and other administrative formalities all dealing with the authorities, school and the law, represent insurmountable obstacles to the illiterate.

A) Comprehension Interpretation (6pts)

I) Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a) Why does an illiterate person find himself in a position of inferiority?
- b) Why does an illiterate person even avoid applying for a job?
- c) Is an illiterate person able to become an active member in his society?

II) What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- a) Himself (§1):
- b) His (§1):

III) a) Find in the text words that are synonyms to the following:

- (1) Essential (§1) =
- (2) Incapacity (§1) =
- (3) Jobless (§1) =

b) Find in the text words that are opposites of the following:

- (1) Proud (§1) ≠
- (2) Passive (§1) ≠
- (3) Private (§1) ≠

B) Text exploration/ MASTERY OF LANGUAGE (8pts)

I) Supply punctuation and capitals where necessary

146 noble prizes were won by Americans although one tenth of the whole American population is illiterate

II) Complete the table below

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
Possess
.....	Access
.....	Illiterate

III) Rewrite the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one:

- 1. a) Helen Keller was deaf and blind but she managed to be a successful writer.
b) **Although**.....
- 2. a) Unless you help me. I can't write to her.
b) **If**.....

3. a) "What have you learned at school today?" he asked his son.
 b) **He asked**.....
4. a) He feels he's inferior because he doesn't know how to fill a form
 b) **As** he.....

IV) Classify the following words according to their final "s"

Predominates – shops – duties – obstacles.

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V) Ask questions that the underlined words answer:

- a) People are sometimes unaware of the importance of education.
 b) She goes to school twice a week.

C) WRITTEN EXPRESSION (6pts)

Choose one of the following topics:

Topic One: Complete the following conversation between two persons

A:

B: Yes, you can.

A:

B: I've learnt to read and write in an adult literacy class.

A:

B: Yes, now I feel that my self confidence has grown.

A:

B: I'm able to help my children with their home work.

A:

B: I intend to help others poor illiterate women.

A:

B: Thank you.

Topic two: What are the advantages of education in your opinion? Write a coherent paragraph.