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I-READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

1- Few years after both of my sons were in elementary school full-time, I decided to go back to school to earn an interior design degree. Yet, I was haunted by the fear of not being able to strike a balance between my small business and my roles as a mom, a wife and a student.

2- Like most working moms, finding extra hours in the day was nearly impossible. Realising I would never find the perfect time to take classes, I drove to the college and signed up for the autumn semester. The night before my first class, my eager boys couldn't wait to present me with a gift bag overflowing with school supplies. "Finally, I am back to school!" I shared reviews of new movies with my classmates who knew me as "Lisa" not as the mother of second and fourth graders.

3- I didn't want my kids to feel a drastic change. I did my best to get meals ready, had an eye on their homework and made sure they go to bed in time. Although my husband wholeheartedly helped me, a feeling of guilt didn't leave me. Luckily, this didn't last long. Instead of driving a wedge between my sons and me, our shared, full-time student status made us get closer. Two and a half years later, on graduation day, I gathered with my classmates in the long hallway of the civic center. As we entered, I scanned the crowd for my sons. Right away, I spotted them on their feet, cheering, clapping and waving.

4- When I look back I realise that returning to school was not that easy. It was more overwhelming and challenging than I had expected. Yet, it is still one of the best decisions I've ever made. Had I not taken classes, I wouldn't have acquired the skills and experience to expand my business. It was also more constructive and healthier for my sons. They have a mom who focused on something other than her kids; a side benefit they still appreciate.

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1-Tick (☑) the correct alternative (1 mark)

The text is mainly about a mother who felt

- a) hesitant about going back to school
- b) proud of going back to school
- c) indifferent to going back to school

2-Complete the following paragraph with two words from paragraphs 1 and 3. One word per blank. (2 marks)

Upon deciding to go back to school, Lisa was afraid she might not find the right _____ between her different roles. Unexpectedly, her decision brought her _____ to her family.

3-Circle two adjectives from the box that best describe Lisa's husband. (2 marks)

supportive / decisive / caring / hard-working

4-Focus on paragraph 4 and complete the following table. (2 marks)

| Lisa's decision | Benefits of the decision |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| going back to school | a- _____ |
| | b- _____ |

5-What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

- a) this (parag.3) refers to : _____
- b) it (parag.4) refers to : _____

6- Find in the text words or expressions meaning nearly the same as. (2 marks)

- a) enrolled (parag.2) = _____
- b) severe (parag.3) = _____

7-Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

Do you think it's an easy decision for a mother to go back to school to study? Why? Why not?

I _____ because _____



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III- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1- Fill in each blank with one word from the box below. There are two extra words.(3 marks)

unexpected / surprisingly / thriving / suffering / ahead / turned / hopefully / adapt

While the impact of coronavirus is mostly negative across the world, there has been one positive side effect increasingly taking hold. As a result of reduced travel rate and growing business closure, pollution levels are dropping and the environment is _____.

As humans are forced to self-isolate due to the pandemic, reduced pollution levels have led to the _____ healing of nature. In Wuhan, where the outbreak initially began back in December, the sky which is usually home to high air pollution levels has _____ blue. It's incredible to see how in such a short time, nature could _____ to the changing of human habits. This is something, _____, the world can remember once the pandemic is over, and think _____ about effective ways to safeguard the environment. Otherwise, the damage would be irreversible.

2-Supply the right tense or form for the bracketed words. (3 marks)

Researchers at the University of Virginia found that nearly 45% of teens are stressed at school. Therefore, virtual schools are becoming an option for a **(vary)** _____ of students hoping to get their diploma without having to attend a traditional school. It's an alternative that **(help)** _____ students take some of the pressure off while still gaining the skills they need to succeed. Jennings, a young actress, said, "I was stressing out too much between filming and **(be)** _____ in class. I felt as though I **(try)** _____ to accomplish too much at once. "Since I **(start)** _____ virtual classes last October, I feel more confident. They provide me with the flexibility and freedom to get ahead in school but on my own time." She said. "Everything through the virtual school is well organised, teachers and students communicate through texts, emails and ongoing phone calls. You definitely have to be self-motivated to push yourself to submit an **(assign)** _____ in time. There aren't teachers there handing you work in a school setting, so you have to be able to work independently." Jennings advised.

