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I. READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

THE TEXT

1. Back in the 1970s, Holly Collins was studying for her A-levels in Sussex. While her friends sent off their university applications, she wrote to the Royal Agricultural College asking for an entry form, hoping to follow her dream of becoming a farmer. They wrote back with the following answer: "Dear Miss Collins, we do not admit women." Disappointed but undeterred, she worked on a farm the following summer. "I was paid much less than the male students I worked with because I was female. The farmer's father told his son to pay me the same as them, but he didn't," she said.

2. Things, says **the 64-year-old** who now has her own farm, Hollin Bank, have improved a lot for women in agriculture since then. More women than ever are choosing a career in agriculture and moving into leadership roles. For an industry that relies on father-to-son succession to pass on land, farming has come a long way. Farmers' wives and daughters were always important but used to operate below the radar. Historically, local meetings were in the pub or village hall and women often weren't invited. Even if they did go, it was intimidating walking into a room full of men. Now more women are happily getting involved.

3. Collins brought in two women to manage the farm alongside her. "I am learning from the young women who work with me that you don't have to instill fear in others to succeed in this very male world," said Collins. None of the three at Hollin Bank grew up in agricultural families. While Collins had an ambition to farm, her colleagues originally worked in conservation and nature restoration. Collins's farm has a sideline in education, teaching farming skills. It's currently host to two Masters students researching finance and birdlife.

4. According to recent figures from the Statistics Agency, 64% of agricultural students are women. The reason so many women have moved into farming is best explained when Meghan Jones, one of Collins's co-workers, talks about what she enjoys most about **her** work. "What I like most about working on a farm is the daily rhythms. Each day, you adapt and respond to the environment. For someone who spent little time doing farm work, I find working with my hands very rewarding, especially as a woman," she said.

The Guardian, March 17, 2024

(Adapted)

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Comprehension Questions

1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate option. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about a woman who

- a. walked far away from her ambition.
- b. defied prejudice to pursue her dream.
- c. earned recognition for being a leader.

2. For each of the following statements, pick out ONE detail from the text showing that it is false. (4 marks)

a. Collins received a lower wage due to her little productivity. (paragraph 1)

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b. Women felt comfortable attending farmers' gatherings. (paragraph 2)

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c. Collins and her co-workers were brought up on farms. (paragraph 3)

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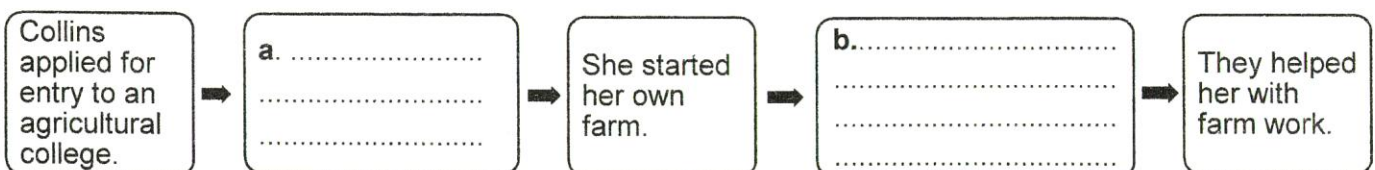
d. Farming colleges continue to be male-dominated. (paragraph 4)

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3. Fill in each blank with ONE word from paragraphs 3 and 4. (3 marks)

Farming is being transformed by a generation of talented women. Collins has invested time and effort to in overturning long-established traditions. She's setting an example for other women whose dearest has long been to embrace a career they love. Her experience is actually and worthwhile.

4. Complete the flow chart below with information from paragraphs 1 and 3. (2 marks)



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

a. the 64-year old (paragraph 2) refers to :

b. her (paragraph 4) refers to :

6. Pick out words/expressions from the text meaning nearly the same as: (2 marks)

a. determined (paragraph 1):

b. without attracting attention (paragraph 2):

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

If you were Collins, would you take up a career in farming? Why/Why not?

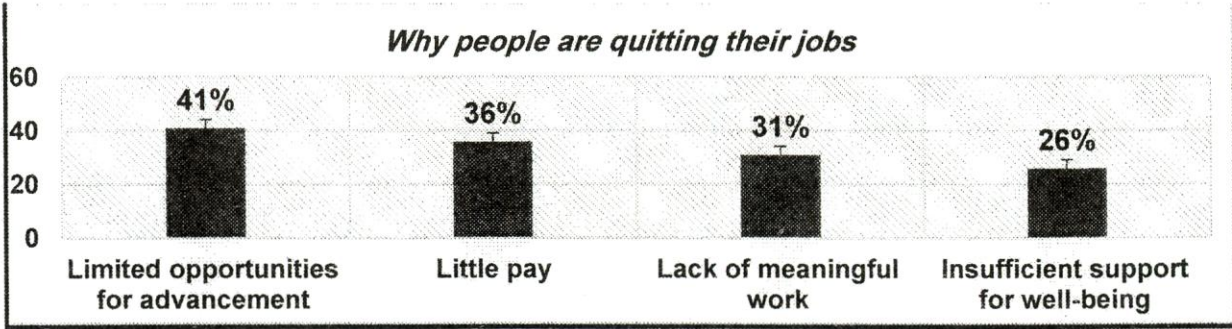
If I were Collins, I take up a career in farming because

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II. WRITING (15 marks)

1. Use the data in the graph below to write a five-line paragraph about the most common reasons for quitting previous jobs. (5 marks)



World Economic Forum (2022)

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2. While surfing the internet you came across the following post: *“Developing countries encounter barriers to advancement when their brightest minds leave them for better prospects.”* Do you agree or disagree?

Write a 12-line post in which you express your opinion on the quote above, supporting it with at least three sound arguments. (10 marks)

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III. LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with seven words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

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In a world increasingly aware of environmental impact, sustainability is no longer just a buzzword, it's a necessity. And in the tourism sector, this has sparked an extremely movement: green tourism. Also known as sustainable or eco-friendly travel, green tourism emphasizes minimizing negative effects on the environment maximizing positive contributions to local communities. The tourism industry accounts around 8% of global carbon emissions. With travel more accessible than ever, the cumulative impact of tourism is massive. Sustainability in tourism isn't a passing, it's the future. As climate concerns and traveller values shift, demand for eco-friendly experiences will only grow. In fact, studies show that 60% of global travellers actively opt for eco-friendly accommodation. Whether you're a solo backpacker or a family traveller, embracing sustainability is no longer optional.

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (3.5 marks)

Americans are fighting to save handwriting. Several US states are trying to prevent the **(disappear)** of handwriting, as classrooms progressively swap pen and paper for tablets and computers. The US government **(remove)** the skill from the curriculum in 2010 due to claims that it was time consuming and would be **(use)** in the age of technology. Handwriting is considered a fine motor skill that **(stimulate)** the brain. But with schools turning to technology instead, some teachers are complaining that students can **(bare)** hold a pencil, but can swipe and double-click on their gadgets. Students with learning disabilities can also be affected because methods of overcoming the disability require them **(practise)** writing by hand. Recent studies **(reveal)** that IQ scores dropped and have indicated that technology could be to blame. Experts said they were seeing kids and young adults who couldn't sign their name.

3. Circle the right option. (3 marks)

Doomscrolling refers to the digital habit of seeking out negative information, even though it triggers negative emotions. Spending hours doomscrolling **(on / in / at)** social media can put you in a bad mood. Scientists at University College London have found out that those with poor mental health are not only more likely to read negative content online, it also makes them feel more **(depressing / depressed / depressingly)**. The research involved more than 1,000 people who **(underwent / undergo / have undergone)** tests to check their state of mental health. The findings showed that those having the **(poor / poorer / poorest)** mental health scores of all were those who looked for the greatest number of websites with negative themes. **(Although / Because / Therefore)** researchers could look at participants' browser history, they were unable to assess the history of password-protected websites. Another study found that smartphone **(restriction / resistance / obsession)** could be harming adolescents' health, particularly those reporting a problematic relationship with their gadgets.