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EPREUVE :	A N G L A I S	DUREE : 2 h	COEFFICIENT : 1

I – READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

1- For actress Sally Farmiloe, Bedgebury Girls' School seemed to be the perfect place for her teenage daughter Jade to grow and learn. But the £ 7,000 -a- term school turned out to be more of a low standards school than an elite academy for young ladies.

2- Two young pupils who hated the school so much were expelled for smashing some windows, while the bullying and lack of discipline were treated with an appalling lack of concern, according to Sally and other parents.

3- The actress said: "It was appalling. Jade was being bullied on the one hand and learning nothing on the other. No one was doing anything about it." The bullying started to get physical after Jade, 14, of West London, set up her own website, listing her achievements as a child actress and model. "But some of the older girls were very jealous, they printed out her picture and posted up 'Wanted' posters all over the school. In the end, **we** decided that the website had to go," said Sally.

4- Even though the bullying stopped, by last summer Sally knew she had to take her daughter out of the school as she was so unhappy.

"There had been occasions where she was actually physically sick on the way back to school. She simply did not want to be **there**. The teachers and the administrative staff didn't seem to have much of a handle on what was going on in the school," added Sally.

5- "Academically, Jade had done very well at her Junior school but this did not last once she left. The teachers just drummed all the enthusiasm out of her. The whole place was just mayhem, with no one really taking control of the girls", said Sally.

6- A move last year to Bedales school in Hampshire thankfully gave Jade the help she needed. "The teachers are so much more helpful and you have a much closer relationship with them," said Jade.

7- Sally said: "It's not been a transformation but it will take time. The school really cares and Jade is now regaining the confidence she lost by the bullying over the three years at Bedgebury Girls' School."

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1) Tick (✓) the right alternative. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about a pupil who had to change school because :

a- she had to pay a lot of money ☐

b- she was frightened and hurt by her school mates ☐

c- she couldn't achieve her ambitions as an actress ☐

2) Fill in the blanks with words from the text. (3 marks)

Some girls kept ..... Jade because they were jealous of her. Their jealousy increased when they knew about her ..... as an artist. For these reasons, Jade lost ..... and confidence in herself.

3) Complete the table with 4 phrases from the following box. (4 marks)

expelled from school – regained confidence – little learning – being cared for – feeling miserable .

Jade's experience :

At Bedgebury Girls' School	At Bedales School
a-	c- .....
b-	d- .....

4) Find in the text a word meaning nearly the same as : (1 mark)

- Violent disorder and confusion (paragraph 5): .....

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

a- <u>we</u> (paragraph 3) refers to .....

b- <u>there</u> (paragraph 4) refers to .....

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

Do you think that moving a child to another school is the best solution to bullying?

I think that moving a child to another school..... the best solution to bullying because .....

II – WRITING (12 marks)

1) **Use the following notes to write a short biography of the English scientist Isaac Newton. (4 marks)**

- Birth : 1642 / Death : 1727 (aged 85).
- Major discoveries : Newton's Laws (force, mass and movement)
  Differential calculus (a branch of mathematics)

2) **Your English teacher has asked you to write a 12-line article for your school magazine about the benefits of technology and its dangerous effects if not properly used. (8 marks). Do not write your name or sign the article.**

III – LANGUAGE : (6 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the following box. (3 marks)

drain – experts – with – out – gain – of – developing - skills

As globalisation speeds on, goods, services and people are moving across national borders as never before. Recently, one group of migrants – with great ..... in science and technology – has become the focus of worldwide study. Scientists, engineers, information technology ..... and talented university students from ..... countries are flocking to the industrialised world, in search of better salaries and working conditions. But not everyone is happy ..... this arrangement. Many – including the governments of some poor countries – regard the phenomenon as "brain ....." that must be controlled. Others view the situation with greater optimism, pointing ..... potentially significant benefits for the countries of origin.

2) Supply the correct form or tense of the bracketed words. (3marks)

"The Queen of the Blues", one of the greatest performers America produced. Bessie Smith won stardom as America's premiere blues **(sing)** ..... in the 1920's **(reach)** ..... millions through numerous **(perform)** ..... in vaudeville and on records and radio. A performer of extraordinary power with unmatched vocal abilities, she **(break)** ..... attendance records at the theatres throughout the country and **(create)** ..... records with phenomenal sales such as "Down Hearted Blues," with over 700,000 **(sell)** ..... in six months."