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I. READING COMPREHENSION

(8 marks)

Read the text, then answer the questions.

THE TEXT

1. I have always been interested in what you can grow: fruit, vegetables and flowers. That's why I was thinking about learning more about gardening for a long time. When I found out I could do a free technical course, I was really excited. I started attending classes one night a week after work and every Saturday.
2. Everyone in my class is very lively, supportive with one another and we're all from very different backgrounds. We're into slightly different things, too. So, we're all just swapping advice. We started by learning how to safely use garden tools. Then, we moved on to plant identification, which is fantastic.
3. I've already started helping friends and family with their gardens. I'm trying new things with my own garden, too. I love my job but it's a bit depressing. We see a lot of terrible stuff and deal with a lot of tough situations. Studying gardening is something to put my mind to that's completely fun.

Adapted from *The Guardian* (January 2026)



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate option.

The text is **mainly** about a person who joined a gardening course to

- a. earn more money.
- b. improve her skills.
- c. get a better job.

1 mark

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2. Are the following statements true or false? Tick (✓) the right box.

2 marks

Statements	True	False
a. The writer goes to gardening lessons two times a week. (paragraph 1)		
b. The writer finds gardening difficult and boring. (paragraph 3)		

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3. What does the following sentence in paragraph 1 express? Tick the right box.

1 mark

I found out I **could do** a free technical course.

- a. obligation
- b. intention
- c. possibility

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4. Pick out words from the text meaning nearly the same as:

2 marks

- a. exchanging (paragraph 2):
- b. difficult (paragraph 3):

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5. What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

2 marks

- a. which (paragraph 2) refers to
- b. it (paragraph 3) refers to

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II. LANGUAGE

(7 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with five (5) words from the box.

at / learn / on / before / worked / career / been

When Drew Mascotti graduated from high school, he got a job delivering pizzas. But it wasn't long he realized that dropping off pies wasn't what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. So, he signed up for a night class a local tech school to see if welding was a skill that 'was going to stick.' It did. Mascotti wanted to everything about welding and manufacturing. He decided this was how he'd make his For the past 18 years, he has a welder. He has taken assignments ranging from working at a pipe mill, to building heat exchangers.

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2. Circle the right option.

Whatever you may think of younger generations, they're smarter than us. They're already waking up to the fact that there are plenty of ways to **(pay / buy / earn)** a good living and live a happy life even without a college degree. I see **(these / this / that)** people frequently. When I stop at my local store for a coffee, the place is filled with younger **(plumb / plumbers / plumbing)**, roofers and builders getting their drinks before going to their higher-than-average-paid jobs. They're able to **(do / apply / ask)** more than one job if they want. They have flexible hours and can move between locations and industries, depending on **(who / why / where)** the work is. They have job security because they are truly skilled.

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3. Match the sentence parts in A with those in B to get a coherent paragraph. There is one extra part in B. Write your answers in the space provided below.

2 marks

Column A	Column B
1. An eco-friendly house uses fewer resources	a. reduce energy consumption.
2. It integrates innovative design features to	b. promoted healthy well-being.
3. Most materials used to create eco-friendly houses consist	c. psychologically healthier.
4. People living in these houses are generally physically and	d. of renewable or recycled resources.
	e. than a traditional one.

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III. WRITING

(5 marks)

Your classmates believe the Internet is only for playing games, but you think it offers much more.

Write an 8-line article for your school magazine in which you advise them on how to use the Internet as a tool for learning and improving their studies.

DOT NOT WRITE YOUR NAME. DO NOT MENTION YOUR SCHOOL.

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