

## I – COMPREHENSION DU TEXTE

1. Who are the characters? (names and relationship).

*Arthur is Mark's father*

2. Tick the right answer:

- a. The conversation takes place: at home

*his father had already left the room.*

- b. It takes place: in the morning

*when I get to work this morning*

- c. Mark intends to: work in a factory

*I've filled an application form to join you on the shop floor*

3. All these statements are true. Justify by quoting from the text (2 quotations for each statement).

- a. Mark had always been a successful pupil.

*The boy passed his eleven plus and won a place at King Henry VIII Grammar School*

*Mark went on to pass five O levels and two years later added two A-levels*

- b. Arthur did his best to help him get a good education.

*He put in hours of overtime to earn enough money to ensure that the boy would have extra tuition in maths, general science and English.*

*I spent all these years making sure you got a first class education*

- c. As long as Mark was at school, Arthur had every reason to be proud of his son.

*He felt well-rewarded.*

*That pride did not falter*

4. What is the meaning of these words in the text? Match the words and their meanings.

1 - overtime (l. 2)

c - extra hours

2 - tuition (l. 3)

b - lessons

3 - well off (l. 23)

e - rich

4 - turn down (l. 29)

a - refuse

5 - utter (l. 31)

f - expensive

d - say

g - period

5. True or false? Justify your answers with brief quotations:

- a. Arthur didn't mind when his son told him he didn't want to go on studying.

FALSE: *Arthur tried not to show his disappointment*

- b. Arthur works for Triumph, a car manufacturer.

FALSE: *to join you on the top floor*

- c. All of Mark's friends are looking forward to going to university.

FALSE: *have been accepted by Triumph and they can't wait to get started.*

- d. Mark had already chosen his career when he told his father about his decision.

TRUE: *I have filled an application form.*

- e. Arthur had other ambitions for Mark.

TRUE: *You could be a solicitor, an accountant, an army officer, even a schoolmaster.*

6. Pick out four different arguments used by Mark to support his decision.

1. *The pay is good*

2. *There's always plenty of extra money to be picked up with overtime.*

3. *He does not mind hard work.*

4. *He does not enjoy the jobs his father has in mind for him.*

7. Find the two sentences used by Arthur which show he is totally opposed to Mark's plans.

*You go there over my dead body*

*The first thing I'm going to do [...] is see that your application form is turned down.*

## II – EXPRESSION

Answer the two questions.

1. Why do parents sometimes try to influence their children in their choice of a job? Do you think it is a good way of helping them? (100 words)

2. What kind of career are you hoping to take up? Why? (100 words).