

TEST 02

Family life is emotionally becoming poorer and poorer at present .With me, and often both parents working outside and eating meals in a work canteen, the family meal has began to disappear although it has been the symbol of mutual affection.

Personal relationships between members of the family are getting more superficial as everybody always going somewhere or doing something. Some children see so little of their parents; it seems a particular lack that they see so little of their mothers. They eat a meal at the school refectory. When they return from school, there is no one to greet them. They eat quick meal in the empty house before going to play in the street until bedtime.

Their mothers, even during the time they spend at home, have to get their housework done. Such activities cause confused changes in the family relationships. When they aren't working in or out of the house, the mothers are too tired to play the role of the loving mother very patiently or for very long. This doesn't mean that these children are neglected materially. They are better dressed for school than were their parents as children and are very well fed, indeed. But material comfort is not sufficient. What the children loses is the emotional benefits from his home: love, warmth and security.

A/ COMPREHENSION

1. The text is about: a. eating habits

b. family life

c. life styles

2. Are the following statements true or false?

a. Family meal is getting less important.

b. Children spend their free time playing outside home.

c. Most of modern mothers are housewives

d. Children, today, are neglected materially.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text:

a. How does modern life, differ from the traditional one?

b. Does material comfort brings happiness? Justify the answer.

4. In which paragraph it is mentioned “that modern mothers are busy”.

B/ TEXT EXPLORATION

1. a. Find out synonyms in the text:

Restaurant = - Nowadays=

b. Find out opposites out in the text:

Dislike ≠ - Go to ≠

2. Link the following sentences with the appropriate relative pronouns: (Who – which – whose)

a. The waitress served us / she was impolite and impatient.

The waitress

b. A dictionary is a book / it can give you meaning of words.

A dictionary

3. Classify the following words according of their pronunciation of their final “S”.

Mothers – relationships – benefits – priorities – countries - nations

/ S / - /Z/ - /IZ/

C/ WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Topic: Your English pen friend is coming to visit your country for the first time. Write a letter and tell him

about your plans for his visit in Algeria using the “**going to**” form and “**the future**”.

Good luck ☺