



**Entrance exam 2013-2014**

**English**

**14/7/2013**

**Part I: Reading Comprehension**

*You are going to read an article about **The Importance of Education**. When you are through, answer the questions that follow.*

**See the World in a Different Light**

1. Today, education has become more of a privilege than a right. More wealthy families afford degrees at fancier universities, while families in terrible poverty can only afford minimum education as provided by the public school system. Do you know that regardless of the stature of the school you went to, it's your attitude about the knowledge and skills you're given that counts? Yes, you may be schooled in the most prestigious and reputable school there is, but if you are not naturally inquisitive, and if you are just on the receiving end of education, there's the beginning of stagnation. If, on the other hand, you are schooled in a meager town public school, yet with every lesson, you ask the questions and do independent research, and then you're on your way to becoming truly educated.

2. Why is there a need to be educated anyway? Is it a means for survival? Is it similar to food, shelter, clothing, or money? Well, in these changing times, I dare say that yes, it is a means for survival. You wouldn't survive this world's information boom if you do not possess critical thinking characteristics of educated people. Indeed, education may be considered as a means to view the world in its real context, with layers of meaning embedded in its every little shade, corner, or gap. You don't want to be clueless for the challenges that lie ahead. You have to have an opinion for every issue there is. But how to do that, when you do not exert any effort to learn? You cannot give what you do not have. You cannot help solve the ills of this world if you cannot critically reflect on reality. You cannot make sense of your own life if you have not practiced doing so in various academic exercises found only in formal education.

3. Imagine life without knowing and mastering reading, listening, writing, and speaking. How will you comprehend the world from the minutest to the most global of issues? How will you interpret, when you have not heard? How will you jot down your insights when you haven't mastered the art of taking down meaningful notes? How will you express your opinions when you haven't based these on anything?

4. Education makes you understand and helps you be understood as well. It is also hoped that through education, you are moved to act upon understanding. I am saddened when I hear of kids who do not take their education seriously. Not deliberately, of course, but children who lack interests in their studies are more likely to be unaware of the value of education in their lives. I am indeed thankful for the opportunities afforded for me to become properly educated. The youth will realize the value of studying soon, so that they, too, can make a significant difference in society through their actions.

5. When circumstances prevent the youth from enrolling in schools at all, still, windows of opportunities exist for them. Try to read, read, and read! Ask the questions, from the dumbest to the smartest queries. Find yourself a mentor to guide your journey. Actively listen to intelligent media, and ask the hows and the whys. Do not accept all information from media as absolute truths; learn to sift and be critical about the beliefs you wish to uphold and value. Regularly express your thoughts through fluid writing and speaking. Act decently educated by holding on to good values. These are just some tips to youth who find it hard to go to schools. There is no reason for you not to cultivate your mind and learn. You just need to make the most of what you do have, and innovate for the rest.

6. Indeed, education is a necessity to survive and excel in living in today's modern world. Grab all the opportunities you can to learn, because education is a fun, lifelong process!



**A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences. (Score 3)**

1. What makes you well educated?
2. Why is it a must to be a man of education?
3. What advice did the writer give as a conclusion?

**B. What do these underlined pronouns in the article refer to? (Score 1.5)**

It p.2

These p.3

They p.4

**C. Pick out from the article words that have the same meanings as the following: (Score 3)**

1. size p.1
2. problem p.2
3. read between the lines p.3
4. question; inquiry p.5
5. advisor p.5
6. seize p.6

**D. Restate these sentences to have the same meaning. (Score 3)**

1. He accepts all the information from the media.

All the information \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He has more opportunities because he is well educated.

If he \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Although a student goes to a public school, he can get high education.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_.

**E. Correct the one mistake in each sentence. (Score 1.5)**

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**Part II. Writing**

“He who chooses the beginning of the road chooses the place it leads to.”

How can you engineer your future, and what steps should you take to make your dream come true. Develop your writing in a well organized essay of 150→200 words. Provide an outline and a title.