

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

1-The father is no longer regarded as a peripheral parent and the raising of children isn't any more the mother's primary concern. The view of life with father is changing because of economic necessity. A growing number of men are rejecting the idea that father cannot take responsibility of a baby after divorce. The reason is simple; Many Americans face both the pleasures and pains of raising the children and most of them enjoy this new role.

2-According to a 1980 census more than one million children are now raised exclusively by their fathers. This new role as illustrated by films such as « Kramer VS Kramer » is discouraging the idea that mother always knows best.

3-David Thomas was a single father who has recently been on the dole. He divorced because his wife was no longer loveable. To make matters worse, she refused to take her two - year - old Henry in custody. David was depressed but this was no obstacle to his raising of Henry. He gave him all affection and assumed the role of a father as well as mother to the extent that Henry's mother's presence was no more a necessity.

4-And yet the hidden part of the iceberg is bigger. What is the aftermath? Educators and teachers have realized that children of divorce take out their frustration and anger in school becoming trouble makers. In fact, this is the category which achieves less. They are absent more and create disciplinary problems. They are depressed and often appear very bored with no motivation.

5-The greatest problem with single parents is that they assume a sole responsibility. The children are forced to grow up too fast, to behave as adults. Sometimes a boy is spoiled during his mother's custody and may learn feminine rather than masculine play patterns.

I. COMPREHENSION : (15Marks)

A. Are these statements true or false ? Justify : (4 marks)

1. The raising of children by fathers is now accepted by men.

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2. David did not love his son Henry.

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B. Answer these questions : (4marks)

1. Has the role of the father in a family undergone any change ?Justify

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2. Why do children of divorce fall at school, according to the text ?

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3. What ' s the disadvantages of being raised by single parents ?

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C. Complete this sentences : (4 marks)

1. Films such as «Kramer VS Kramer» show that.....

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2. Besides being no longer loveable, David's wife.....

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D. Find in the text words or expressions which mean ? (3 marks)

1.breeding (para. 1) : 2.only (para. 2) :

3.consequence (para. 4) :.....

Language :15pts

1-Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to make words which fit in the space:4pts

1. I did not sleep well because the bed in the hotel was..... **COMFORT**
2. People who live in this have always been away. **NEIGHBOUR**
3. I find her lyrics to some religious groups. **OFFEND**
4. It is surprising how often record companies use..... **CENSER**

2-Completer the sentences with the correct preposition:3pts

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1.Jane has been waiting the bus for more than thirty minutes.

2.I always go a tour of the city when I go to Spain.

3.I would like to see the sights my own pace ; I hate guide tours !

3-Circle the correct words :3pts

1. I would like to have a **blue / white** wedding.
2. Most big cities have area where people live in absolute **poverty / property** .
3. How many **tracks / pieces** are there on this CD ?

4-Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets : 5pts

1. The last time I(fly) to Canada was about five years ago.
2. How long..... your dad (drive) ?
3. My parents (not decided) where to travel yet .
4. My brother (lay) on a beautiful beach at the moment.
5. Jim is not here at the moment. He (go) to France.

Writing :10 pts

Topic : A friend of yours, living abroad, is coming to visit your country for the first time. Write him / her a letter telling him/her about the best famous landmarks where he/she can enjoy holiday.