

Appendix 1

Sample of Reading Skills Pre-test and Post-test

Reading Comprehension: Passage 2

How often one hears children wishing they were grown up, and old people wishing they were young again. Each age has its pleasures and its pains, and the happiest person is the one who enjoys what each age gives him properly.

Childhood is a time when there are few responsibilities to make life difficult. A child finds pleasure in playing in the rain, or in the snow. But a child has his pain: he is not so free to do as he wishes as he thinks older people are.

When the young man starts to earn his own living, he becomes free from the discipline of school and parents. If he breaks the laws of society as he used to break the laws of his parents, he may go to prison. If, however, he works hard, keeps out of trouble, he can have the great happiness of seeing himself make steady progress in his job and of building up for himself his own position in society. With old age should come wisdom and the ability to help others with advice wisely given. They can watch their children and their grandchildren growing up around them. They feel the happiness of having come through the battle of life safely and of having reached a time when they can lie back and rest, leaving others to continue the fight.

- What can be a good topic for this reading?
 - being young is better
 - which age has more pleasure for life
 - in which age should come wisdom
 - feelings about getting older
- According to the passage, the happiest person is the one who...?
 - enjoys the time of his childhood
 - gets the most advantage of his age
 - starts to earn his own living
 - keeps out of trouble all through his life
- What is the main idea of this passage?
 - Childhood is a time when there are few responsibilities to make life difficult.
 - the happiest person is the one who enjoys what each age gives him properly.
 - different ages in life
 - happiness from childhood to being an old person

Appendix 2

Sample of Vocabulary Pre-test and Post-test

Part A: Sample of Select Readings Texts Vocabulary Test Items

Choose the best answer.

- When he saw a street sign, he thought it was a person. So, he was -----.
 A) sleeping B) hallucinating C) imagining D) illustrating
- She chose Oxford House College, mainly because it had ----- fees.
 A) believable B) decent C) illogical D) reasonable
- Ali didn't get the job. The manager told him that he was too-----and they want someone with more experience.
 A) green B) blue C) red D) black and white

Part B: Sample of Value-based Texts Vocabulary Test Items

Choose the best answer.

- He always has a good He is a very good guy.
 A) attitude B) senior C) victim D) disaster
- You made a choice, by letting your friend get the scholarship instead of you.
 A) mental B) satisfied C) selfless D) blessing
- The exam was I will pass it with good grades
 A) out of the blue B) plain as day C) when pigs fly D) a piece of cake