

I-Reading Comprehension (6 marks)

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below

Text:

Yet, in early childhood, gender differences start out small. Girls have higher rates at birth and many of them participate in preschool. Among those who reach secondary school, girls tend to outperform boys in reading across every country. But the age of adolescence can bring significant problems to girls' well-being. Gender norms and discrimination elevate their risk of forced marriages, unwanted pregnancies, HIV and AIDS.

Equality or non-discrimination is the state where every individual gets equal opportunities and rights. Every individual in the society desires for equal status, opportunities and rights. However, it is a general observation that there exist lots of discrimination between men and women. Discrimination exists because of cultural differences, geographical differences, and gender. Inequality based on gender is a problem that concerns all the countries in the world. Even in the twenty-first century, across the globe, men and women do not enjoy equal chances. Gender equity means giving equal **opportunities** to both men and women in political, economic, education and health aspects.

Questions

- 1-At birth, girls have a higher survival rate than boys. True or false?
- 2-Is there any discrimination between the two sex? (Short answer)
- 3-Correct the following sentence according to the text:
*Discrimination is the state where every individual gets equal opportunities and rights.
- 4-Give two elements from the text showing the reason why discrimination exists.
- 5-What brings problems to girls' well-being according to the text?
- 6- If you were a parent, would you let your female children go to school? Why?

II- Linguistic Competence (6 marks)

A- Vocabulary (3 marks)

- 1-Give the adjective form of the noun "adolescence" in the text
- 2-From the text, find a synonym of the underlined words:
*Complete the sentence with the appropriate word from the list: witch, celebrate, travel.
- 3-Every year, we..... our traditional ceremony.
*Match the word in column A to the corresponding definition in column B

Column A	Column B
4-religion	a-characteristics of men and women socially constructed
5-gender	b- the service and worship of God or the supernatural

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