

**PART ONE: A) Reading Comprehension: Read the text carefully then do the activities.(7pts)**

## **Who was Steve Jobs?**

Do you have an iPad, iPod, iPhone, a smartwatch or a Mac computer? If you don't, you probably know someone who has one (or wants one)! Steve Jobs made the company – Apple – that created these things that are now such an important part of the lives of millions of people.

He was born on February 24, 1955, in San Francisco, California. When he was a boy, he had a special hobby: he liked to take apart televisions and put them back together again. He was a very good student in school and even skipped a grade. After he finished grade four, he went into grade six. And in 1972, when he was seventeen, he graduated from high school. He then began his studies in Reed College, in Portland, Oregon, but dropped out after six months. Deciding to quit was not at all easy. It was difficult, but as Jobs later said, "I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life." Two years later in 1974, he travelled to India; and while there, he learned about Buddhism.

After Steve Jobs returned to the United States, he found a job as a video game designer at a company called Atari, and two years after that, in 1976, when he was only twenty-one years old, he created his own company – Apple Computer – with his friend, Steve Wozniak. Steve Jobs later got married in 1991 and had four children. Unfortunately, doctors discovered that he had cancer in 2003 and in 2011, he died at the age of only 56.

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### **1) Choose the right answer: 1.5**

1. The article is about the Apple Computer company.  
(a) TRUE (b) FALSE (c) It doesn't say.
2. He made his own televisions as a boy because his family was poor.  
(a) TRUE (b) FALSE (c) It doesn't say.
3. Steve Jobs never graduated from high school.  
(a) TRUE (b) FALSE (c) It doesn't say.

### **2) Answer the following questions: 4**

- a) Why didn't Steve Jobs study in grade five in school? 1
- b) When did Steve Jobs make Apple Computer company? 0.5
- c) How much did he spend at Reed College? 1
- d) Did he know what to do when he was young? 0.5
- e) What conclusion do you draw from that story? 1

### **3) In which paragraph is it mentioned that he decided to leave school? 0.5**

- 4) **Who or what do the underlined words refer to?** Them§2 it§2  
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### **B) Text exploration: (8pts)**

1. Find in the text opposites to the following: 0.5

certainly (§1)≠..... lost (§3)≠.....

**2. Supply punctuation and capitals: 1**

-why is it tiring to live in a big town she asked

**3. Give the correct form of verbs in brackets: 1.5**

-Increasing numbers of people (have) now access to information. If this trend (keep on), they (play) an active role in spreading culture.

**4. Join sentence « a » and « a » using the right link word: 3**  
**although, so, because, consequently**

- 1) A-Some children are more responsible. B-They study hard.
- 2) A-Inventions are necessary. B-Man is always innovating.
- 3) A-The scientist failed a lot of time. B-He has not stopped.

**5. Classify the following according to the pronunciation of their final 'd/ed': 1**

/t/	/d/	/id/

-discovered- decided- skipped- finished

**6. Fill in blanks with the appropriate words from the list: 1**

**- who – what –that –when – he – him - himself**

-Louis Braille was a famous inventor. In 1912, he had a terrible accident ...1....he hit .....2..... in the eye and became blind. However, ...3..... event didn't stop ...4....from working harder to solve some problems.

**PART TWO: Written Expression. Choose One topic Only! (5pts)**

**Topic 1:** In almost 08 lines, using the notes below, **write a short biography** of the British novelist **Piers Paul Read**:

- 7 March 1941 – born in Buckinghamshire
- His father – poet and art critic
- 1971 - married Emily Boothby- 04 children
- 1966 – wrote his first novel “Game in Heaven”
- 1974 – wrote his best known book “Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors”
- 2019 – lives in London

**Topic 2:** An accident happened to two friends. Tell us the story!