

I- COMPREHENSION: Read the text below very carefully and answer the questions that follow.

TEXT: A man's story.

Bako was both intelligent and hardworking so he soon learnt all that Garba taught him of the art of reading and writing. Now he was able to earn a little extra income as a letter-writer and reader to his fellow illiterate labourers. All the people trusted him because he never revealed any information he got from the letters to anyone.

Bako's happiest moments came on Saturdays when he received his pay and on Mondays when the labourers returned to work bringing with them all the gossip and laughter of their villages. Unfortunately, a misfortune befell Bako. One day as he stood gazing proudly at a big tree, which he had just felled, another tree being cut down by a fellow labourer struck him on the head. The branches tore his face and he fell unconscious. His friends carried him to Adom Hospital.

The accident changed Bako's life. His handsome face became permanently scarred. He lost his strength and job. At first, he hoped that in time he would regain his strength but Bako grew weaker and weaker.

QUESTIONS (5marks)

- 1- According to the passage, what did Garba teach Bako? 2- How did Bako get additional income?
- 3- Bako used to disclose the contents of the letters he wrote or read for people. True or false?
- 4- How did the accident affect Bako?
- 5- Which advice would you give Bako to help him live a happy life after his misfortune?

II- VOCABULARY (4 marks)

***Find in the text words that are synonyms or opposites to the following:**

- 1/laborious =; 2/salary =; 3/ bad luck =; 4/ staring =
 5/ literate ≠; 6/ fortunately ≠; 7/ conscious ≠; 8/ ugly ≠

III- LANGUAGE AND USAGE (5 marks)

***Complete with the correct verb form or word in the parentheses**

- 1- Mr Ali has (teach) in this school since 1998. 2- The little boy couldn't help (cry) for food.
- 3- As soon as I pass my exam, I (join) my uncle in Paris. 4- If I felt better, I (go) to cinema with you.
- 5- This factory isbig! (such, what, so) 6- They did not finish the work ,.....they ? (had, did, didn't)
- 7- the patient takes the medicine, she won't get better. (if, Unless, but)

***Turn into active or passive voice**

- 8- Has this letter been written by you? 9- The dog is barking at the stranger.

***Put into the reported speech.**

- 10- "Don't give yourself up," he advised her.

IV- WRITING (6marks)

Imagine you are Bako the text above is talking about. Your address is P.O Box 09 Agbetiko Village. Write a letter to your uncle Agbezouke who lives in Lomé and narrate him your life story. (tell him about how you learnt to read and write, your activities in the village and the benefits you got from them, the unfortunate accident, your present health and financial conditions, you may ask him for help etc.)