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S.4 ENGLISH PASSAGE.

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Many studies have shown that it is best for children to have both parents in their lives. Even if a step parent is not abusive, it will still be difficult for a child to form the kinds of bonds or relationships they have with their birth parents. If you are planning to get a divorce, it is important to do everything you can to make sure that your children have some kind of emotional support beyond you and your ex-husband or wife whether it is seeing a psychologist or just looking for social interactions that will not be affected by the divorce.

One of the hardest parts of divorce for children is trying to maintain a stable life while living between two homes. Regardless of how hard you and your former spouse may try, it may prove impossible to share custody or the care of the child that provides a consistent routine for your child. Unfortunately, it is not easy to lessen the impact of constantly having to travel from one home to another. Open communication with your child is the best way to ensure that his or her needs are met as much as possible.

Even though many children today come from broken homes, there is still an enormous social burden placed on the child. Among other things, if a child has to go from one parent's house to another on the weekends, they miss out on vital socializing opportunities with their school friends. You will also find that the constant disruption over the holidays will also take a toll on normal social development.

When it comes to custody decisions, many couples choose one parent for weekdays and the other for weekends and holidays. Aside from being confusing, there are a number of consequences to this kind of arrangement. If you find that your children do not have as many friends at school, or that they are often frustrated with social situations, it may be a good indicator that the custody arrangements are contributing to the problem.

Rather than simply ignore that fact that your child's social life is being disrupted by divorce, it is important to face this fact and take steps to amend the situation.

Adapted from: Sunday Monitor, May 10, 2009.

In not more than 120 words, summarize the passage, bringing out the effects of divorce to children.

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These days we hear much criticism of advertising. The critics are the kill – joys who hate to see people enjoying the good things of life which modern methods of mass production (helped by advertising) have put within reach of everyone. They should save their breath Advertising is here to stay, and they might as well accept that fact.

The people who sneer at advertising fail to realize that they are benefiting from it all the time. The sales made possible by advertising are so large that manufactures can afford to cut prices to a minimum.

Infact everyone benefits from advertising- the consumer, the trader and the community at large. Let us consider the consumer first. Not only does advertising save him money; it has the means of giving him innumerable new pleasures. The consumer also enjoys the use of modern inventions like vacuum cleaners and washing machines for easy domestic work.

The trader benefits from advertising because it increases his turnover. People buy more from him. Furthermore the quality of the goods he sells is assured by advertising, for an advertised brand name has a reputation to lose if the contents of the package are below standard.

The community at large benefits because advertising is a powerful factor in keeping employment up and the cost of living down. Hardly less important, advertising stabilizes prices.

Our society believes that competition is right and advertising illustrates this belief by helping manufacturers to sell more than their competitors. Advertising helps by giving everyone freedom of choice. It faces the consumer continually with choice – between one soap-powder and another between one car and another and he is free to make his own decision. The critics often talk as though an advertisement forced people to buy. Of course it does not. It informs and persuades but it forces no one to buy anything.

In our present- day society, where loneliness is a problem, it can give a cosy sense of belonging. The knowledge that Geisha soap lasts like a mother's love, make a tablet of Geisha soap a passport into one big happy family.

Advertising has been of great service to increase the appreciation of art in all walks of life. How dull our country would be without beautifully coloured back streets or the catchy television commercials which have a God – given right to criticize everything, even if it does not concern them.

(Adapted from: "The Written Word" by W.E.K Anderson)

Question: In not more than 110 words, summarise reasons why advertisement is useful to various people.

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1. READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE CAREFULLY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Biofuel, which is fuel extracted from agricultural produce can be produced either as biodiesel, which is extracted from vegetable seeds or as bioethanol from starch and sugar plants. Biodiesel is used to run diesel engines while bioethanol runs petrol engines. Ethanol converted into Ethonal gel is used for cooking and lighting.

Uganda has the capacity to produce substantial amounts of biodiesel and small amounts of ethanol are already being produced as a by- product of sugar factories.

In the countryside, locals are reportedly already adding “enquuli” local gin to petrol to run vehicles.

Other African Countries are also eager to turn farm fields into oilfields. Nigeria is currently making ethanol from cassava, Malawi is producing sugar can ethanol and so is Mozambique.

This haste to invest in and encourage biofuels, is driven by a number of factors including concerns about total dependence on imported and expensive fossil fuel, the need to conserve the already depleting oil reserves. However, biofuel has many advantages over fossil fuel and they include the following:

Biofuels are cleaner and safer for the environment. Globally it is feared that oil reserves are depleting fast and that if the World continues to use oil at the current rates the reserves will only take us another 40 years. It is therefore, imperative that alternative sources of energy be sought.. biofuel is one of those alternatives. In contrast to fossil fuel, biofuel is extracted can be planted again and again.

Using biodiesel can extend the life of diesel engines because it is more lubricating than petroleum diesel fuel.

Biodiesel burns at 300 degrees Fahrenheit as compared to petroleum diesel which burns at 125 degrees Fahrenheit. It is therefore safer to transport in terms of risks of fire. In addition biofuel can be made at home by the end user.

The technology for making biodiesel is not complex. Once it has been set up by an engineer, the farmer can take over and run it easily.

While advocates for biofuel are not short of glory songs, it also has its critics.

One of the biggest concerns is that using food crops like maize, sugarcane and soybeans to produce fuel is going to drive up the prices of these crops, increasing the problem of hunger in the wider world.

Another fear concerning food security is that people will rush to sow oil plants leaving little land for food cultivation.

Environmentalists are wary of the intentions to replace our biodiversity with vast farms of monocultured oil plants.

The biofuel revolution comes at a time when Uganda has just discovered her oil resources. This raises fear that biofuels will give the young oil market unneeded competition

Deforestation is another of the environmental concerns the idea of "Planting" oil raises.

However, a number of social and environmental issues must be taken into account if the production of these green fuels is to be sustainable.

(Adapted from "Saturday Vision" Feb 9th 2008 page 10)

Question:

In not more than 120 words, summarize advantages and disadvantages of biofuel.

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In many parts of the world, particularly in countries considered developed, boarding schools are increasingly becoming less common. But, in many African Countries, virtually a new school being established, has a boarding section.

Many students insist on being taken to a boarding school, where they argue, is better than when a child is in a day school.

In boarding schools students find plenty of time to read and discuss their lessons with fellow students. A child also has time for prayers and opportunities to develop his or her talents. In case of children who have difficulties with studying, boarding schools may not be the best solution. Such children develop an inferiority complex or suffer from depression.

Although boarding schools organize several counseling and guidance programmes to the young children, they hardly fill the gap of parents' guidance and do not pass on traditions and norms that are so important to the identity of children.

Throughout their years of stay in boarding school, children come across students from different families with different behavior and beliefs. This consciously and unconsciously have a toll on their behavior and way of thinking. A child grows up with group mentality and social behavior as a matter of fact the boarding “hangover” would remain with the child for many years to come. However, children acquire some of the bad habits and peer influence from boarding schools.

In monetary terms, parents argue that it is cheaper to maintain children in boarding schools rather than cater for their many “unnecessary” daily demands while they commute to school from home. On the other hand, it is clear children have fewer day to day interactions with their loved ones at home.

Some parents hold that because children learn to live in a community with others not necessarily being their relatives, they learn to take care of themselves. But it remains a fact that children in a boarding school will lack the parental control and love which he or she would have got when in a day school.

But it remains an important duty of parents to regularly visit their children at school and also attend school meetings, in order to know how their young people are getting along and the particular help they need.

(Adapted from: *Leadership Magazine Nov/Dec 2010*).

Questions:

1A. *In not more than 60 words, give reasons why boarding schools are good.*

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